

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph. D.)

COURSEWORK CURRICULUM						
S. No.	Course Code	Course Name	Periods			Credits
			L	T	P	
1	PHDL 101	Legal Research Methodology	4	0	0	4
2	PHDL 102	Research and Publication Ethics	2	0	0	2
3	PHDL 103	Contemporary Legal Issues	6	0	0	6
4	PHDL 104P	Legal Research Methodology: Seminar and Practical Exercises	0	0	8	4
Total Credits			12	0	8	16
Total Contact Hours			20			

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COURSEWORK SYLLABUS

Course: LEGAL RESEARCH METHODOLOGY			
Course Code: PHDL 101	L T P	3 0 2	Credits: 4

Objective: The purpose of this course is to enable the students understand the fundamentals of research methodology and use them in their research endeavour.

SYLLABUS

Legal Research and Methodology	14
Sources of Information, Identification and formulation of a research problem, Review of Literature, Formulation of hypothesis, Research Design, Methods of Legal Research: doctrinal and non-doctrinal research, Preparation of Synopsis, Rules of Interpretation.	
Research Techniques	14
Data Collection: tools and techniques, Socio-metrics and Jurimetrics, Sampling Procedure: sample design and sampling techniques, Survey and case study method, Scaling and Content Analysis, Use of Questionnaires, Schedule & Interview, Legal material, Interpretations and Analyzing Data, Statistical tools.	
Decisional Materials including Foreign Decisions	14
Methods of discovering the “rule of the case”, Juristic writing-a survey of juristic literature its relevance in selection of problems in India and foreign periodicals, Compilation of list of reports or special studies conducted relevant to the problems, Formulation of the Research problem, Devising tools and techniques for collection of data, Methods for the collection of statutory and case material and juristic literature, Use of historical and comparative research material, Use of observation studies, Use of questionnaires/interview, Use of case studies, Sampling procedures, Design of sample, Types of sampling to be adopted, Use of scaling techniques.	
Jurimetrics	14
Computerized Research-A study of legal research programs such as Lexis and West law coding, Classification and Tabulation of data-use of cards for data collection, Rules for tabulation, Explanation of tabulated data, Analysis of data-Qualitative and Quantitative, Report writing.	

Suggested Readings

1. Hugh Brayne, Nigel Duncan and Richard Grimes; *Clinical Legal Education: Active Learning in your Law School*; Blackstone Press
2. Agarwal, S. K.; *Legal Education in India*; N.M. Tripathi
3. Menon, N. P. Madhava; *A Handbook of Clinical Legal Education*, Eastern Book Company
4. William, J. Grade and Paul, K. Hatt; *Methods in Social Research*; McGraw Hill

Course: RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION ETHICS			
Course Code: PHDL 102	L T P	2 0 0	Credits: 2

Objective: The purpose of this course is to enable the students to understand the basics of philosophy of science and ethics, research integrity, publication ethics.

SYLLABUS

Philosophy and Ethics **3**

Introduction to philosophy: nature and scope, concept, branches, Ethics: definition, moral philosophy, nature of moral judgements and reactions.

Scientific Conduct **5**

Ethics with respect to science and research, Intellectual honesty and research integrity, scientific misconducts: Falsification, Fabrication, and Plagiarism (FFP), redundant publications: duplicate and overlapping publications, salami slicing, Selective reporting and misrepresentation of data

Publication Ethics **6**

Publication ethics: definition, introduction and importance, Best practices/standards setting initiatives and guidelines: COPE, WAME, etc. Conflicts of interest, Publication misconduct: definition, concept, problems that lead to unethical behavior and vice versa, types, violation of publication ethics, authorship and contributor-ship, identification of publication misconduct, complaints and appeals, predatory publishers and journals

Practice: Open Access Publishing **4**

Open access publications and initiatives, SHERPA/RoMEO online resource to check publisher copyright and self-archiving policies, software tool to identify predatory publications developed by SPPU, journal finder/journal suggestion tools viz. JANE, Elsevier Journal Finder, Springer Journal Suggester, etc.

Publication Misconduct **4**

Group Discussions: Subject specific ethical issues, FFP, authorship, Conflicts of interest, complaints and appeals: examples and fraud from India and abroad, Software tools: Use of plagiarism software like Turnitin, Urkund and other open source software tools,

Databases and Research Metrics **6**

Databases: Indexing databases, Citation databases: Web of Science, Scopus etc. Research Metrics: Impact Factor of journal as per Journal Citation Report, SNIP, SJR, IPP, Cite Score, Metrics: h-index, g index, i10 index, altmetrics

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4. William, J. Grade and Paul, K. Hatt; *Methods in Social Research*; McGraw Hill
5. UGC notification regarding maintenance of Standards in Research and Ethical norms

Course: CONTEMPORARY LEGAL ISSUES			
Course Code: PHDL 103	L T P	6 0 0	Credits: 6

Objective: To impart advanced knowledge about science and philosophy of law, various schools and theories of jurisprudence and their contemporary significance.

SYLLABUS

Constitutional Law of India **12**

Preamble, Relationship between Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy, Uniform Civil Code.

Legal Theory **13**

Nature and Sources of Law, Positivism, Natural Law Theory, Sociological Jurisprudence and Law and Morality

International Law and Institutions **12**

Nature of International Law and its relationship with Municipal Law, Global Trade Regime under International Law

Law of Crimes **10**

General Principles of Criminal Law and Concept of Liability

Commercial Law **13**

Essentials of a contract, Limited Liability Partnership and Role of Independent Directors

Law of Torts **10**

Vicarious Liability and Absolute Liability-Emerging trends in India

Reference Books

1. Pylee, M.V.; *Indian Constitution*; S. Chand Publication
2. Seervai, H.M; *Constitution of India*; Universal Publication
3. Jain, M.P; *Indian Constitutional Law*; LexisNexis
1. Dias, R.W.M.; *Jurisprudence*; Butterworth's Publication
2. Bodenheimer; *Jurisprudence: The Philosophy and Method of Law*; Harvard University Press
3. Koul, A. K.; *A Textbook of Jurisprudence*; Satyam Law International
4. Friedmann, W., *Legal Theory*; Columbia University Press
5. Oppenheim; *International Law*; Oxford University Press
6. Kapoor, S.K; *International Law and Human Rights*; Central Law Agency
7. Gaur, H. S.; *Criminal Law: Cases and Materials*; Universal Publication
8. Beatson, J; *Anson's Law of Contract*; Oxford University Press
9. Majumdar, A.K. and Kapoor, G.K.; *Company Law and Practice*; Taxmann
10. Gower, LCB & Davies; *Principles of Modern Company Law*; Sweet and Maxwell
11. Treatise on Indian Partnership Act
12. Ratanlal and Dhirajlal; *The Law of Torts*; Universal Publication
13. Salmond and Heuston; *The Law of Torts*; Universal Publication

Course: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY: PRACTICAL EXERCISES			
Course Code: PHDL 104P	L T P	0 0 8	Credits: 4

Objective: To impart the practical knowledge to the students and to motivate them for legal writing style by following the ethical norms.

- A. Seminar (Practical Exercises' & Presentation) **2 Credits**
 - i. Review of Literature (2 Books)
 - ii. Case Study (3)

- B. Practical Exercises & Presentation **2 Credits**
 - i. Report Writing
 - ii. Synopsis Writing