



Doctor Of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Law

Mission Statement

Developing ideas, skills, and application of thoughts, using multidisciplinary understanding for advancement of the discipline of law

Program Objectives:

1. To develop and apply research worthy ideas with appropriate methodology to execute the research.
2. To develop necessary understanding in students about nature, techniques and tools of legal research and preparing them for producing a high quality of legal research.
3. To encourage scholars to get into the new emerging areas of original and purposive legal research.
4. To meet the teaching and research manpower needs of academia and industry by producing highly skilled individuals with exceptional analytical ability and training in conducting legal research.

Program Learning Outcomes:

1. Students will demonstrate advanced-level knowledge of the field of law expert knowledge in their field of research.
2. Students will demonstrate an appreciation of the limitations of their work, and the potential contributions in interpreting, evaluating and comparing the law through their research.
3. Students will be able to produce original research, and other advanced scholarships, of a quality to satisfy peer review, and publication in their field.

Program: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Law
Total Credits: 20
UGC Prescribed Credits: 14 to 16

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COURSEWORK CURRICULUM						
S. No.	Course Code	Course Name	Periods			Credits
			L	T	P	
1	PHDL 701	Legal Research Methodology	2	0	4	4
2	PHDL 702	Research & Publication Ethics	2	0	0	2
3	PHDL 703	Contemporary Legal Issues	6	0	0	6
4	-	Core Course - 1	3	0	0	3
5	-	Core Course - 2	3	0	0	3
6	PHDL 704P	Seminar	-	-	4	2
7	-	Comprehensive (Written and Oral)	-	-	-	-
Total Credits			16	0	8	20
Total Contact Hours			24			

Note: Core Course-1 and Core Course- 2 will be domain specific (Law) and will be based on the area of research chosen by the research scholar.

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COURSEWORK SYLLABUS

Course: LEGAL RESEARCH METHODOLOGY			
Course Code: PHDL 701	L T P	2 0 4	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 endeavor.

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- SPSS, R, Python.

Decisional Materials including Foreign Decisions 14

Methods of discovering the “rule of the case”, Juristic writing-a survey of juristic literature and 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.

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 and case analysis.

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 702	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, How to apply for Research Projects.

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, copyright issues.

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 703	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 and contemporary issues 12
 Constitutional Philosophy, Functioning of Constitutional institutions and contemporary challenges, Relationship between Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy, Uniform Civil Code and Constitutional response to Human rights issues, Living Constitutions.

Legal Theory and its relevance to contemporary socio-economic issues 13
 Positivism, Natural Law Theory, Sociological Jurisprudence, Law and Morality, Revival of Natural Law and Present-day Legislation, Gender Justice, Theoretical Contours of Law and Business Interface.

International Law and Transforming International Institutions 12
 Nature of International Law and its relationship with Municipal Law, Global Trade Regime under International Law, International Humanitarian Law, Refugee Law, Transboundary Environmental movement of hazardous waste and Principles of State Responsibility, Transnational Corporations and Human Rights/Environmental Issues.

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, Concepts of Smart Contracts, Block Chain.

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: SEMINAR			
Course Code: PHDL 704P	L T P	0 0 4	Credits: 2

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

Seminar and Presentation

- i. Review of Literature (2 Books)
- ii. Case Study (3)