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Program Structure & Syllabus

**Master of Law
LL. M.**

Duration: 1 Year

Batch: 2026-27

School of Law

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Bennett University, Greater Noida
(Established Under Act 24 of Govt. Of Uttar Pradesh)
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Greater Noida - 201310

Vision of the University:

To be a global leader in education, research, and innovation, empowering higher learning ecosystem

Mission of the University:

- Empower all the members of the Bennett ecosystem and provide thought leadership, focus on nation building and prepare our graduates to move with the Times.
- Cultivate international partnerships and collaborations with academic institutions, industry, and government organizations and provide a rigorous and innovative education that equips students with the knowledge, skills, and ethical values required to excel in their careers.
- Foster a culture of lifelong learning, adaptability, and critical thinking, ensuring graduates are prepared to tackle emerging challenges in all academic fields.
- Drive interdisciplinary research and innovation, pushing the boundaries of human knowledge, addressing pressing global issues and solving real world problems.
- Enhance a collaborative environment that encourages faculty and students to engage in research, innovation, and entrepreneurship, creating a lasting impact on society.
- Promote diversity, equity, and inclusion, ensuring that all individuals, regardless of background, feel welcomed, respected, and empowered.
- Prepare students to become global citizens, capable of addressing global challenges and contributing to the well-being of communities worldwide.
- Provide a globally connected career services networking with graduate employers and alumni.
- Foster a strong sense of ethical responsibility in our graduates, emphasizing the importance of ethical conduct, sustainability, and social impact in professional practice.
- Commit to ongoing assessment and improvement of our programs and invest in modern infrastructure and advanced technology to support teaching, research, and innovation adapting to the evolving needs of students, industries, and society.

Vision of the School:

To become a centre of excellence in legal education, research, and advocacy towards Justice for all.

Mission of the School:

- To strive for academic excellence with global and multidisciplinary approach.
- To prepare students with highest standards of professionalism.
- To strengthen the integrity and dynamism of the legal system.
- To focus on legal aid and develop social consciousness

Program Educational Objectives (PEOs):

PEO1: To develop their legal skills to impart an interdisciplinary understanding of social issues and contribute to the public policy discourse

PEO2: To promote critical thinking in the specialised domain to be competitive in a fast-globalizing legal world.

PEO3: To inculcate empathy to be socially responsible lawyers, judges and teachers etc.

PEO4: To acquire the advanced research skills

PEO5: To develop inter-personal skills and emotional intelligence, which are essential to working in a diverse array of sectors and workplaces.

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PEO1: The knowledge of basic principles of the constitutionalism and legal system.	2	2	2	3
PEO2: Legal professional skills in substantive and procedural laws with critical thinking and analytical aptitude.	2	3	2	2
PEO3: Inter-disciplinary learning and deliberate upon the socio-economic impact in the development of law and the role played by social sciences in achieving the multi-faceted outcomes of law.	3	1	2	2
PEO4: Advocacy skills acquired through clinical legal education, essential for court room litigation, alternative dispute resolutions,	1	3	3	1

advisory and consultancy services				
PEO5: Inter-cultural awareness, empathy, and integrity with strong ethical foundations.	2	2	3	2

1: Low

2: Medium

3: High

Program Outcomes (POs) and Program Specific Outcomes (PSOs):

PO1: Demonstrate a high level of proficiency and understanding of the chosen area of specialization.

PO2 Explore the social, economic, and political concerns and address them by the application of laws and regulations.

PO3 Contribute to the creation of knowledge from an academic and practitioner's perspectives.

PO4: Promote bar and bench relationship through lifelong learning

PO5: Uphold the highest traditions of ethics and humanity in legal practice, research, and academia.

Mapping of POs/PSOs to PEOs:

PEO Statements					
Program Outcomes	PEO1	PEO2	PEO3	PEO4	PEO5
PO1	2	3	3	3	2
PO2	3	3	1	2	1
PO3	3	3	2	1	2
PO4	2	2	1	2	2
PO5	2	2	1	2	3
PSO1	3	2	3	1	3
PSO2	1	2	2	2	3

1: Low

2: Medium

3: High

List of Courses:**Semester: I**

S. No.	Course Name	Course Code	Credit	L	T	P
1.	Law and Justice in Globalizing World	LLLM101L	3	3	0	0
2.	Comparative Public Law	LLLM103L	3	3	0	0
3.	Research Methods and Legal Writing	LLLM1L	3	3	0	0
Total Credits			9			

Semester: II

S. No.	Course Name	Course Code	Credit	L	T	P
1.	Dissertation	LLLM108L	4	4	0	0
Total Credits			4			

Corporate and Commercial Laws Specialization

S. No.	Course Name	Course Code	Credit	L	T	P
Semester I						
1.	Foundation of Corporate Law and Policy	LLLM107L	2	2	0	0
2.	Banking and Insurance Law	LLLM109L	2	2	0	0
Semester II						
3.	Competition Law and Corporate Restructuring	LLLM102L	2	2	0	0
4.	Corporate Restructuring – Bankruptcy and Liquidation	LLLM104L	2	2	0	0
5.	Securities Market & Investment: Law, Regulation & Practice	LLLM106L	2	2	0	0
6.	Law, Technology and E-Commerce	LLLM108L	2	2	0	0
Total Credits			21			

Criminal Law Specialization

S. No.	Course Name	Course Code	Credit	L	T	P
Semester I						
1.	Criminology and Penology	LLLM117L	2	2	0	0
2.	Police Administration and Criminal Justice	LLLM119L	2	2	0	0
Semester II						
3.	Socio-economic Offences and White-Collar Crimes	LLLM112L	2	2	0	0

4.	Juvenile Justice	LLLM114L	2	2	0	0
5.	National Security Laws	LLLM116L	2	2	0	0
6.	International Criminal Law	LLLM118L	2	2	0	0
Total Credits			12			

Constitutional and Human Rights Law Specialization

S. No.	Course Name	Course Code	Credit	L	T	P
Semester I						
1.	Theoretical Foundations of Human Rights Law	LLLM6001L	2	2	0	0
2.	Philosophical foundations of Fundamental Rights in the Constitution of India	LLLM6003L	2	2	0	0
Semester II						
3.	International Human Rights Law	LLLM122L	2	2	0	0
4.	Environment and Human Rights: Legal and Philosophical Foundations	New Code	2	2	0	0
5.	International Humanitarian and Refugee Law	New Code	2	2	0	0
6.	Gender Justice	New Code	2	2	0	0
Total Credits			12			

IPR and Technology Law

S. No.	Course Name	Course Code	Credit	L	T	P
Semester I						
1.	Copyright Law: Generative AI and Creative Economies	New Code	2	2	0	0
2.	Law of Trademarks: Brand and Business Protection	New Code	2	2	0	0
Semester II						
3.	Law of Patents, Trade Secrets and Technological Innovations	New Code	2	2	0	0
4.	Cyber Security and Data Protection Laws	New Code	2	2	0	0

5.	Protection of Traditional Knowledge and Bio-Cultural Heritage	New Code	2	2	0	0
6.	Ethics and Governance of Artificial Intelligence (AI)	New Code	2	2	0	0
Total Credits			12			

Environmental Law, Renewable Energy and Climate Change

S. No.	Course Name	Course Code	Credit	L	T	P
Semester I						
1.	Environmental Law and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	New Code	2	2	0	0
2.	Climate Justice: Legal Pathways to Equity and Sustainability	New Code	2	2	0	0
Semester II						
3.	Legal Framework for Energy Transition and Climate Change	New Code	2	2	0	0
4.	ESG, Civil society and legal compliance mechanism	New Code	2	2	0	0
5.	Biodiversity Law in the age of Climate Crisis	New Code	2	2	0	0
6.	Climate Induced Displacement, Migration and Human Rights	New Code	2	2	0	0
Total Credits			12			

International Commercial Law

S. No.	Course Name	Course Code	Credit	L	T	P
Semester I						
1.	Sustainable Trade and Climate Regulations	New Code	2	2	0	0
2.	International Economic and Trade Law	New Code	2	2	0	0
Semester II						
3.	International Investment Law	New Code	2	2	0	0
4.	International Aviation and Space Law	New Code	2	2	0	0
5.	International Taxation Law	New Code	2	2	0	0
6.	Law of Transnational Contracts	New Code	2	2	0	0
Total Credits			12			

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CORE COURSES

Name of Program	LL.M				
LLLM101L	Law and Justice in Globalizing World	L	T	P	C
Owning School/Department	School of Law	3	0	0	3
Pre-requisites/Exposure	International Law, Jurisprudence				

Course Summary

The main objective of the course is to enable students to understand the pressing problems of law and justice in global perspective. The students will be exposed to know the theoretical and philosophical dimensions of law and justice in multiple dimensions. By the end of the term the student will be able to understand the problems and challenges of law and justice with an ability to suggest remedies. This course will help in the development of employability skills of the students.

Course Outcomes (COs)

By the end of this course, students shall be able to:

CO1: Understand the nature of globalization and its historical and developmental course.

CO2: Apply the analytical tools to analyse the impact of globalization on the sovereignty of state, federalism and human rights jurisprudence.

CO3: Comprehend the concept of global justice and the source of law to achieve justice.

CO4: Examine the working of international institutions, which are instrumental in delivering justice.

CO5: Implement the legal framework and its efficacy in solving special in the globalised world.

CO-PO Mapping

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	2	-	-	2	-
CO2	-	2	-	3	-
CO3	3	-	2	-	-
CO4	2	-	2	2	3
CO5	-	2	-	2	3

1=weakly related

2= moderately related

3=strongly related

Course Contents

Unit I: Introduction

(9 Lectures)

- Meaning and significance of Globalization
- Concept of Global Justice
- Social, Political, and Economic Dimensions of Globalisation
- Dharma: Indian Approach.

Unit II: Theoretical Prepositions of Global Justice

(9 Lectures)

- Realism
- Particularism
- Nationalism
- Cosmopolitanism

Unit III: Historical and Central Challenges to Global Justice

(9 Lectures)

- Global Poverty: Role of International Mechanism
- Armed Conflict, Crimes against Humanity,
- Environment and Health

Unit IV: Role and Reformation of Global Institutions

(9 Lectures)

- State Sovereignty and Transnational Law
- Economic and Trade Institutions – IMF, World Trade Organization
- Structural reforms of United Nations – Security Council, International Judicial Institution- ICJ.

Unit V: Models to Achieve Global

(9 Lectures)

- Gandhian-Sarvodaya Model of Justice
- Multi Culturalism and Cosmopolitanism
- Human Rights and Global Rule of Law
- Significance of Human Rights, Education.

Reference Materials

1. Allen Buchanan , Justice, Legitimacy, and Self-determination: Moral Foundations for
2. Amartya Sen, Global Justice Harvard University Press (2017)
3. Amartya Sen, The Idea of Justice Allen Lane & Harvard University Press (2009)
4. Andrew Hurrell, Global Inequality and International Institutions Global Justice (2001)
5. Andrew Kuper, Democracy Beyond Borders: Justice and Representations in Global
6. Anthony McGrew, David Held (eds.), Governing Globalization: Power, Authority and
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9. David Held, A Globalizing World? Culture, Economics, Politics (2004)
10. Duncan Bell (ed.), Ethics and World Politics Oxford Publication (2010)
11. Global Governance Polity Press (2002)
12. Institutions Oxford University Press (2006)
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2. Ridge v. Baldwin [1964] AC 40, [1963] UKHL 2
3. John Richard Argersinger v. Raymond Hamlin 407 U.S. 25 (more) 92 S. Ct. 2006; 32 L. Ed. 2d 530; 1972 U.S. LEXIS 139

4. Mabo v. Queensland (No 2) (1992) 175 CLR 1
5. Texas v. Johnson 491 U.S. 397 (*more*) 109 S. Ct. 2533; 105 L. Ed. 2d342; 1989 U.S. LEXIS 3115; 57 U.S.L.W. 4770
6. Furman v. Georgia 408 U.S. 238 (1972)
7. Lawrence v. Texas 539 U.S. 558 (2003)

Assessment Scheme

Components	Internal Assessment	Mid Term Exam	End Term Exam	Total
Weightage (%)	25%	25%	50%	100%

Name of Program	LL.M.				
LLLM103L	Comparative Public Law	L	T	P	C
Owning School/Department	School of Law	3	0	0	3
Pre-requisites/Exposure	International Law, Jurisprudence				

Course Summary

The course of Comparative Public Law is intended to provide an understanding of main constitutional principles prevailing in India, United Kingdom, United States of America and Switzerland apart from administrative standards and principles underlying the criminal justice system. This course shall help in employability.

Course Outcomes (COs)

By the end of this course, students shall be able to:

CO1: Describe public and private law and understand methods of comparative study in public law.

CO2: Explain the idea of the constitution, theories of the constitution and basic structure doctrine.

CO3: Demonstrate various facets of constitutionalism, separation of power, fundamental rights and constitutional morality.

CO4: Examine the role of legislature in establishing Rule of Law, Dicey's concept of Rule of Law, modern concept of Rule of Law and Social and Economic Rights enshrined in Rule of Law.

CO5: Appraise the scope and limitations on the power of legislature to amend Constitution, Judicial Review, Independence of Judiciary and Judicial Accountability.

CO-PO/PSO Mapping

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	1	2	-	-	-
CO2	3	-	2		-
CO3	-	2	3	-	-
CO4	-	2	3	-	-
CO5	-	2	3	-	-

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Course Contents

Unit I: Introduction to Public Law

(9 Lectures)

- Meaning and importance of Public Law
- Public Law and Private Law
- Methods and Scope of Comparative study in Public Law
- Relevance of Comparative study in contemporary era

Unit II: Idea of Constitution

(9 Lectures)

- Meaning of Constitution
- Idea of Constitution

- Theories of Constitution
- Indian Constitution – Basic structure doctrine

Unit III: Constitutionalism

(9 Lectures)

- Constitution and Constitutionalism
- Essential Features of Constitutionalism: Written Constitution, Separation of Power, Fundamental Rights
- Constitutional Morality

Unit IV: Rule of Law

(9 Lectures)

- Role of Legislature in establishing Rule of Law
- Dicey's Concept of Rule of Law
- Modern Concept of Rule of Law
- Social and Economic Rights enshrined in Rule of Law

Unit V: Constitutional Amendment, Judicial Review

(9 Lectures)

- Comparative analysis of the methods of Constitutional Amendments
- Independence of Judiciary
- Evolution of Judicial Review, Scope of Judicial Review
- Judicial Accountability

Reference Materials

1. Christopher Forsyth, Mark Elliott, Swati Jhaveri, *Effective Judicial Review: A Cornerstone of Good Governance*, Oxford University Press, 2010
2. David Strauss, *The Living Constitution* OUP, 2010
3. DD Basu, *Comparative Constitutional Law*, Lexis Nexis
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14. Vicki C. Jackson, Mark V. Tushnet, *Comparative Constitutional Law*, Foundation Press
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Assessment Scheme

Components	Internal Assessment	Mid Term Exam	End Exam	Total
Weightage (%)	25%	25%	50%	100%

Name of Program	LL.M.				
LLLM105L	Research Methods and Legal Writing	L	T	P	C
Owning School/Department	School of Law	3	0	0	3
Pre-requisites/Exposure					

Course Summary

The course aims to equip the student on research skills. This course shall expose the students on different techniques, methods, and methodology of socio-legal research. Emphasis would be laid on practical training in conducting research in this course. By the end of the course the students are expected to develop a scientific approach to socio legal problems. They should be able to design and execute small scale research problems. After studying this subject, the student will be able to develop research skills and case study analysis. This will help in both academics and professional work.

Course Outcomes (COs)

By the end of this course, student shall be able to:

CO1: Explain and distinguish the methods and techniques of legal research from that of social sciences research.

CO2: Apply the techniques of legal research to legal research and writings.

CO3: Write a good quality-PG level dissertation.

CO4: Develop the proposal for undertaking independent research projects.

CO5: Implement the research techniques to prepare class lectures/lessons based on principles, theories, legislations and cases.

CO-PO Mapping

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	-	2	-	-	-
CO2	-	-	2	2	3
CO3	-	-	3	2	-
CO4	-	2	3	-	2
CO5	3	2	-	-	-

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Course Contents

Unit I: Introduction

(8 Lectures)

- Basic concepts of research – Meaning, Objectives, Significance and Types
- Methods and Methodology
- Critical and Reflective thinking: Logic and Biases
- Legal research and inter-disciplinary research – Nature and Methods

Unit II: Research Design

(10 Lectures)

- Research design – Need, Significance and Models
- Identification, selection and formulation of the research problem
- Literature Review: Types and methods

- Hypothesis – types, formulation, and evaluation

Unit III: Data Collection Tools and Techniques (10 Lectures)

- Data Sources – Scope, significance and challenges
- Data collection Techniques & Steps Involved
- Classification of data, Scaling and Content Analysis

Unit IV: Processing and Interpretation of Data (9 Lectures)

- Socio-metrics and jurimetrics
- Processing and Presentation of data: SPSS and Other Tools
- Analysis and Interpretation of Data

Unit V: Report/ Dissertation Writing (8 Lectures)

- Report/article writing
- Use of definitions, maxims, concepts, principles, doctrines in legal research
- Citation techniques and international standards of reference for footnotes, endnotes and Bibliography
- Plagiarism and Copyright Infringement
- Legal Research and Law Reforms

Reference Materials

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7. S K Verma and Afzal Wani, *Legal Research and Methodology* 2006 (Reprint) (Indian Law Institute, New Delhi)
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Assessment Scheme

Component	Internal Assessment	Mid-term	End-term	Total
Weightage (%)	25%	25%	50%	100%

CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL LAWS SPECIALIZATION

Name of Program	LL.M.				
LLLM107L	Foundation of Corporate Laws and Policy	L	T	P	C
Owning School/Department	School of Law	2	0	0	2
Pre-requisites/Exposure	Company Law				

Course Summary

This course addresses corporate governance as a key part of the pursuit of proper and efficient practice in the administration of business entities as well as the ethical aspects of individual and corporate decision making in business. Governance involves a set of relationships between an organization's management, its board, its shareholders, and other stakeholders. To ensure that the companies effectively carry out their responsibility in society and among investors, it is essential to implement the best corporate governance policies and practices. Investor confidence in governance of companies is crucial as companies are the most common form of carrying on business and are contributors of economic growth and employment opportunities. Thus, increased efforts are needed to improve corporate accountability in the country, which starts at the base of educating future business students about the best business practices.

This course will help the students in improving understanding of governance issues, identifying tools to implement quality processes, role of external governance, government regulations and enhances employability skills, fosters entrepreneurship, and invests in skill development for individuals and businesses to thrive in today's dynamic and competitive landscape.

Course Outcomes (COs)

By the end of this course, students shall be able to:

CO1: Identify the elements of good corporate governance practices in business.

CO2: Critically analyse the Indian corporate governance provisions keeping in view the international position.

CO3: Apply a range of current ethical governance practices in relation to business and profession.

CO4: Examine the issues relating to good corporate governance and ethical business practices.

CO5: Evaluate the legal provisions and offer professional advice and counseling.

CO-PO Mapping

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	2	-	-	-	-
CO2	2	2	-	-	-
CO3	1	2	-	3	2
CO4	1	1	-	-	3
CO5	-	3	3	3	2

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Course Contents

Unit I: Introduction to Corporate Governance

(6 Lectures)

- Evolution of Corporate Governance and Economic perspective

- Theories of corporate governance
- Models of corporate governance
- Shareholder's activism

Unit II: International Position on Corporate Governance (4 Lectures)

- OECD Principles of Corporate Governance
- Cadbury committee report, UK, Greenbury committee report, UK, Hampel Committee report, UK

Unit III: Evolution of Legal Framework of Corporate Governance (8 Lectures)

- Study of reports of committees on corporate governance
- Legal framework of corporate governance under Companies Act, 2013
- Listing Agreement with special reference to SEBI's clause 49
- SEBI LODR Regulations.

Unit IV: Role of Board in Corporate Governance (4 Lectures)

- Board Composition and diversity
- Role and Functions of Board Committees
- Code of conduct for board of directors
- Performance Evaluation of Board and Directors

Unit V: Corporate Business Ethics (8 Lectures)

- Evolution of ESG Compliance in Indian Corporate Governance
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Insider Trading
- Corporate Governance Issues and case studies

Reference Materials

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3. Case study on Governance Issues at BharatPe
4. Case study on Yes Bank
5. Case study on ICICI Bank-Videocon bribery case

6. Corporate Governance case study At Infosys
7. Case study on Tata-Mistry fallout
8. Case study on PNB-Nirav Modi Scam
9. Case study on Religare enterprises (Malvinder and Shivinder Singh)
10. Case study on Dewan Housing Finance Limited (DHFL)
11. Case study on Cafe Coffee Day
12. Case study on Jet Airways
13. Case study on KINGFISHER AIRLINES Case study
14. Case study on the fall of Vikram Kothari (Rotomac Pens)
15. Case study on Satyam Scam
16. Case study on Harshad Mehta Scam
17. Saurashtra Cement Ltd. And Anr. vs Union of India (Uoi) And 3 Ors. on 14 July, 2006 (2007) 2 GLR 1384 Guj. HC
18. G.Vasudevan vs Union Of India on 2 December, 2019 Writ Petition No.32763 of 2019
19. Mad. HC
20. N.Ram vs N.Ravi on 1 July, 2011 Comp. Appeal Nos.6 and 7 of 2011
21. Mad. HC
22. Tata Consultancy Services ... vs Cyrus Investments Pvt Ltd on 26 March, 2021 CIVIL APPEAL NOs.440-441 OF 2020
23. Association vs Union of India and Another on 20 July, 2021 R.V.W. No. 231 of 2019
24. Cal HC
25. Satya Narayan Banik & Ors vs Union of India & Ors on 11 February, 2022 W.P.A. No. 8450 of 2021 Cal HC
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27. Bank Of Baroda and Anr. vs Mbl Infrastructures Limited on 18 January, 2022 CIVIL APPEAL NO. 8411 OF 2019
28. Standard Chartered Bank v. Directorate of Enforcement, (2005) 4 SCC 530.

Assessment Scheme

Components	Internal Assessment	Mid Term Exam	End Exam	Total
Weightage (%)	25%	25%	50%	100%

Name of Program	LL.M.				
Course Code	Advanced Law of Banking and Insurance	L	T	P	C
Owning School/Department	School of Law	2	0	0	2
Pre-requisites/Exposure	Company Law, Contract Law and Economics				

Course Summary

The financial system of any country is a vehicle of economic transformation, which is mostly governed by the Banking and Insurance industry. The Banking & Insurance companies do not merely act as a financial infrastructure, but also as imperative vehicles for the channelization of financial resources at micro as well as macro scale. Thus, banking as well as insurance sectors are relevant for directing the savings, investments and providing other financial services for a globally competent Indian economy.

The course has been divided in five modules. The first three modules cover the banking laws, and last 2 modules cover the segment of insurance law. The first module will introduce the students to the meaning and history of banking in India and the nature and structure of banking organisations. The second module will deliberate upon the elements of bank finance and related aspects of securitisation for loans. The third module deals with the paradigm changes on new methods of electronic payments. The fourth module will introduce students to the concept and principles of insurance. The fifth and last module will emphasise upon the legal and regulatory framework for various kinds of insurance in India.

This course will help in the employability of the students.

Course Outcomes (COs)

By the end of this course, students shall be able to:

CO1: Understand of the nature and history of banking business and its regulations.

CO2: Apply the knowledge on the role and policy measures of RBI in driving the Indian economy.

CO3: Analyze the analytical skills of risk and insurance relationship and learning of basic principles governing insurance.

CO4: Examine the rights, duties and liabilities of the parties through sector specific insurance laws in Indian scenario.

CO5: Evaluate the existing mechanism of banking and insurance laws and its effects on the stake-holders.

CO-PO Mapping

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	-	-	1	-	
CO2	1	3	3	-	
CO3	3	3	2	1	1
CO4	2	2	-	2	2
CO5	-	1	-	3	

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Course Contents

Unit I: Regulatory Architecture of Banking In India (6 Lectures)

- Evolution of Banking.
- Types of Banks in India and Concept of NBFC's,
- Role of RBI as Regulator of Banking Sector: Issues in Supervision and control – Government interventions.
- Emerging trends in banking business – International Banking and Finance Framework, Green Banking & Finance, Islamic Banking & Finance.
- Fund and Non-Fund based credit facilities.

Unit II: Public Policy, State Control and Bank Resolution (6 Lectures)

- Nationalization & Social Control of Banks in 1960s; Privatization of PSBs.
- Merger & Amalgamation of Banks in India: Benefits, Issues, and Concerns.
- Debt Recovery in India – Problem of NPAs, Securitization & Asset Reconstruction.
- Failing Banks and Depositors' rights – Case Studies (PMC Bank, Yes Bank, RBI-Prompt Corrective Action Norms).

Unit III: Banking & Cyberspace (Self Study & Group Discussion Module) (6 Lectures)

- Policy framework for Internet/Digital Banking in India: Practice, Problems, and 2026 Digital Banking Authorization rules.
- Payment & Settlement Systems: Role of ICT, UPI ecosystem, NPCI, and real-time payments.
- Bank Frauds in Cyberspace – Offences, Regulation, and Investigation.
- Emerging issues – Cryptocurrency (Crypto-Assets), FinTech Companies
- Banking Ombudsman, White Collar Crimes, and Grievance Redressal Mechanisms.

Unit IV: Life Insurance Jurisprudence and Regulation (6 Lectures)

- Basic Principles and Kinds of Life Insurance.
- LIC: Role and function – Nationalization and debate over FDI in Insurance sector.
- Concept of Trusts in Life Insurance Policy.
- Role of IRDA in regulating Life Insurance Business – Special reference to post-Covid era, Ind AS implementation (2026).

Unit V: Law and Practice of General Insurance (6 Lectures)

- General Insurance in India – A background.
- Structure of the Policy – Insurance Documentation.
- Underwriting and Rating - Disclosure - Terms and Conditions.
- Claims Procedures – Underinsurance Condition of Average – Recovery.

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5. *Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corp. Ltd. v. Awaz & Ors.*, 2024 INSC 1044
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15. *Rangappa. Sri. Mohan* (2010) 11SCC 441 101
16. *Sajjan Bank (Private) Ltd. v. Reserve Bank of India*, AIR 1961 Mad. 8
17. *Simmonds v. Cockell* (1920) All ER Rep. 162 46
18. *Surinder Singh Deswal and Ors. v. Virender Gandhi*, (2019) 8 SCALE 445

Name of Program	LL.M.				
LLLM102L	Competition Law and Corporate Restructuring	L	T	P	C
Owning School/Department	School of Law	2	0	0	2
Pre-requisites/Exposure	Corporate Laws				

Course Summary

Post-1991, India embraced liberalization, privatization, and globalization in pursuit of developing its markets. The natural consequence of this was that the Indian market should pull its socks up to face competition from within the country and outside. New competition law was proposed on the recommendation of the Raghavan Committee, 1999, the purpose of which was to maintain and protect the competitive process since competition promotes efficiency, increases consumer welfare, and contributes to the economy's progress. Through the Competition Act, 2002, executive power was delegated to a regulator, the "Competition Commission of India. The Act, 2002 created an *ex-post* enforcement mechanism for anti-competitive agreement and abuse of dominant position and an *ex-ante* enforcement mechanism for regulating combinations. To facilitate enforcement mechanism, CCI has the power to notify regulations. Apart from this, CCI is also entrusted to carry out 'competition advocacy' under which CCI is responsible for aiding the government in formulating competition policy, creating awareness and imparting training on competition issues. This course introduces the students to the enforcement of competition law in India and skills them to analyse anti-competitive conduct based on understanding economic, legal, and procedural issues.

Course Outcomes (COs)

By the end of this course, student shall be able to:

CO1: Explain the socio-economic impact of competition on enterprises and economy.

CO2: Analyze the cases decided by the tribunals and courts to identify the gaps and suggest measures.

CO3: Apply the substantive and procedural provisions of Competition Law to the anti-competitive conduct in India.

CO4: Examine the role and authority of competition regulator vis-à-vis social and economic institutions.

CO5: Evaluate the legal provisions and offer professional advice and counseling.

CO-PO Mapping

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Course Contents

Unit I: Rationale for Competition Law and Economic Regulation (4 Lectures)

- Economics of Competition and Competition Law
- Schools of Competition Analysis
- Development of Indian Competition Law and its essential characteristics

Unit II: Agreements against Competition (6 Lectures)

- Key Concepts and Principles: 'agreement', Appreciable adverse effect, Per Se and Rule of Reason
- Horizontal and Vertical Agreements: Types and Distinction, Procedure, Penalties and Leniency
- Intellectual Property and Competition Law Interface

Unit III: Abuse of Dominant Position (8 Lectures)

- Delineating Relevant Market
- Determination of Market Dominance
- Identifying Abusive Practices: Procedure and Penalties

Unit IV: Regulation of Combinations (8 Lectures)

- Definition of Combinations with threshold
- Procedural and substantive Requirements
- Procedure and Penalties for non-compliance of the provisions

Unit V: Regulatory and Enforcement Bodies (4 Lectures)

- Structure, powers and functions of Competition Authorities in India
- Jurisdiction of CCI *vis-a-vis* other Sectoral Regulators
- Competition Advocacy
- Action for Compensation

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Assessment Scheme

Components	Internal Assessment	Mid Term Exam	End Exam	Total
Weightage (%)	25%	25%	50%	100%

Name of Program	LL.M.				
LLLM104L	Corporate Restructuring: Bankruptcy & Liquidation	L	T	P	C
Owning School/Department	School of Law	2	0	0	2
Pre-requisites/Exposure	Company Law, Corporate Restructuring				

Course Summary

In India, prior to 2016, the legal and institutional machinery for dealing with debt default had not been in line with global standards. The recovery action by creditors, either through the Contract Act or through special laws such as the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, failed to achieve desired results. Whereas the laws dealing with insolvency such as the Presidential Towns insolvency Act, 1909 and the Provincial Insolvency Act, 1920, which were almost a century old, impeded the confidence of the lender. The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (IBC) passed by the Parliament overhauled the existing framework that dealt with the insolvency of corporates, individuals, other entities in India. The Code provided much-needed reforms while focusing on creditor-driven insolvency resolution. The IBC is considered to be as one of the biggest economic reforms which contains and amends the laws relating to reorganization and insolvency resolution of corporate persons, partnership firms and individuals in a time bound manner. The reason for introducing this course is to acquaint students with the legal, procedural, and practical aspects of Insolvency and its resolution. This course will help the students in improving understanding of the process of corporate restructuring and liquidation and enhances employability skills.

Course Outcomes (COs)

By the end of this course, student shall be able to:

CO1: To impart knowledge of critical areas relating to dissolution/winding-up/end of corporate entities under various laws in India

CO2: To understand nature of corporate reforms introduced since 2013 and 2016 in the field of bankruptcy and liquidation of corporate entities.

CO3: To develop critical understanding of various aspects of insolvency and bankruptcy law in India along with its interaction with the relevant commercial laws.

CO4: To apply clear, coherent, efficient process for early identification of financial distress and resolution.

CO5: Evaluate the legal provisions and offer professional advice and counseling.

CO-PO Mapping

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Course Contents

Unit I: Introduction

(4 Lectures)

- Meaning of Corporate Restructuring and its historical background
- Need & Modes of Corporate Restructuring
- Regulators and their role in corporate Restructuring

Unit II: Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code, 2016

(6 Lectures)

- Bankruptcy and Insolvency – The Concept;
- Historical Developments of Insolvency Laws in India (Till 2016) and thereafter
- Recent Development in Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2016
- Key stakeholders – Regulator and Designated Intermediaries – Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI), Insolvency Resolution Agency (IRA), Insolvency Professionals, and Information Utility

Unit III: Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process

(8 Lectures)

- Process and Practice of CIRP
- Resolution Strategies - Restructuring of Equity and Debt: Compromise and Arrangement
- Acquisition, Takeover and Change of Management, Sale of Assets
- Committee of Creditors: Powers and Duties
- Fast Track Corporation Insolvency Resolution Process

Unit IV: Liquidation of Corporate Person

(6 Lectures)

- Initiation of Liquidation
- Powers and duties of Liquidator
- Liquidation Estate and Distribution of assets – Waterfall mechanism
- Dissolution of corporate debtor

Unit V: Cross-Border Insolvency

(6 Lectures)

- UNCITRAL Model Law on Cross Border Insolvency
- World Bank Principles for Effective Insolvency and Creditor Rights
- ADB principles of Corporate Rescue and Rehabilitation
- Enabling provisions for cross border transactions under IBC

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Assessment Scheme

Components	Internal Assessment	Mid Term Exam	End Term Exam	Total
Weightage (%)	25%	25%	50%	100%

Name of Program	LL.M				
LLLM106L	Securities Market and Investment Laws	L	T	P	C
Owning School/Department	School of Law	2	0	0	2
Pre-requisites/Exposure	Company and Corporate Laws				

Course Summary

Capital Market is one of most attractive avenues for a corporate body to raise capital through ownership and debt instrument. However, it was not always the case, earlier capital market was accessible to few companies only and investor base in these markets was not that strong. With the establishment of Securities and Exchange Board of India and the liberalization of the economy under the new economic policy of 1991, capital market has seen huge development over almost last three decades. A sound knowledge in this area can be obtained only if you read it in conjunction with primary enactments such as Companies Act, 2013, Securities Contract (Regulation) Act, 1956, Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992, Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999. Further, law relating to securities is subject to rapid changes, it is always advisable for you to keep abreast of the Regulatory notification and circulars. This course will help in the employability of the students.

Course Outcomes (COs)

By the end of this course the student shall be able to

CO1: Understand the working and regulation for capital market.

CO2: Examine the concepts of investment and understand the Indian securities market.

CO3: Analyse trading in securities and its implication in financial markets.

CO4: Evaluate the framework in the segment of emerging trends in securities market and blockchain, start-up funding and SME financing.

CO5: Apply/Explore the role and powers of regulator of Capital Market.

CO-PO Mapping

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
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Course Contents

Unit I: Overview of Capital Market

(6 Lectures)

- Role, Relevance, and significance of Capital Market
- Introduction to various components of capital market – primary and secondary market, stock exchanges
- Evolution post-1991 with policy critique

Unit II: Laws Relating to Capital Markets

(6 Lectures)

- Securities Contract Regulation Act, 1956
- Depositories Act, 1996

- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Act, 1992: Constitution, Powers, Functions and jurisdiction

Unit III: Regulation and Administration

(6 Lectures)

- Objectives and basic concepts
- SEBI's Guidelines on Insider Trading
- Takeover Regulations, 2011

Unit IV: Issuance of Capital

(6 Lectures)

- SEBI (Issuance of Capital Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018
- Meaning of Public Offer, Private Placement, Preferential Allotment

Unit V: Emerging Trends in Securities Market

(6 Lectures)

- Corporate Finance and Blockchain
- Funding mechanism in Start-Ups
- Approaches to SME Financing

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Assessment Scheme

Components	Internal Assessment	Mid Term Exam	End Term Exam	Total
Weightage (%)	25%	25%	50%	100%

Name of Program	LLM				
LLLM108L	Law, Technology and E-Commerce	L	T	P	C
Owning School/Department	School of Law	2	0	0	2
Pre-requisites/Exposure	Law of Contract 1872, Banking Law, International Law				

Course Summary

The main objective of the course is to enable students to understand the pressing problems of commerce. The students will be exposed to know the theoretical and philosophical dimensions of e-commerce in multiple dimensions. By the end of the term the student will be able to understand the problems and challenges of consumer protection in e-commerce with an ability to suggest remedies. This course will help in the development of employability of the students.

Course Outcomes (COs)

By the end of this course the student shall be able to

CO1: Explain and analyse the nature, features, and evolving dimensions of e-commerce using legal and technological perspectives.

CO2: Appraise the legal position of electronic contracts and assess the jurisdictional issues in e-consumer disputes.

CO3: Critically analyse consumer protection laws applicable to e-commerce and evaluate the effectiveness of dispute resolution mechanisms, including mediation and online dispute resolution (ODR), in India.

CO4: Analyse cyber security challenges in e-commerce, with particular focus on intermediary liability, privacy obligations, and data protection compliance under Indian and comparative legal frameworks

CO5: Assess the protection of Intellectual Property Rights in e-commerce domain.

CO-PO Mapping

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Course Contents

Unit I: Introduction to E-Commerce

(4 Lectures)

- Evolution of E-Commerce
- E-Commerce as a Business Model and Issues in E-Commerce Transactions
- UNCITRAL – Model Law of E-Commerce

Unit II: Legal and Regulatory Framework of E-Contracts

(6 Lectures)

- Electronic Contracts: Formation, Validity and Enforceability
- Jurisdictional issue in e- contracts
- Liability of E-Commerce Entities

Unit III: E-Commerce Dispute Resolution

(7 Lectures)

- E-Commerce and its impact on consumers
- Standard Form of Contracts, Unfair contracts, Product Liability
- Measures for the protection of E-consumer: Consumer Protection Act, 2019, Mediation in consumer dispute & Online Dispute Resolution Mechanism

Unit IV: Data Protection and Cyber Security

(7 Lectures)

- Concept of Privacy, Key Privacy issues
- State Surveillance and Right to Privacy Issues relating to Cyber Security in India
- Government Initiatives related to cybersecurity
- Protection of Personal Data: Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023

Unit V: Intellectual Property Rights In E-Commerce

(6 Lectures)

- Protection of IPR in E-commerce
- Trademark and Counterfeiting
- Domain Name Dispute
- cyber-squatting, Software Piracy

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Assessment Scheme

Components	Internal Assessment	Mid Term Exam	End Term Exam	Total
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CRIMINAL LAW SPECIALIZATION

Name of Program	LL.M.				
LLLM119L	Police Administration and Criminal Justice	L	T	P	C
Owning School/Department	School of Law	2	0	0	2
Pre-requisites/Exposure	BNS, BNSS, BSA				

Course Summary

This course is a core course in the branch of Criminal Law aimed at critically examining the Police structure and administration in India. The course will critically examine the roles and functions of Indian police under the present legal system and criminal administration. It will train and prepare the emerging advocates and scholars in tackling with the challenges faced by the present policies, rules, regulations, and its implementation under the police system to foster reforms in the justice system. This course will help the student develop employability.

Course Outcomes (COs)

By the end of this course, student shall be able to:

CO1: Understand the background, evolution, and structure of police system in India.

CO2: Examine the roles and functions of modern police system from multiple legislative aspects.

CO3: Analyse the interface of police with various stakeholders and challenges faced in administration of justice.

CO4: Evaluate the contemporary policing and modernization in the police system for criminal justice.

CO5: Create a critical insight into the policy implementation of police interplay and police reforms through legislative and judicial guidance.

CO-PO/PSO Mapping

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PSO1	PSO2
CO1	2	-	-	-	1	-	2
CO2	1	-	2	-	-	2	-
CO3	-	2	3	-	2	-	2
CO4	-	2	2	2	-	-	2
CO5	-	3	-	2	-	2	-

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Course Contents

Unit I: Indian Police: History, Constitutional Provisions and Organisation (6 Lectures)

- History of Police and Policing in India: Pre-Independence & Post Independence era
- Constitutional Provisions regarding Police in India and Role of Ministry of Home Affairs in Police matters
- Police Organization in India: At the Central Level, State Level & District and Sub-district Level, Special Police Agencies
- Police Act of 1861 and State Police legislations

Unit II: Functioning of Modern Police

(6 Lectures)

- Police Recruitment, Selection and Training
- Powers of arrest, search and seizure, collection of evidence, witness examination and protection
- Police as a law enforcement agency
- Prevention of crime by Police

Unit III: Emerging Challenges in Policing

(6 Lectures)

- Human Rights violation in Police work- Use of force, custodial violence, encounter killings- legal and ethical issues, Police Accountability
- Corruption, Political Interference and challenges of Police Autonomy
- Gender Sensitive Policing and crimes against women
- Crimes against children and other vulnerable sections

Unit IV: Modernisation of Police and Criminal Justice System

(6 Lectures)

- Developing healthy police public relationship, Police Complaints Authority and Zero tolerance policing
- Community and problem oriented Policing, Cyber policing
- AI and Predictive policing
- Emerging technologies in law enforcement

Unit V: New Policy Paradigm in Police and Criminal Justice

(6 Lectures)

- Role and Relationship of Police, Prosecution, and Correctional Agencies in Criminal Justice
- Procedural reforms with special reference to National Police Commission Recommendations, 1979, Malimath Committee 2003, Second Administrative Reforms Committee 2009
- The Role of Judiciary in Police Reforms
- International criminal justice standards, UN guidelines on Policing and global best practices

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Assessment Scheme

Components	Internal Assessment	Mid Term Exam	End Term Exam	Total
Weightage (%)	25%	25%	50%	100%

Name of Program	LL.M.				
LLLM112L	Socio-Economic Offences and White-Collar Crimes	L	T	P	C
Owning School/Department	School of Law	4	0	0	4
Pre-requisites/Exposure	Law of Crimes				

Course Summary

With social and economic development of the State, crimes undergo a transformation distinct from traditional nomenclatures of crimes against the human body and property. Crimes which affect the social and economic aspects of public life and crimes which are committed by persons in position of authority in organizations and status. Behavioral and societal changes have also created new debates on forms of human behavior which need to be regulated to prevent harm to others by bringing such behavior within the ambit of criminal law. The course seeks to undertake a critical analysis of emerging crimes considering the abovesaid context.

Course Outcomes (COs)

By the end of this course, students shall be able to:

CO1: To analyze the concept of socio-economic offences and white-collar crimes in Indian context

CO2: To analyze the various statutes on crimes against women and children.

CO3: To understand the legal challenges of cybercrimes.

CO4: To understand evolving sites of criminal responsibility with reference to the emerging crimes.

CO5: To evaluate the existing framework to deal with the socio economic offences and white-collar crimes.

CO-PO Mapping

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	3	1	2	-	-
CO2	-	2	2	3	1
CO3	2	1	-	-	1
CO4	-	1	2	3	2
CO5	2	-	1	-	2

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Course Contents

Unit I: Socio-Economic Offences

(6 Lectures)

- Historical Evolution of Concept of Socio-Economic Offences
- Related Theories
- Mens Rea Requirement in Socio-Economic Offences
- Sentencing in Socio-Economic Offences
- Socio-Economic Offences in India, Poverty and Crime

Unit II: White Collar Crime and Privileged Class Deviance

(6 Lectures)

- Historical Evolution of Concept of White-Collar Crime & Privileged Class Deviance
- Mens Rea Requirement and Sentencing in White Collar Crimes

- Criminal Responsibility of Managerial Persons and Employees
- Corruption and Privileged Class Deviance in Public Servants: General and In India

Unit III: Offences Against Women & Children

(6 Lectures)

- Evolution of Rape Laws post- Mathura & Nirbhaya Rape Incidents
- Sexual Harassment of Women under IPC and Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act 2013
- Obscenity & Pornography under Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act 1986 and Information Technology Act 2000
- Domestic Violence against Women Act 2005
- Sexual Assault of Children under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act 2012.

Unit IV: Cyber Crimes

(6 Lectures)

- Offences under Information Technology Act 2000
- Jurisdictional Challenges in Cyber Crimes
- Measures by Central & State Investigation Agencies against Cyber Crimes
- Cyber Crimes in the Financial Sector
- Artificial Intelligence and Cyber Crimes.

Unit V: Prevention of Money Laundering

(6 Lectures)

- Scope and Salient Features of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002
- Definitions – attachment, money laundering, proceeds of crime, reporting entity and scheduled offences
- Enforcement under PMLA – Attachment, Survey, Search & Seizure, Powers to arrest
- Adjudicating under PMLA – Authorities and Special Courts, Vesting of Property in Central Government
- Obligations of Banks, Financial Institutions and Intermediaries

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Assessment Scheme

Components	Internal Assessment	Mid Term Exam	End Term Exam	Total
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Name of Program	LL.M.				
LLLM114L	Juvenile Justice	L	T	P	C
Owning School/Department	School of Law	2	1	0	2
Pre-requisites/Exposure	B.A./BB.A. LL.B. (5 Year Integrated) , LL.B. (3 years)				

Course Summary

This course is designed to give students an overview of the topic of juvenile justice, with a specific emphasis on the Indian juvenile justice system, though comparisons with other justice systems will be made from time to time. The course will examine the history of the juvenile justice system and evaluate how juvenile wrongdoing has been socially constructed as a problem. The course also examines how the juvenile justice system deals with child in conflict with law. We investigate several aspects of the juvenile system, including the juvenile courts, juvenile residential and non-residential interventions, and alternative means of dealing with so-called problem youth, such as restorative justice and diversion programs.

Course Outcomes (COs)

By the end of this course, students shall be able to:

CO1: Understand the concept of delinquency and the evolution of the juvenile justice system.

CO2: Explain children's rights and the need for protection of children.

CO3: Examine the juvenile court system and its handling of cases, as well as other methods of treatment of children and adolescents.

CO4: Analyse the role of police, attorneys, judges, and other actors in the juvenile justice system and the main outcomes of juvenile justice system process

CO5: Develop an ability to analyse the influence of social, commUNITY, and environmental factors on delinquency.

CO-PO Mapping

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	1	2	2	3	2
CO2	-	2	-	3	2
CO3	-	3	-	2	-
CO4	1	3	-	3	1
CO5	-	2	1	2	3

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Course Contents

Unit I: Introduction to Juvenile Justice

(8 Lectures)

- Evolution of juvenile justice Jurisprudence
- Juvenile justice system vs. Criminal justice system
- International child law (UNCRC, Beijing Rules, Riyadh Guidelines)
- Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015 and other Legal frameworks (POCSO, Information Technology Act, Child Marriage Act): Introductory Comments
- Juvenile Crime Rate in India: Methodological Understanding of 'Crime in India' Report (NCRB) (Theories of Delinquency)

Unit II: Child Rights and Legal Protection of Children (6 Lectures)

- Definition of Child: UNCRC, JJ Act, 2015, POCSO
- Age of Criminal Responsibility: Debating the age of “child”
- Child Rights under United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC),
- The Constitution of India and Child rights
- The Commissions for Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005: National Commission for protection of child rights, State Commission for the protection of child rights,
- Children’s Courts.

Unit III: Reforming the Child-In-Conflict with Law (6 Lectures)

- International Perspectives on dealing with child-in-conflict with-Law (UNCRC, Beijing Rules, Riyadh Guidelines, Tokyo Guidelines)
- Indian Response in dealing with child-in-conflict with-Law (Pre and Post Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015 perspectives)
- Juvenile Justice Board (JJB): Composition, Powers and functions of Board, Procedure
- Preliminary assessment in heinous offences,
- Powers of children’s court, Observation homes – Special home, Special juvenile police Unit

Unit IV: Rehabilitation of Child-In-Need-of-Care and Protection (5 Lectures)

- Child-in-need-of-Care-and-Protection
- International Perspectives on dealing with Child-in-need-of-Care-and-Protection
- Indian Response in dealing with Child-in-need-of-Care-and-Protection
- Child Welfare Committee (CWC): Composition, Powers, functions of Committee, Procedure
- Role of Institutions (public/private): Open shelter, Place of safety, foster care, Children’s/Shelter homes, Adoption, and sponsorship of children

Unit V: Juvenile Justice Process: Powers and Procedure (5 Lectures)

- Principle of Best interest of children
- Pre-trial and Trial Procedure
- Sentencing, Rehabilitation and social re-integration
- After care programs: Role of families/guardians (support persons) in the trial and post-trial process, Repatriation
- Nature and role of diversion programs, Disposition process, Social Investigation and Reporting and its impact on rehabilitation, Individual Care Plan (ICP).

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Assessment Scheme

Components	Internal Assessment	Mid Term Exam	End Term Exam	Total
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Name of Program	LL.M.				
LLLM116L	National Security Laws	L	T	P	C
Owning School/Department	School of Law	2	0	0	2
Pre-requisites/Exposure	Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, and Human Rights				

Course Summary

Rule of Law in a State requires maintenance of public order against threats affecting both internal and external security of the State such public disturbances, communal riots, terrorist activities and anti-social activities. The course seeks to undertake a critical analysis of the threats to the security of the State and the legal mechanisms to address these threats in the light of protection of the public and protection of the rights of the individual. This course will aid the students enhance their employability.

Course Outcomes (COs)

By the end of this course, student shall be able to:

CO1: Understand the concept of national security and maintenance of law and order.

CO2: Examine the recourse of maintenance of national security through preventive detention and other means.

CO3: Analyse the various anti-terrorism legislations enforceable in India.

CO4: Evaluate the powers of armed forces in maintenance of internal and national security.

CO5: Appraise the various regulations affecting financial security.

CO-PO Mapping

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	2	-	-	-	3
CO2	3	-	2	-	-
CO3	-	2	3	-	2
CO4	-	2	2	2	-
CO5	-	3	-	2	-

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Course Contents

Unit I: Introduction

(6 Lectures)

- Concept of National Security, Maintenance of Law and Public Order
- UN Charter, 1945: Article 2(4) and 51
- National Security and Emergencies Provision under the Constitution of India

Unit II: Preventive Detention

(6 Lectures)

- Preventive and Punitive Detention: Article 22, and Preventive Detention Act, 1950,
- Preventive Arrest by Police under section 151 CrPC/170 BNSS
- Grounds for Preventive Detention and Comparison of Rights of Detenu and Accused

Unit III: Anti-Terrorism Legislations

(6 Lectures)

- National Security Act, 1980

- Development through Terrorism and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act 1987, (TADA) Prevention of Terrorism Act, 2002 (POTA), to Unlawful Activities Prevention Act, 1967 (UAPA)
- Organised Crimes, Terrorist Acts and Imputations
- Assertions prejudicial to national integration under Section 111-113, 197 BNS.

UNIT IV: Armed Forces And Maintenance Of Security (6 Lectures)

- Powers of Armed Forces for Dispersal of Unlawful Assemblies under sections 130-131 CrPC/149-150 BNSS
- Powers of Military Officers under the Army Act 1950, the Air Force Act 1950 and the Navy Act 1957
- Command Responsibility and Defence of Bound by Law under section 76 IPC/ 14 BNS
- Immunity of Actions under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958
- Powers of central Armed Police Forces - Border Security Force, Central Reserve Police Force, Central Industrial Security Force, Indo-Tibetan Border Police.

UNIT V: Legislations on Financial Security (6 Lectures)

- Smuggling of Goods under Customs Act, 1962
- Conservation of Foreign Exchange and Prevention of Smuggling Act, 1974 (COFEPOSA)
- Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1973 (FERA) and Foreign Exchange Maintenance Act, 1999 (FEMA)
- Black Money Circulation and Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA)
- The Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003
- Cyber Terrorism, International Convention on Cybercrime (Budapest Convention), 2001 and Information Technology Act, 2000

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2. Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958
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4. Customs Act, 1962
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11. Navy Act, 1957
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Assessment Scheme

Components	Internal Assessment	Mid Term Exam	End Term Exam	Total
Weightage (%)	25%	25%	50%	100%

Name of Program	LL.M.				
LLLM118L	International Criminal Law	L	T	P	C
Owning School/Department	School of Law	2	0	0	2
Pre-requisites/Exposure	Constitutional Law				

Course Summary

International Criminal Law is the branch of public international law which seeks to address the criminal responsibility of persons for crimes recognized under international law. With increasing conflict concerning States and non-State armed groups which go beyond international borders, the principles of International Criminal Law are utilized to fix responsibility of persons who commit crimes which draw the attention of the international community of States under specialized international criminal tribunals. The course seeks to undertake a critical analysis of the various crimes recognized under International Criminal Law and the working of the tribunals. This course is to develop the **skill of the students** to understand various concepts, interpretations and theories related to the international criminal law and its application in the international criminal prosecutions.

Course Outcomes (COs)

By the end of this course, students shall be able to:

CO 1: Understand the distinct principles of international criminal law

CO 2: Examine the different crimes recognized under international criminal law

CO 3: Apply the working of the different international criminal tribunals

CO 4: Analyse the limitations and the role of different international criminal tribunals

CO 5: Evaluate challenges of International Criminal Law

CO-PO Mapping

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	2	-	-	-	1
CO2	1	-	2	-	-
CO3	-	2	3	-	2
CO4	-	2	2	2	-
CO5	-	3	-	2	-

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Course Contents

Unit I: Introduction to International Criminal Law

(6 Lectures)

- International Criminal Law and Domestic/Municipal Criminal Law
- International Criminal Law and other Branches of International Law
- State Sovereignty and International Criminal Law
- Individual Responsibility in International Criminal Law and Universal Jurisdiction in International Criminal Law

Unit II: Historical Development of International Criminal Law

(6 Lectures)

- Conventions of 1899 & 1907 and the Treaty of Versailles 1919

- International Military Tribunal (Nuremberg Tribunal) 1945-46
- International Military Tribunal for the Far East (Tokyo Tribunal) 1946-48
- Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide 1948
- International Law Commission Draft Code of Crimes against the Peace and Security of Mankind 1996.

Unit III: Crimes In International Criminal Law (6 Lectures)

- War Crimes, Crimes against Humanity, Genocide, Crime of Aggression
- Immunities and Defences in International Criminal Law.

Unit IV: International Criminal Court and Ad Hoc International Criminal Tribunals (6 Lectures)

- Rome Statute 1998 and the International Criminal Court (ICC) 2002
- Jurisdiction Issues of the ICC
- International Criminal Tribunals: for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) 1993, International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) 1994, Special Courts/Tribunals - Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia 1993; Special Panels for Serious Crimes (East Timor) 2000; Special Court for Sierra Leone 2002; Supreme Iraqi Criminal Tribunal 2004; Special Tribunal for Lebanon 2009; International Crimes, Tribunal (Bangladesh) 2009; Kosovo Specialist Chambers 2016

Unit V: Challenges to International Criminal Law (6 Lectures)

- Non-State Actors in International Criminal Law and Non-Membership of the United States and Russia in ICC
- Withdrawal of African States from ICC
- Asian Perspectives on ICC
- Proposed International Criminal Tribunal for the Russian Federation

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Assessment Scheme

Components	Internal Assessment	Mid Term Exam	End Term Exam	Total
Weightage (%)	25%	25%	50%	100%

CONSTITUTIONAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

Name of Program	LL.M				
LLLM6001L	Theoretical Foundations of Human Rights Law	L	T	P	C
Owning School/Department	School of Law	4	1	0	4
Pre-requisites/Exposure	Nil				

Course Summary

This course aims to provide fundamentals of Human Rights Law. It intends for the students to learn about the origins, trace the developments, explore the nature and jurisprudential value of Human Rights Law. The course begins with outlining the historical background and moves forward to develop the idea of dignity, rights and justice concerning Human Rights, through philosophical and legal theories and its application through case laws and prevailing political-social-legal scenarios. Examples of specific rights (religion, torture, and reproductive rights, etc.) are used to discuss the thematic approaches; and, to explain fundamentals and practical application of Human Rights Law. The last part of the course is designed to discuss contemporary topics of human rights and different issues being raised by the legal/academic fraternity to move forward in the field of Human Rights Law. This course will enhance the employability skills for students those who are looking forward to work with International Human Rights Organizations/Committees, or International/Regional Courts.

Course Outcomes (COs)

By the end of this course, students shall be able to:

CO1: Understand the fundamentals, sources, and Jurisprudence of human rights law.

CO2: Explore the legal and philosophical theories on the concept and praxis of human rights.

CO3: Examine the essential aspects of human rights law and concepts in national and international context.

CO4: Analyse the application of human rights law through case laws/studies.

CO5: Assess and formulate the contemporary issues and measures to resolve issues concerning human rights law.

CO-PO Mapping

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	3	-	3	2	1
CO2	-	3	-	-	-
CO3	2	2	3	3	-
CO4	-	-	-	-	3
CO5	2	2	-	2	3

1=weakly related

2= moderately related

3=strongly related

Course Contents

UNIT I: Philosophy of Human Rights

(6 Lectures)

- Conceptualization of Human Rights
- Inter-relationship of Dignity, Rights and Duties and Justice

- Universality v. Cultural Relativism

UNIT II: Principles of Human Rights

(6 Lectures)

- Theories of human rights
- Historical Development of Human Rights
- Sources of Human Rights Law, hierarchy of human rights and its critiques

UNIT III: Human Rights Treaty Framework and India

(6 Lectures)

- Human Rights Institutions under the UN Charter, treaties and Regional human rights treaties
- India and international human rights law
- Human Rights in Indian context and colonial impact and influence

UNIT IV: Human Rights in India

(6 Lectures)

- Development of Human Rights Law in India through legislations and judiciary
- Human Rights Act, 1993 and the working of National Human Rights Commission and State Human Rights Commission

UNIT V: Substantive Rights and Contemporary issues

(6 Lectures)

- Caste, religion, and Social Justice: Theory of affirmative action and Article 17 and Minority Rights
- Gender justice: Shift from protective discrimination to gender equality
- Emerging Issues: Right to Privacy, Digital Rights and Data Sovereignty and Environmental Rights as an extension of Article 21.

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Assessment Scheme

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Name of Program	LL.M				
LLLM6003L	Philosophical Foundation of Fundamental Rights in the Constitution of India	L	T	P	C
Owning School/Department	School of Law	4	1	0	4
Pre-requisites/Exposure	Constitution of India				

Course Summary

This course provides an in-depth exploration of the philosophical, historical, and jurisprudential foundations of fundamental rights in the Indian Constitution. It critically examines the evolution of rights in a post-colonial legal framework, emphasizing the dynamic interplay between Part III (Fundamental Rights) and Part IV (Directive Principles of State Policy). Drawing from classical liberal theory, international human rights instruments, and constitutional morality, the course engages with key rights such as equality, liberty, religious freedom, and socio-economic entitlements. Special attention is given to the transformative potential of the Constitution in addressing structural inequalities and contemporary challenges, including those posed by the digital age. Through case law analysis and theoretical readings, students will gain a comprehensive understanding of rights adjudication in a rapidly evolving constitutional landscape.

Course Outcomes (COs)

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

CO1: Explain the historical and philosophical foundations of fundamental rights in the Constitution of India.

CO2: Analyze the concepts of equality and liberty, including the role of affirmative action, reasonable restrictions, and economic freedoms within the Indian constitutional framework.

CO3: Interpret the right to freedom of religion and minority rights, with a nuanced understanding of Indian secularism.

CO4: Examine the role of Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSPs) in promoting socio-economic justice and their relationship with fundamental rights.

CO5: Analyse contemporary constitutional debates in the context of digital governance and algorithmic decision-making.

CO6: Apply theoretical frameworks (e.g., classical liberalism, constitutional morality, substantive equality) to analyze landmark constitutional cases and evolving jurisprudence on rights.

CO-PO Mapping

CO \ PO	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	3	2	1	2	2
CO2	3	2	2	3	2
CO3	3	3	1	2	3
CO4	3	3	2	3	2
CO5	3	3	2	3	3
CO6	3	2	3	3	2

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Course Contents

Unit I: Philosophical Foundations and Evolution of Fundamental Rights In The Constitution of India (6 Lectures)

- Indian Freedom Struggle and Framing of Fundamental Rights and DPSPs
- Influence of International Human Rights instruments (UDHR, ICCPR, ICESCR) on Part III and IV
- Classical Liberalism and Rights in a Post-Colonial Constitution
- Horizontal and Vertical Application of Rights
- Role of Constitution in Social Transformation

Unit II: Right to Equality and Liberty (6 Lectures)

- Substantive Equality and the Jurisprudence of Affirmative Action in the Indian Constitution
- Bankim Chandra Chatterjee – ‘Samya’
- Right to Freedom & Reasonableness of Restrictions
- Philosophical Foundations: Isaiah Berlin’s *Two Concepts of Liberty* and J.S. Mill’s *On Liberty*
- Liberty and Dissent in a Constitutional Democracy
- Economic Liberties and Regulatory Limits: Property rights and freedom to contract
- Substantive Due Process and Unenumerated Rights under Article 21

Unit III: Freedom of Religion and Rights of Minorities (6 Lectures)

- Peculiarities of Indian Secularism Model and Right to Freedom of Religion in India
- Minority Rights in the Indian Constitution: Scope and Limitations
- Constitutional Morality, Freedom of Religion and Protection of Minority Rights

Unit IV: Socio-Economic Justice and Directive Principles of State Policy (6 Lectures)

- Non-Justiciability of DPSPs and Approaches Towards Realization of Socio-Economic Rights
- Use of DPSPs in expanding FRs (Education, Health, Housing, Environment)
- Harmonising Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy

Unit V: Rights in The Algorithmic Age: Contemporary Debates And Challenges (6 Lectures)

- Right to Privacy post Puttaswamy judgment: Informational Self Determination, Technology and Law
- Algorithmic Discrimination and Equality (Article 14)
- Regulating Free Speech in the digital age
- Digital Exclusion and the Right to Access Information

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Module III: Freedom of Religion and Rights of Minorities

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Module V: Rights in the Algorithmic Age

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Assessment Scheme

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Name of Program	LL.M.				
LLLM122L	International Human Rights Law	L	T	P	C
Owning School/Department	School of Law	2	0	0	2
Pre-requisites/Exposure	Constitution of India				

Course Summary

This course provides a comprehensive overview of International Human Rights Law (IHRL). It explores the historical development, foundational philosophical and legal principles, and the institutional frameworks that protect human rights globally. Students will engage with the primary sources of IHRL, including key treaties and customary law, and examine the substantive content of major rights (civil, political, economic, social, and cultural). A significant focus will be placed on the mechanisms for implementation and enforcement at the international, regional, and national levels, addressing contemporary challenges such as humanitarian crises, globalization, and the impact of technology on rights. The course aims to equip students with the analytical tools necessary to critique the effectiveness of IHRL and its relevance in today's world. This course will enhance the **employability** skills for students those who are looking forward to work with International Human Rights Organizations, or International Courts.

Course Outcomes (COs)

By the end of this course, students shall be able to:

CO1: Understand, identify and explain the historical evolution, philosophical underpinnings, and core principles of International Human Rights Law

CO2: Analyse different sources of International Human Rights Law, structure and significance of key international human rights instruments.

CO3: Apply IHRL principles to analyse contemporary human rights issues, including armed conflict, displacement, environmental degradation and the rights of vulnerable groups.

CO4: Critically assess the mandates and effectiveness of major international and regional human rights bodies.

CO5: Evaluate the challenges and successes of implementing and enforcing IHRL at the national and international levels, including the role of international criminal law and transitional justice mechanism.

CO-PO Mapping

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	1	1	-	-	-
CO2	2	1	3	1	-
CO3	1	2	-	-	-
CO4	-	3	3	-	2
CO5	-	-	3	3	1

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Course Contents

Unit I: Foundation and Evolution of IHRL (4 Lectures)

- Philosophical basis of IHRL
- Historical evolution: UN and the UDHR
- State sovereignty and human rights obligations

Unit II: The International Framework of Human Rights (5 Lectures)

- Structure and legal status of the UDHR, Reservations and/or Declarations to human rights treaties
- ICCPR: Derogable and non-derogable rights
- ICESCR: Progressive realization and limitations

Unit III: Treaty and Charters based Mechanism (7 Lectures)

- Function and procedure of UN Treaty Bodies
- Complaint mechanism and inquiry procedure
- UN Human Rights Council and UPR
- ICJ and its advisory opinion on human rights

Unit IV: Regional Human Rights Systems (7 Lectures)

- European Convention on Human Rights and the European Court of Human Rights
- American Convention on Human Rights and the Inter-American Commission and Court
- African Charter on Human and People's Rights and the African Court
- Arab Charter on Human Rights

Unit V: Contemporary and Emerging Issues (7 Lectures)

- Rights of vulnerable groups
- Human Rights, national security and counterterrorism
- Impact of digital technology on privacy and freedom of expression
- Non-state actors and International Human Rights

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Assessment Scheme

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Name of Program	LL.M.				
NEW CODE	Environmental Law and Human Rights	L	T	P	C
Owning School/Department	School of Law	2	0	0	2
Pre-requisites/Exposure	Constitutional Law, Environmental Law, and Human Rights Law				

Course Summary

The course Environment and Human Rights examines the critical link between environmental protection and the realisation of fundamental human rights, such as the right to life, health, and dignity. It explores international conventions, constitutional provisions (particularly in India), and key judicial decisions that recognise a clean and healthy environment as a human right. The course also addresses contemporary issues like climate change, displacement, environmental justice for vulnerable communities, and the emerging concept of the rights of nature. It aims to equip students with the legal knowledge and analytical skills necessary for careers in environmental law, human rights advocacy, policy-making, and academia.

The course would be taught to encourage critical thinking and enable them to become better and happier professionals enabling employability and skill development.

Course Outcomes (COs)

By the end of this course, students shall be able to:

CO1: Understand the interrelationship between environmental protection and human rights, including foundational principles and philosophical underpinnings.

CO2: Analyse the international legal framework governing environmental rights, including major treaties, conventions, and the role of global institutions.

CO3: Evaluate the constitutional and statutory environmental laws in India and their interpretation through judicial activism and public interest litigation.

CO4: Examine the impact of environmental degradation on vulnerable groups, including indigenous communities, women, and future generations, and assess legal responses.

CO5: Critically appraise emerging trends such as climate justice, rights of nature, and environmental democracy, and their implications for legal reform and policy-making.

CO-PO Mapping

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	3	2	-	-	3
CO2	2	3	2	2	-
CO3	2	2	3	-	2
CO4	-	2	2	3	3
CO5	-	3	2	3	3

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2= moderately related

3=strongly related

Course Contents

Unit I: Conceptual Foundations

(6 Lectures)

- Philosophy of Rights and the Environment
- Third Generation (Solidarity) Rights & Evolution of Environmental Rights
- Historical Roots of Environmentalism in Law

Unit II: International Environmental Human Rights Law (6 Lectures)

- Legal Theory Behind Soft Law and Binding Obligations
- Institutional Theory and Global Environmental Governance
- Transnational Environmental Responsibilities.

Unit III: National Legal Frameworks (6 Lectures)

- Environmental Rights in National Constitutions
- Doctrinal Debates in Environmental Law
- Federalism and Environmental Adjudication Models

Unit IV: Contemporary Issues and Vulnerable Groups (6 Lectures)

- Environmental Justice Theory
- Integrating Indigenous Perspectives into Law
- Climate-Induced Migration and Statelessness.

Unit V: Emerging Trends and Future Perspectives (6 Lectures)

- Theories of Legal Personhood for Nature
- Post-Human Legal Thought and Earth Jurisprudence
- Climate Constitutionalism and Future Generations

Bare Acts

1. The Constitution of India
2. The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986
3. The Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980
4. The Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972
5. The Biological Diversity Act, 2002
6. The Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991
7. The National Green Tribunal Act, 2010
8. The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006
9. The Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993
10. The Right to Information Act, 2005
11. The Disaster Management Act, 2005
12. The Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993

International Conventions & Instruments

1. Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), 1948
2. International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), 1966
3. International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), 1966
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Assessment Scheme

Components	Internal Assessment	Mid Term Exam	End Exam	Total
Weightage (%)	25%	25%	50%	100%

Name of Program	LL.M.				
(NEW CODE)	International Humanitarian Law and Refugee Law	L	T	P	C
Owning School/Department	School of Law	2	0	0	2
Pre-requisites/Exposure	Human Rights Law				

Course Summary

The course explores the relationship between international humanitarian protection and the rights of refugees in both conflict and post-conflict situations. Through case laws, conventions, and institutional practices, students will be exposed to different conceptualizations and applications relating to the nexus of International Humanitarian Law and Refugee Law. Emphasis will be laid on comparative perspectives, including the role of international organizations, regional frameworks, and judicial decisions addressing humanitarian crises and forced displacement. By integrating theory, principles, and practice, students will develop critical analytical skills and the ability to apply rights-based approaches to contemporary humanitarian and refugee issues. This will help them both in academics and professional work. The course will improve the employability and skills in the field of international humanitarian and refugee law.

Course Outcomes (COs)

By the end of this course, student shall be able to:

CO1: Understand the conceptual linkages between international humanitarian law and refugee law in international frameworks.

CO2: Analyze international treaties, conventions, and case laws addressing humanitarian protection and refugee rights.

CO3: Apply principles and rules governing the protection of individuals during armed conflicts and situations of displacement.

CO4: Evaluate the role of international and regional institutions in enforcing humanitarian norms and safeguarding refugees.

CO5: Develop independent research-based arguments on contemporary challenges in the implementation of humanitarian and refugee law.

CO-PO Mapping

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	1	1	-	-	-
CO2	2	1	3	1	-
CO3	1	2	-	-	-
CO4	-	3	3	-	2
CO5	-	-	3	3	1

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2= moderately related

3=strongly related

Course Contents

Unit I: Fundamentals of International Humanitarian Law

(4 Lectures)

- Historical Evolution – From Lieber code to the 1949 Geneva Convention
- Jus ad Bellum and Jus in Bello and fundamental principles of Distinction, Proportionality, Humanity, Military Necessity, and Neutrality

- Classification of Conflicts: International Armed Conflict (IAC) and Non-International Armed Conflict (NIAC) and Common Article 3

Unit II: Humanitarian Protection and Enforcement Mechanisms (8 Lectures)

- Protected Persons: Wounded, sick, shipwrecked, Prisoners of War (POWs) and civilians
- Means and Methods of Warfare: Prohibited weapons (chemical, Biological, Cluster MUNitions) and the challenge of New Technologies
- Implementation and Enforcement: The role of the ICRC, Ad-hoc Criminal Tribunals and ICC

Unit III: Fundamentals of Refugee Law (8 Lectures)

- Historical Development from League of Nations to the 1951 Refugee Convention and Protocol 1967 – Definition of Refugees, inclusion/exclusion and cessation grounds; Principle of Non-Refoulement and Durable Solutions; Refugee crisis and shift toward burden and responsibility sharing.

Unit IV: International Humanitarian Law and Refugee Law in the Indian Context (6 Lectures)

- India and its ratification of Geneva Conventions
- Internal Conflicts/Disturbances in India: Role of Indian Government and Indian Red Cross Society
- Refugee Protection in India: Legislative Vacuum and Judicial Activism

Unit V: Contemporary Challenges and Future Directions (4 Lectures)

- Modern warfare in denser cities, and use of AI and cyber-attacks
- Statelessness, Internal Displacement and climate refugees
- Protection of Vulnerable groups in conflict and displacement situations

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Assessment Scheme

Components	Internal Assessment	Mid Term Exam	End Term Exam	Total
Weightage (%)	25%	25%	50%	100%

Name of Program	LL.M.				
New Code	Gender Justice	L	T	P	C
Owning School/Department	School of Law	2	0	0	2
Pre-requisites/Exposure	Constitutional Law, Family Law, Criminal Law				

Course Summary

This course offers an advanced, intersectional examination of gender, law, and power, analysing how legal systems construct, regulate, and contest gendered identities and inequalities. It introduces students to feminist, queer, and critical legal theories before examining international and domestic frameworks governing gender justice, including constitutional principles, statutory protections, and key judicial decisions. The course engages with the legal regulation of autonomy, sexuality, family, labour, and violence, while foregrounding intersections with caste, disability, and socio-economic structures. Emphasising critical analysis and reform-oriented thinking, the course equips students to evaluate the law's role in both perpetuating and challenging structural gender injustice. **This course helps in skill development of students.**

Course Outcomes (COs)

By the end of this course, students shall be able to:

CO1: Examine law through feminist, queer, Dalit feminist, and intersectional perspectives.

CO2: Apply international and domestic human rights standards to questions of gender equality in law and policy.

CO3: Analyse structural gender-based harms and the law's role in sustaining or contesting them.

CO4: Evaluate legal responses to violence, bodily autonomy, sexuality, labour, and family relations.

CO5: Develop gender-just legal arguments grounded in theory, case law, and socio-legal analysis.

CO-PO Mapping

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	3	2	2	3	2
CO2	3	3	2	2	2
CO3	2	—	3	3	—
CO4	2	—	2	3	2
CO5	3	—	3	2	3

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Course Contents

Unit 1: Foundations of Gender Theory and Feminist Jurisprudence (6 Lectures)

- Major feminist legal theories: liberal, radical, Marxist/socialist, and Dalit feminist critiques of law
- Queer theory and law: heteronormativity, fluid identities, and critique of sexual regulation
- Patriarchy as a Legal Structure: Law as a site of patriarchal power and control, the “reasonable man” and gendered standards of legality

Unit 2: Gender, Public Law and International Frameworks (6 Lectures)

- International treaties and soft-law instruments shaping gender equality norms: CEDAW, ICCPR, ICESCR, Yogyakarta Principles, and UN human rights mechanisms
- Gender and Public Law: Equality and non-discrimination. Analysis of major Indian gender-related case law to understand how courts apply these public law principles
- Comparative Public Law Responses to Gender: Overview of how different constitutional systems advance gender justice through public law tools, including comparative approaches to affirmative action for women and gender minorities, gender recognition models, and global developments like political parity laws.

Unit 3: Rights And Regulation Governing Bodily Autonomy, Sexuality, and Family (6 Lectures)

- Reproductive rights: abortion access, reproductive justice, and regulation under the MTP and ART/surrogacy laws
- Regulation of intimacy and family structures: marriage and live-in relationships and Personal laws and inheritance
- judicial interpretation of cruelty, restitution of conjugal rights, and state regulation of kinship
- Legal regulation of sexuality and sexual expression: Legal regulation of sex work and sexual expression
- Obscenity, public morality, and constitutional interpretation

Unit 4: Gender, Violence and the Criminal Justice System (6 Lectures)

- Legal constructions of sexual violence: consent standards, evidentiary rules, and feminist critiques of rape law reforms
- Domestic, intimate-partner, and family-based violence: dowry deaths, honour crimes, marital cruelty, and legal redress mechanisms
- Critical approaches to the criminal-legal system: carceral feminism, judicial stereotyping, procedural barriers, and Access to Justice for Survivors – Barriers, Support Mechanisms, and Institutional Responses

Unit 5: Intersectional and Structural Dimensions Of Gender: Caste, Labour, Disability, Religion, Digitality (6 Lectures)

- Caste–gender intersections: Dalit feminist critiques, structural violence, and the law’s role in maintaining caste patriarchy
- Gendered labour and economic structures: unpaid care work, wage inequality, precarity, and feminisation of labour markets
- Disability and gender justice: legal personhood, autonomy, access barriers, and intersectional discrimination under disability law, include other gender minorities

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Assessment Scheme

Components	Internal Assessment	Mid Term Exam	End Term Exam	Total
Weightage (%)	25%	25%	50%	100%

IPR AND TECHNOLOGY LAW

Name of Program	LL.M.				
Course Code:	Copyright Law: Generative AI and Creative Economies	L	T	P	C
Owning School/Department	School of Law	2	0	0	2
Pre-requisites/Exposure	Intellectual Property Laws				

Course Summary

This advanced LLM elective examines the evolving landscape of copyright law in the era of digital transformation and generative AI. The course explores core principles of copyright protection while critically analyzing challenges arising from AI technologies, digital platforms, streaming services, social media, NFTs, the metaverse, and deepfakes. Through a comparative lens, it covers international frameworks (Berne Convention, TRIPS, WIPO treaties), US and EU approaches (fair use and text-and-data mining exceptions), and Indian law under the Copyright Act, 1957, including fair dealing and protection of traditional knowledge and folklore. Key themes include authorship and ownership of AI-generated works, liability for training on copyrighted data, platform responsibility, digital enforcement, and balancing exclusive rights with innovation and access. The course adopts an interdisciplinary approach integrating legal doctrine, policy, economic, and ethical perspectives. Case studies from entertainment, software, publishing, and emerging tech sectors equip students to navigate complex copyright issues in the global digital economy.

Course Outcomes (COs)

By the end of this course, students shall be able to:

CO1: Explain the philosophical foundations of copyright law, key provisions of Indian Copyright Act, 1957, international treaties, and core concepts like originality, authorship, exclusive rights, fair dealing, and traditional cultural expressions.

CO2: Demonstrate the impact of generative AI and digital transformation on copyright, covering AI-generated works, training data, deepfakes, platform liability, NFTs, and the metaverse.

CO3: Apply comparative perspectives to examine digital copyright disputes, fair dealing vs fair use, and platform responsibilities under Indian and global frameworks.

CO4: Analyze tensions between copyright protection and innovation in creative economies, including policy debates, enforcement challenges, and economic implications for film, music, publishing, and software industries.

CO5: Evaluate proposed copyright reforms for AI and digital challenges and formulate balanced policy recommendations to promote sustainable creativity and stakeholder interests in India and globally.

CO-PO Mapping

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	-	-	1	-	
CO2	1	3	3	-	
CO3	3	3	2	1	1
CO4	2	2	-	2	2

CO5	-	1	-	3	
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Course Contents

Unit I: Foundations of Copyright Law – National and International Frameworks

(6 Lectures)

- Concept of Copyright: Originality, Idea-Expression Dichotomy, Authorship, and protectable subject matter.
- Exclusive Rights, Duration, Limitations and Exceptions (Fair Dealing vs. Fair Use doctrine).
- International Frameworks: Berne Convention, TRIPS Agreement, WIPO Copyright Treaty, and Marrakesh Treaty.
- Key provisions of the Indian Copyright Act, 1957 and Protection of Traditional Cultural Expressions/Folklore.

Unit II: Copyright in the Digital Environment – Platforms, Intermediaries and Enforcement

(6 Lectures)

- Reproduction, Distribution, and Communication to the Public in Digital Contexts.
- Liability of Online Platforms and Intermediaries: Safe Harbour Provisions (Indian s.52(1)(c) and section 79 of IT Act, US DMCA, EU DSM Directive).
- Challenges posed by Streaming, Cloud Storage, User-Generated Content, OTT Platforms and Social Media.
- Digital Enforcement Mechanisms: Notice-and-Takedown, Blocking Orders, and John Doe Remedies in India.

Unit III: Emerging Technologies and Copyright Challenges

(6 Lectures)

- Copyright Issues in Blockchain, Non-Fungible Tokens and Digital Assets.
- Legal challenges in the Metaverse, Deepfakes, Voice Cloning, Synthetic Media, and AI-generated content intersecting with Personality Rights.
- Text-and-Data Mining exceptions: Comparative analysis (EU, Japan, UK, and India).
- Sustainable Creative Economies: Carbon footprint of AI, Green Licensing, and Open-Access incentives.

Unit IV: Generative AI and Copyright – Authorship, Infringement and Defences

(6 Lectures)

- Authorship and Ownership of AI-generated works: Threshold of Human Contribution.
- Infringement Issues in AI training (use of copyrighted material as input data) and AI outputs (substantial similarity analysis).
- Fair use/Fair dealing defences for AI training and generation: Global Judicial Trends and Indian Position.
- Policy Proposals including the DPIIT Working Paper’s “One Nation One License One Payment” collective management system and its implications for Indian creators and start-ups.

Unit V: Policy, Innovation and Reform in Creative Economies

(6 Lectures)

- Balancing Copyright Protection with Innovation, Access and Cultural Diversity.
- Role of Open Access, Creative Commons, and Alternative Licensing Models.
- Copyright and Creative Industries in India (Film, Music, Publishing, and Software Sectors).
- Economic and Ethical and Reform Dimensions: Remuneration, Competition, Cultural Diversity and Responses to AI and Digital challenges.

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Assessment Scheme

Components	Internal Assessment	Mid Term Exam	End Term Exam	Total
Weightage (%)	25%	25%	50%	100%

Name of Program	LL.M.				
Course Code:	Law of Trademarks: Brand and Business Protection	L	T	P	C
Owning School/Department	School of Law	2	0	0	2
Pre-requisites/Exposure	Completed Foundation/Core Course in IPR				

Course Summary

The course ‘Law of Trademarks: Brand and Business Protection’ aims to introduce and discuss advanced and comprehensive study of trademark law as a key instrument for brand and business protection in contemporary commercial environments. It examines the legal, economic, and policy dimensions of trademarks, emphasizing their role in safeguarding brand identity, consumer interests, goodwill, and fair competition.

The course in its first module begins with an exploration of the foundational principles and historical evolution of trademark law, including its relationship with consumer protection and unfair competition. It then focuses on ownership, registration, and protection of trademarks, analyzing statutory requirements, registration procedures, international frameworks, and the legal effects of registration in its second module.

In its third module, it examines the commercial exploitation of trademarks, highlighting branding strategies, trademark valuation, digital marketing, portfolio management, licensing, franchising, and co-branding arrangements. Students are further exposed through the fourth module to the enforcement mechanisms, including infringement, passing off, dilution, defences, remedies, and counterfeiting offences, with reference to both civil and criminal liability. Towards the last, in its fifth module, the course also addresses contemporary and emerging issues in trademark law, such as non-traditional trademarks, domain name disputes, ambush marketing, personality rights, brand dilution through user-generated content, and trademark protection in the metaverse. The course would be taught to encourage critical thinking and enable students to become better professionals and critical thinkers enabling employability and skill development.

Course Outcomes (COs)

By the end of this program, students shall be able to:

CO1: Explain the philosophical concepts, principles, and historical development of trademark law, and describe the role of trademarks in brand identity, consumer protection, goodwill, and unfair competition.

CO2: Apply statutory provisions and international instruments governing trademark ownership, registration, and protection in order to assess registrability, refusal grounds, and legal consequences of trademark registration.

CO3: Analyze the commercial exploitation of trademarks through branding, valuation, digital marketing, portfolio management, and co-branding arrangements in contemporary business environments.

CO4: Evaluate trademark enforcement mechanisms, including infringement, passing off, dilution, defences, remedies, and counterfeiting provisions, by critically examining judicial approaches and statutory frameworks.

CO5: Critically assess and formulate legal responses to emerging and contemporary trademark issues such as non-traditional marks, domain name disputes, personality rights, user-generated content, and trademarks in the metaverse.

CO-PO/PSO Mapping

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	3	2	1	2	-
CO2	3	1	1	1	-
CO3	3	-	3	3	-
CO4	3	-	2	3	1
CO5	3	-	3	2	2

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Course Contents

UNIT I: Introduction to Trademark Law and Brand Identity

(6 Lectures)

- Meaning, Characteristics, evolution and justification of trademark
- International legal instruments relating to trademark law
- Distinction between trademarks, trade names, geographical indications, and copyrights
- Trademark and relation with consumer protection, goodwill, and unfair competition
- Trademark functions in digital and platform economies

UNIT II: Trademark Ownership, Registration and Protection

(6 Lectures)

- Kinds of trademarks; Criteria for registrability: distinctiveness, non-functionality, and graphical representation
- Grounds for refusal of registration; Concept of deceptive similarity;
- Registration procedure and Effect of registration of trademarks; Duration of trademark protection and Cancellation of registration
- International registration of trademark
- AI Generated Marks and Registrability Challenges

UNIT III: Branding and Commercial Exploitation of Trademark

(6 Lectures)

- Role of trademark in branding
- Trademark valuation and branding strategies
- Well-known trademark protection, Digital Marketing: Influencer branding and creator economies
- Trademark portfolio management: Assignment, licensing, franchising, and merchandising, Co-branding arrangement and business management.

UNIT IV: Enforcement of Trademark Rights

(6 Lectures)

- Infringement of trademarks
- Passing off action: the trinity test, Trademark dilution
- Defences – Concept of honest concurrent use and Remedies: Civil, Criminal and Administrative
- Provisions relating to use and application of Counterfeiting marks/False marks under BNS.
- Online trademark enforcement and intermediary liability

UNIT V: Contemporary issues in Trademark

(6 Lectures)

- Non-traditional trademarks
- Domain Name disputes and Cyber-squatting: Ambush Marketing
- Character and Celebrity Merchandising – Personality Rights; Brand dilution through user-generated content
- Trademark in virtual environments and digital assets; Jurisdiction and forum for trademark disputes.
- Platform governance and trademark disputes in digital ecosystems jurisdiction

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Assessment Scheme

Components	Internal Assessment	Mid Term Exam	End Term Exam	Total
Weightage (%)	25%	25%	50%	100%

Name of Program	LL.M.				
Course Code:	Law of Patents, Trade Secrets and Technological Innovations	L	T	P	C
Owning School/Department	School of Law	2	0	0	2
Pre-requisites/Exposure	Intellectual Property Laws				

Course Summary

This advanced interdisciplinary course examines patent law and trade secrets in the context of rapid technological innovation. It focuses on foundational principles under the Indian Patents Act, 1970 (as amended), while analyzing challenges from emerging technologies like AI, machine learning, blockchain, fintech, and data-driven systems. Through a comparative lens, it covers international frameworks (Paris Convention, PCT, TRIPS) and U.S./EU approaches to AI-assisted and computer-implemented inventions. Key Indian issues include Section 3 exclusions (3(d) for pharmaceuticals and 3(k) for software/AI), compulsory licensing, evergreening, AI inventorship/ownership (2025 CRI Guidelines), sufficiency of disclosure, and trade secret protection. The course explores enforcement, monopoly rights vs. public interest, competition law (FRAND for SEPs), economic/ethical dimensions, and policy reform. Case studies from pharmaceuticals, biotech, software, telecom, and startups under Make in India & IndiaAI initiatives highlight sustainable innovation and technology transfer.

Course Outcomes (COs)

After completing this course, students will be able to:

CO1: Explain the philosophical foundations of patent law, key provisions of the Indian Patents Act, 1970, international treaties, and core concepts like novelty, inventive step, Section 3 exclusions, compulsory licensing, and trade secrets.

CO2: Demonstrate the impact of emerging technologies on IP, focusing on AI/ML inventorship, sufficiency of disclosure, blockchain/fintech strategies, and challenges under the 2025 CRI Guidelines.

CO3: Apply comparative (US/EU/India) perspectives to analyze AI-assisted inventions, software patentability, FRAND licensing for SEPs, and trade secret enforcement.

CO4: Analyze tensions between IP protection and public interest, covering evergreening, access to medicines, competition law, and sectoral economic implications.

CO5: Evaluate reforms for AI, digital, and sustainability challenges, and formulate balanced policy recommendations to boost India's innovation ecosystem while addressing stakeholder interests.

CO-PO/PSO Mapping

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	-	-	1	-	
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Course Contents

UNIT I: Foundations of Patent Law – National and International Frameworks

(6 Lectures)

- Patentability criteria: Novelty, Inventive Step, Industrial Application, and Subject Matter Eligibility.
- Patent Specification, Claims Drafting, Interpretation, Enablement, and Sufficiency requirements.
- International Frameworks: Paris Convention, PCT System, and TRIPS Agreement.
- Key provisions of Indian Patents Act, 1970 (incl. 2005 amendments), Compulsory Licensing, Evergreening, and IndiaAI Mission guidelines.

UNIT II: Advanced Patent Doctrines, Exclusions, and Enforcements

(6 Lectures)

- Exclusions under Sections 3 & 4: Discoveries, Methods of Treatment, Software per se, and Traditional Knowledge.
- Biotechnology & Pharmaceutical Patents: Product vs Process claims, Section 3(d), and Access to Medicines.
- Infringement Analysis, Doctrine of Equivalents, Defences (Bolar, Experimental Use), Revocation, and Opposition.
- Software & Computer-implemented Inventions: Global approaches (US, EU, India) and Section 3(k) challenges.

UNIT III: Trade Secrets and Confidential Information – Protection and Enforcement

(6 Lectures)

- Concept and Elements of Trade Secrets: Economic Value, Secrecy, and Reasonable Efforts to Maintain Confidentiality.
- Indian Law on Trade Secrets: Contractual, Equitable, and Common Law Protection (No Statutory Regime), 22nd Law Commission Report.
- Misappropriation, Breach of Confidence, and Remedies: Injunctions, Damages, and Springboard Doctrine.
- Employee Mobility, NDAs, and Non-Compete Clauses: Balancing Innovation and Competition,

UNIT IV: Patents and Trade Secrets in Emerging Technologies

(6 Lectures)

- Patenting Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Inventions: Inventorship, Enablement, and Sufficiency Issues.
- Blockchain, FinTech, and Digital Platform Innovations: Patent Strategies and Trade Secret Alternatives.
- Trade Secrets Protection in Data-Driven and Collaborative Technologies.
- Global Approaches to Software and AI Patentability alongside Indian Section 3(k) Limitations.

UNIT V: Policy, Innovation Ecosystem, and Global Challenges

(6

Lectures)

- Balancing Patent Monopolies with Public Interest: FRAND Licensing and Compulsory Licensing.

- India's Innovation Ecosystem: Startups, Technology Transfer, Make in India, and related initiatives.
- Global Patent Wars, Standard Essential Patents (SEPs), and International Enforcement Issues.
- Future Reforms: AI inventorship, data exclusivity, sustainable innovation, and Global South perspectives.

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Assessment Scheme

Components	Internal Assessment	Mid Term Exam	End Term Exam	Total
Weightage (%)	25%	25%	50%	100%

Name of Program	LL.M.				
Course Code:	Cyber Security and Data Protection Laws	L	T	P	C
Owning School/Department	School of Law	2	0	0	2
Pre-requisites/Exposure	Completed Foundation/Core Course in IPR				

Course Summary

This course provides a comprehensive examination of cyber law by situating cybersecurity, privacy, and data protection within their theoretical and constitutional foundations, with particular emphasis on informational privacy, autonomy, dignity, and evolving privacy jurisprudence grounded in proportionality. It analyses jurisdictional challenges in cyberspace, including territoriality, nationality, and effects-based principles, and examines the limitations of traditional doctrines in a borderless digital environment. The course further explores cybercrime regulation and enforcement under Indian law, including institutional frameworks, adjudicatory mechanisms, and the role of regulatory authorities. It offers an in-depth engagement with data protection law through the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 and the Digital Personal Data Protection Rules, 2025, focusing on principles such as consent, purpose limitation, lawful processing, and the rights and obligations of data principals and fiduciaries. The course also addresses cross-border data flows and associated compliance challenges in a globalised digital economy. It examines cyber security governance, including national frameworks, the protection of critical information infrastructure, and the role of CERT-In, alongside legal regimes governing surveillance, interception, and data retention, with a focus on accountability and remedies. Furthermore, the course adopts a comparative and forward-looking perspective by analysing international data protection regimes and emerging issues such as electronic commerce, intellectual property in cyberspace, artificial intelligence, big data, and quantum computing, equipping students with critical, analytical, and policy-oriented skills for navigating complex digital regulatory landscapes.

Course Outcomes (COs)

By the end of this program, students shall be able to:

CO1: Understand philosophical foundations of cybersecurity, privacy, and data protection under constitutional law.

CO2: Analyse jurisdictional challenges, cybercrime enforcement, and institutional mechanisms in cyberspace.

CO3: Evaluate principles and obligations under the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 and Rules, 2025.

CO4: Assess national cybersecurity governance, surveillance regimes, and accountability frameworks.

CO5: Critically compare global data protection models and emerging issues like AI and quantum threats.

CO-PO/PSO Mapping

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Course Contents

UNIT I: Theoretical and Constitutional Foundations

(6 Lectures)

- Cyber security, privacy, and data protection as regulatory concepts
- Informational privacy, autonomy, and dignity: evolution of informational privacy and its link with autonomy, dignity, and personhood
- Constitutional foundations: privacy jurisprudence and proportionality
- National security, cyber sovereignty, and constitutional limits
- National security, cyber sovereignty, digital constitutionalism, platform governance, and constitutional limits

UNIT II: Cyber Jurisdiction, Cybercrime, and Enforcement Frameworks

(6 Lectures)

- Jurisdiction in cyberspace: Territoriality, nationality, and effects-based jurisdiction in cyberspace
- Challenges to traditional jurisdictional doctrines in a borderless digital environment
- Cyber offences and enforcement under Indian law; Adjudication and appellate mechanisms under the IT Act, 2008
- Regulatory authorities and institutional design.

UNIT III: Data Protection Law and Privacy Regulation

(6 Lectures)

- Principles of data protection and informational privacy
- Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 and Digital Personal Data Protection Rules, 2025
- Rights of data principals and obligations of data fiduciaries: Consent, purpose limitation, and lawful bases of processing
- Cross-border data transfers and compliance challenges

UNIT IV: Cyber Security Governance and Surveillance

(6 Lectures)

- National cyber security architecture and CERT-In framework
- Critical information infrastructure and risk regulation
- Surveillance, interception, and data retention regimes: AI-enabled monitoring systems, encryption debates and data retention regimes
- Oversight, accountability, and remedies

UNIT V: Comparative And Emerging Issues in Cyber Law

(6 Lectures)

- Comparative data protection regimes (EU, UK, US)
- Electronic contracts and digital commerce
- Intellectual property in cyberspace; AI, big data, quantum computing threats (post-quantum crypto), and future regulation

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Assessment Scheme

Components	Internal Assessment	Mid Term Exam	End Term Exam	Total
Weightage (%)	25%	25%	50%	100%

Name of Program	LL.M.					
Course Code:	Protection of Traditional Knowledge and Bio-Cultural Heritage	L	T	P	C	
Owning School/Department	School of Law	2	0	0	2	
Pre-requisites/Exposure	IPR Law					

Course Summary

The course aims to critically examine the legal frameworks protecting indigenous knowledge systems, biodiversity, and cultural expressions. As intellectual property regimes expand, the tension between proprietary rights (like patents) and community-held knowledge (TK) has become a focal point of international debate. This course provides an in-depth insight into the protection of Traditional Knowledge (TK), Traditional Cultural Expressions (TCEs), Plant Varieties, and Geographical Indications (GIs). It explores the balance between the rights of breeders, farmers, and indigenous communities, encouraging students to analyze legal mechanisms like Benefit Sharing and *Sui Generis* systems. The course is designed to enable employability in IP law firms, policy think-tanks, and international organizations.

Course Outcomes (COs)

By the end of this program, students shall be able to:

CO1: Understand the philosophical foundations and scope of Traditional Knowledge, TCEs, and their relationship with modern Intellectual Property rights.

CO2: Examine the international legal framework including the CBD, Nagoya Protocol, and TRIPS Agreement regarding biodiversity and TK.

CO3: Analyze the specific statutory protections for Plant Varieties, Farmers' Rights, and Breeder's Rights in the context of food security and innovation.

CO4: Evaluate the efficacy of Geographical Indications as a tool for protecting community heritage and traditional products.

CO5: Develop a critical perspective on contemporary challenges such as biopiracy, defensive protection (TKDL), and the documentation of oral history

CO-PO Mapping

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	3	2	2	3	2
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Course Contents

UNIT I: Traditional Knowledge & Traditional Cultural Expressions

(6 Lectures)

- Conceptual Framework: Definition and nature of Traditional Knowledge (TK) and Traditional Cultural Expressions (TCEs)

- The Public Domain vs. Community Rights: Rationale for protection (Preservation, Economic, Human Rights)
- International Framework: WIPO Intergovernmental Committee (IGC); TRIPS Agreement provisions relevant to TK; UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage
- Traditional Cultural Expressions: Legal protection of indigenous art, music, dance, and handicrafts
- Issues of misappropriation and offensive use; Comparative analysis of copyright vs. sui generis protection TKDL. Digital appropriation of indigenous cultural heritage

UNIT II: Biodiversity, Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS)

(6 Lectures)

- International Regimes: Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Nagoya Protocol; Sovereign rights over genetic resources; Prior Informed Consent (PIC) and Mutually Agreed Terms (MAT)
- Biopiracy and Bioprospecting: Analysis of biopiracy cases (Turmeric, Neem, Basmati, Ayahuasca)
- The conflict between patent law and biodiversity: Disclosure of origin requirements in patent applications
- Defensive Protection: Documentation of TK; The Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) – structure, purpose, and impact on patent examination; Digital defensive protection mechanisms, People's Biodiversity Registers (PBR).

UNIT III: Plant Varieties and Rights of Stakeholders

(6 Lectures)

- UPOV and TRIPS: The UPOV Conventions (1978 and 1991);
- TRIPS Article 27.3(b) regarding protection of plant varieties
- The choice between Patent protection and Sui Generis systems
- Protection of Plant Varieties & Farmers' Rights (PPV&FR) Act: Registration criteria (NDUS – Novelty, Distinctiveness, Uniformity, Stability) Institutional framework (PPV&FR Authority)
- Rights in Conflict: Breeder's Rights (Production, sale, marketing) vs. Farmer's Rights (Save, use, sow, resow, exchange, share, sell produce including seed); The concept of Researcher's Rights.

UNIT IV: Geographical Indications (GIs)

(6 Lectures)

- Concept of GIs in International Law: Definition and scope, The Lisbon Agreement; TRIPS provisions on GIs
- Distinction between GIs, Trademarks, and Collective Marks
- Registration and Protection: Criteria for registration, The link between product quality/reputation and geographical origin; Homonymous GIs
- Protection against passing off and unfair competition; GIs as TK Protection:
- GIs for agricultural and non-agricultural goods (handicrafts and textiles), Case studies of GIs in India, Challenges in quality control, E-commerce and digital branding of GIs.

UNIT V: Contemporary Issues and Enforcement

(6 Lectures)

- Interface of IP and Human Rights: Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP); Customary Law and its recognition in modern legal systems
- Sui Generis Systems: Model laws and national examples of specific TK legislation (e.g., Peru, Panama, Pacific islands)
- Advantages and disadvantages of dedicated TK rights
- Emerging Challenges: Protection of genetic resources in the high seas; Digital Sequence Information (DSI); Enforcement of rights across borders; Commercialization vs. Conservation.

Bare Acts

1. Biological Diversity Act, 2002
2. Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications
3. Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999
4. Insecticides Act, 1968
5. International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants
6. Lisbon Agreement for the Protection of Appellations of Origin and their International Registration
7. Seeds Act, 1966
8. Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Act, 2001
9. WIPO Treaty on Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge

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Assessment Scheme

Components	Internal Assessment	Mid Term Exam	End Term Exam	Total
Weightage (%)	25%	25%	50%	100%

Name of Program	LL.M.				
New Code	Ethics and Governance of Artificial Intelligence	L	T	P	C
Owning School/Department	School of Law	2	0	0	2
Pre-requisites/Exposure	Tools and Techniques used in AI and Introductory knowledge of formal methods.				

Course Summary

The Course aims to give the students fair understanding of ethical and legal principles in AI. We will analyse existing principles, asking whether they may be suitable to regulate AI or whether it is necessary to develop new ones. Further, the course aims at introducing and discussing some of the main current problems and approaches to the ethics and law of artificial intelligence, including, for example, problems of definition of AI techniques in legal texts, actual and projected uses of AI in the civil and criminal domain, the proposed EU AI regulation, the control and alignment problems, normative uncertainty and normative risk, and the human compatible approach. One part of course will be devoted to some of the main ethical issues raised by artificial intelligence, among which are the problem of the incorporation of biases by artificial intelligence, and the questions of the moral status and moral responsibility of AI. At the end of the course, students will have legal and interdisciplinary skills that can guide them in carrying out their professional activity in a human-centered way. The course would be taught to encourage critical thinking and enable them to become better and happier professionals enabling employability and skill development.

Course Outcomes (COs)

By the end of this course, students shall be able to:

CO1: Understand the importance of a plural debate and interdisciplinary approach in the study of AI.

CO2: Apply the main ethical and legal principles of AI, the sources of AI in some relevant areas of justice.

CO3: Analyse the potential and risks of an increasingly widespread and autonomous use of AI.

CO4: Evaluate the acquired skills to analyse and understand the ethical dilemmas and legal problems related to the use of AI.

CO5: Participate actively in working groups and discussions on law and ethics of AI.

CO-PO Mapping

CO	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	3	-	2	-	-
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Course Contents

Unit I: Foundations of AI and Ethics

(6 Lectures)

- Historical evolution of AI; rule-based systems, machine learning, deep learning,
- Core concepts: data, algorithms, models, automation, autonomy, explainability
- Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI)
- Distinguishing ethics, compliance, and policy in technology governance.

Unit II: Fairness, Bias and Discrimination

(6 Lectures)

- Justice Delivery System and Decision Making
- Legal Drafting Automated Contracts, Criminal Law, Administrative Law, Labour Law, Competition Law, Health Law
- Case studies: predictive policing, credit scoring, hiring algorithms, social-welfare targeting,
- Mitigation strategies: data audits, impact assessments, inclusive design, human-in-the-loop, Explainable AI (XAI); transparency obligations and their limits.

Unit III: Privacy, Surveillance and Data Governance

(6 Lectures)

- Data protection principles: consent, purpose limitation, minimisation, storage limitation,
- Rights of data subjects and AI-enabled surveillance: facial recognition, tracking, profiling, behavioural advertising, Privacy by design and default
- Anonymisation and its limits
- Tensions between security, public health, innovation and individual rights

Unit IV: Accountability, Transparency and Safety

(6 Lectures)

- Bias, Impact on Work and Employment, Surveillance and Privacy, Safety, reliability and robustness;
- Risk assessment and red-teaming, Liability,
- Redress and remedies for AI-related harm; professional and institutional accountability.

Unit V: Governance, Regulation and Future Directions

(6 Lectures)

- Overview of global and national AI governance initiatives (soft law, standards, sectoral regulation)
- Ethical guidelines from professional bodies, industry and civil-society organisations
- Liability for harms caused by AI Tools – Criminal, Tortious and Contractual Liability,
- Futures of AI and ethics: generative AI, autonomous systems, alignment debates and long-term risk
- Role of interdisciplinary collaboration.

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5. Supreme Court AI White Paper and internal AI policies (2024–25)

Assessment Scheme

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ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, ENERGY AND CLIMATE JUSTICE

Name of Program	LL.M.				
NEW CODE	Environmental Law and Sustainable Development	L	T	P	C
Owning School/Department	School of Law	2	0	0	2
Pre-requisites/Exposure	Constitutional Law and Sustainable Development Goals				

Course Summary

This course critically examines the relationship between environmental law and sustainable development, with reference to the United Nations 2030 Agenda and relevant SDGs, particularly SDGs 6, 7, and 11–15. It explores key environmental principles, international legal frameworks, national legislation, and judicial decisions relating to climate change, biodiversity, water, energy, cities, forests, and ecosystems. The course also analyses implementation challenges, environmental rule of law, institutional enforcement, climate justice, and environmental democracy. Through comparative and interdisciplinary perspectives, students will develop skills in legal analysis, policy critique, problem-solving, and advocacy, enabling them to contribute effectively to sustainable environmental governance while enhancing employability and professional competence.

Course Outcomes (COs)

By the end of this course, students shall be able to:

CO1: Analyse the theoretical foundations, evolution, and key principles of environmental law, including sustainable development, precautionary principle, polluter pays, intergenerational equity, and public trust doctrine.

CO2: Evaluate the legal significance of the United Nations 2030 Agenda and environment-related SDGs in shaping international, national, and comparative environmental governance.

CO3: Critically examine Indian constitutional provisions, statutory frameworks, judicial decisions, and institutional mechanisms for environmental protection and sustainable development.

CO4: Assess compliance, monitoring, enforcement, liability, and accountability mechanisms under environmental law, including the role of regulatory authorities, courts, and tribunals.

CO5: Develop legally reasoned recommendations for strengthening environmental justice, environmental democracy, access to remedies, and policy reforms for sustainable environmental governance.

CO-PO/PSO Mapping

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Course Contents

Unit I: Theoretical Foundations and Principles of Environmental Law

(6 Lectures)

- Evolution, Scope and Philosophy of Environmental Law
- Legal Principles Governing Environmental Protection
- Ethical and Constitutional Foundations of Environmental Governance

Unit II: Environmental Dimensions of Sustainable Development Goals

(6 Lectures)

- United Nations 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals
- Environmental Focus of SDGs 6, 7, and 11–15
- SDG Implementation, Development Planning, and Governance Challenges

Unit III: Comparative Legal Frameworks

(6 Lectures)

- Indian Statutory Framework for Environmental Protection
- Judicial Development of Environmental Rights in India
- International and Comparative Environmental Regulation

Unit IV: Environmental Rule of Law

(6 Lectures)

- Regulatory Institutions, Compliance and Administrative Control
- Environmental Impact Assessment, Monitoring and Reporting Duties
- Liability, Enforcement and Accountability Mechanisms

Unit V: Environmental Justice and Emerging Legal Debates

(6 Lectures)

- Environmental Justice, Remedies and Protection of Vulnerable Communities
- Environmental Democracy and Human Rights-Based Approaches
- Emerging Jurisprudence and Transformative Environmental Advocacy

Bare Acts

1. The Indian Forest Act, 1927
2. The Factories Act (selected provisions related to environmental safety), 1948
3. The Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972
4. The Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974
5. The Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980
6. The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981
7. The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986
8. The Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991
9. The Biological Diversity Act, 2002
10. The National Green Tribunal Act, 2010
11. The Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016
12. The EIA Notification (Draft), 2020

International Conventions & Instruments

1. Stockholm Declaration on the Human Environment, 1972
2. United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), 1982
3. Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer, 1985
4. Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, 1987
5. Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, 1989
6. UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), 1992
7. United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), 1992
8. Rio Declaration on Environment and Development (Earth Summit), 1992
9. Forest Principles (Non-Legally Binding Instrument on Forests), 1992
10. Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), 1994
11. Kyoto Protocol to the UNFCCC, 1997
12. Rotterdam Convention on Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, 1998
13. Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters, 1998
14. Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the CBD, 2000
15. Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, 2001
16. Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development (WSSD), 2002
17. Paris Agreement under the UNFCCC, 2015
18. 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (including the SDGs), 2015
19. Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, 2015

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Assessment Scheme

Components	Internal Assessment	Mid Term Exam	End Exam	Total
Weightage (%)	25%	25%	50%	100%

Name of Program	LL.M.				
NEW CODE	Climate Justice: Equity and Sustainability	L	T	P	C
Owning School/Department	School of Law	2	0	0	2
Pre-requisites/Exposure	Constitutional Law and Environmental Law				

Course Summary

This course examines climate justice as a legal and ethical framework for addressing unequal climate burdens across communities and generations. It explores equity, sustainability, historical responsibility, common but differentiated responsibilities, just transition, climate finance, loss and damage, community resilience, and rights-based climate action. The course also studies international climate commitments, national responses, climate litigation, youth activism, indigenous knowledge, and the impact of climate change on vulnerable groups. It develops students' skills in legal reasoning, policy analysis, advocacy, negotiation, and ethical decision-making, preparing them for careers in law, policy, research, advocacy, and climate governance while promoting socially responsible professional growth.

Course Outcomes (COs)

By the end of this course, students shall be able to:

CO1: Analyse the ethical, philosophical, and legal foundations of climate justice, including distributive justice, procedural justice, corrective justice, historical responsibility, and climate equity.

CO2: Evaluate the application of intergenerational equity, future-generation rights, and state responsibility in addressing long-term climate harm and sustainable climate governance.

CO3: Critically examine the intersection of climate change with gender, caste, class, race, indigeneity, migration, labour, and other forms of vulnerability.

CO4: Assess legal and policy mechanisms relating to just transition, climate finance, loss and damage, technology transfer, and equitable responsibility-sharing under global climate regimes.

CO5: Develop rights-based, community-oriented, and policy-responsive legal approaches for advancing climate justice through litigation, youth-led action, indigenous knowledge, and resilience-building.

CO-PO Mapping

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	3	3	-	2	2
CO2	3	3	3	2	-
CO3	2	3	2	3	2
CO4	2	3	3	3	3
CO5	2	3	3	3	3

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Course Contents

Unit I: Conceptual Foundations of Climate Justice

(6 Lectures)

- Climate Change as an Equity and Justice Concern
- Theories of Justice in Climate Governance
- Historical Responsibility and Global Burden-Sharing

Unit II: Intergenerational Equity and Climate Change

(6 Lectures)

- Rights and Interests of Future Generations
- State Responsibility for Long-Term Climate Harm
- Sustainable Climate Governance and SDG 13

Unit III: Climate Vulnerability and Intersectional Inequality

(6 Lectures)

- Climate Displacement and Human Mobility
- Impact of Climate Change on Vulnerable Communities
- Intersectionality and Adaptation Justice

Unit IV: Just Transition, Climate Finance, and Global Responsibility

(6 Lectures)

- Just Transition and Protection of Livelihoods
- Equitable International Climate Responsibility
- Climate Finance, Loss and Damage, and Technology Transfer

Unit V: Climate Litigation, Social Movements, and Community Resilience

(6 Lectures)

- Climate Litigation and Rights-Based Claims
- Social Movements and Youth-Led Climate Action
- Community Resilience and Participatory Climate Solutions

Bare Acts

1. The Constitution of India
2. The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986
3. The Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980
4. The Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972
5. The Biological Diversity Act, 2002
6. The Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991
7. The National Green Tribunal Act, 2010
8. The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006
9. The Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993
10. The Right to Information Act, 2005
11. The Disaster Management Act, 2005

International Conventions & Instruments

1. Stockholm Declaration on the Human Environment, 1972
2. United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), 1982
3. United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), 1992
4. Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, 1992
5. Beijing Platform for Action (UN Women – Gender & Environment Chapter), 1995
6. Kyoto Protocol, 1997
7. UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), 2000
8. ILO Guidelines for a Just Transition towards Environmentally Sustainable Economies and Societies for All, 2010
9. Paris Agreement (Preamble and Article 4), 2015
10. Glasgow Climate Pact, 2021
11. Loss and Damage Fund Mechanisms under UNFCCC, ongoing
12. Draft Ecocide Law (International Criminal Court proposal), emerging

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Assessment Scheme

Components	Internal Assessment	Mid Term Exam	End Exam	Total
Weightage (%)	25%	25%	50%	100%

Name of Program	LL.M.				
NEW CODE	Law, Policy, and Governance of Non-Renewable Energy	L	T	P	C
Owning School/Department	School of Law	2	0	0	2
Pre-requisites/Exposure	Constitutional Law and Environmental Law				

Course Summary

This course examines the legal and regulatory framework governing fossil fuel and nuclear energy sectors in India and the global context. It explores constitutional principles, mining and hydrocarbon regulation, environmental governance, energy security, and liability regimes relating to coal, petroleum, natural gas, and nuclear energy. The course also analyses environmental and social challenges arising from extractive industries, including displacement, pollution, and climate change. Further, it studies international climate governance through the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Kyoto Protocol, and Paris Agreement, along with carbon markets, climate litigation, ESG obligations, and contemporary energy transition challenges. The course would be taught to encourage critical thinking and enable them to become better and happier professionals, and **promoting employability**.

Course Outcomes

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

CO1. Explain the constitutional, legal, and policy framework governing fossil fuel and nuclear energy sectors in India.

CO2. Analyse regulatory mechanisms relating to coal, petroleum, natural gas, and nuclear energy governance, including licensing, environmental regulation, and liability regimes.

CO3. Evaluate the environmental, social, and climate-related challenges arising from extractive industries and energy infrastructure projects.

CO4. Examine international climate governance frameworks, carbon regulation mechanisms, and global energy governance institutions in the context of climate change and sustainability.

CO5. Critically assess contemporary issues relating to energy justice, environmental governance, climate accountability, and energy transition.

CO-PO Mapping

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	3	2	–	–	3
CO2	2	3	2	2	–
CO3	2	2	3	–	2
CO4	–	2	2	3	3
CO5	–	3	2	3	3

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Course Content

Unit I: Foundations of Fossil Fuel Energy Law and Environmental Governance

(6 Lectures)

- Fossil fuels, industrialisation, and economic development
- Energy justice and environmental justice under Indian Constitutional framework

- Concept and scope of fossil fuel energy law

Unit II: Coal Law, Mining Governance, and Environmental Regulation

(6 Lectures)

- Coal sector regulation in India: Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, Commercial coal mining reforms, Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and Rules thereunder.
- Environmental Concerns related to coal extraction: Forest clearance and land acquisition issues, Displacement, rehabilitation, and tribal rights, Illegal mining and environmental degradation
- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for mining projects
- Judicial decisions relating to mining governance and environmental protection

Unit III: Petroleum, Natural Gas

(6 Lectures)

- Legal framework governing petroleum and natural gas in India: Oilfields (Regulation and Development) Act, 1948, Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006, and allied petroleum laws
- Licensing, exploration, production, transportation, and regulatory mechanisms in the hydrocarbon sector
- Global petroleum governance and the role of Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) in international oil markets and energy security
- Energy security, fossil fuel dependence, and transition challenges in the oil and gas sector

Unit IV: Legal framework governing nuclear energy in India

(6 Lectures)

- Nuclear Energy Mission and proposed amendment to Atomic Energy Act, 1962 & Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act, 2010
- Nuclear safety and radioactive waste management: Liability for industrial and nuclear accidents and environmental damage
- Regulatory role of Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) and environmental governance in nuclear sector
- International nuclear regulatory framework and liability conventions

Unit V: Climate Governance, Carbon Regulation and Contemporary Challenges

(6 Lectures)

- International Climate Governance Framework: United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Kyoto Protocol, and Paris Agreement
- Carbon markets, emissions trading systems, and carbon tax
- ESG obligations and corporate climate disclosures
- Future challenges in fossil fuel regulation and carbon-intensive economies

Bare Acts

1. Atomic Energy Act, 1962
2. Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act, 2010
3. Coal Bearing Areas (Acquisition and Development) Act, 1957
4. Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015 Environment (Protection) Act, 1986
5. Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957

6. National Electricity Policy, 2005
7. Oil Industry (Development) Act, 1974
8. Oilfields (Regulation and Development) Act, 1948
9. Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006
10. Petroleum and Natural Gas Rules, 1959
11. Tariff Policy, 2016
12. The Constitution of India
13. Coal Bearing Areas (Acquisition and Development) Act, 1957
14. Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980
15. Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006
16. Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013
17. EIA Notification, 2006
18. Essential Commodities Act, 1955
19. Hydrocarbon Exploration and Licensing Policy (HELP)
20. Open Acreage Licensing Policy (OALP)
21. New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP)

International Conventions

1. United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
2. Kyoto Protocol
3. Paris Agreement
4. Stockholm Declaration
5. Rio Declaration on Environment and Development
6. Convention on Nuclear Safety
7. Vienna Convention on Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage
8. Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage
9. International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards and safety standards

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4. Goa Foundation v. Union of India, (2014) 6 SCC 590.
5. Indian Council for Enviro-Legal Action v. Union of India, (1996) 3 SCC 212.
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7. M.K. Ranjitsinh v. Union of India, (2021) SCC OnLine SC 326.
8. Manohar Lal Sharma v. Principal Secretary, (2014) 9 SCC 516.
9. Reliance Natural Resources Ltd. v. Reliance Industries Ltd., (2010) 7 SCC 1.
10. Samatha v. State of Andhra Pradesh, (1997) 8 SCC 191.
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12. T.N. Godavarman Thirumulpad v. Union of India, (1997) 2 SCC 267.
13. Union Carbide Corporation v. Union of India, (1991) 4 SCC 584.
14. Vellore Citizens Welfare Forum v. Union of India, (1996) 5 SCC 647.

Suggested Readings

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2. Environmental and Energy Law by Karen Makuch and Ricardo Pereira
3. Indian Petroleum & Natural Gas Law by Anirudh Debnath
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Assessment Scheme

Components	Internal Assessment	Mid Term Exam	End Exam	Total
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Name of Program	LL.M.				
NEW CODE	Climate Action Plan and Biodiversity Laws	L	T	P	C
Owning School/Department	School of Law	2	0	0	2
Pre-requisites/Exposure	Constitutional Law and Environmental Law				

Course Summary

This course critically examines the legal regimes governing biodiversity in the context of escalating climate change. Beginning with foundational international treaties such as the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the Nagoya Protocol, and CITES, the course explores how biodiversity is framed as a legal and ethical global good. It then engages with habitat-specific protections for forests, wetlands, and marine ecosystems, integrating concepts like ecological zoning and juridical ecosystem valuation. The course further investigates climate-induced biodiversity loss and the adaptive legal tools emerging in response, including gene banking, habitat restoration, and climate-sensitive jurisprudence. Finally, it offers an in-depth study of India's Biological Diversity Act and global comparative practices, encouraging critical thinking on federalism, participatory governance, and legal innovation. Designed for students aspiring toward careers in environmental law, policy, advocacy, or academia, the course blends theory and practice to foster legally literate and ecologically conscious professionals. The course would be taught to encourage critical thinking and enable them to become better and happier professionals, enabling employability and skill development.

Course Outcomes (COs)

By the end of this course, students shall be able to:

CO1: Understand the objectives and legal frameworks of key international biodiversity treaties such as the CBD, CITES, and Nagoya Protocol.

CO2: Apply national and international biodiversity laws to assess legal protections for forests, wetlands, and marine ecosystems in climate-affected contexts.

CO3: Analyze the relationship between climate change and biodiversity.

CO4: Evaluate the effectiveness of legal responses to climate-induced biodiversity loss through case law, policy instruments, and ecological jurisprudence.

CO5: Compose legal strategies that align biodiversity governance in India with global best practices, indigenous rights, and climate resilience.

CO-PO Mapping

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	3	2	1	–	-
CO2	2	-	2	-	2
CO3	-	2	-	2	2
CO4	1	2	-	3	-
CO5	-	-	2	3	3

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Course Contents

Unit I: Climate Change Governance & Legal Framework

(6 Lectures)

- UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and Kyoto Protocol (Mandatory targets)
- Paris Agreement (NDCs), Precautionary Principle, and Intergenerational Equity
- Common but Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities (CBDR- RC)

Unit II: National Climate Action Plans

(6 Lectures)

- Strategic Dichotomy: Mitigation vs. Adaptation Jurisprudence
- India's National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC): Analysis of the 8 National Missions (Solar, Water, Green India,)
- Decentralized climate governance and local implementation

Unit III: Biodiversity: International Legal Regime

(6 Lectures)

- Philosophical foundation of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
- The Regulatory Architecture: Specialised Protocols - The Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and The Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-Sharing (ABS)
- The Modern Roadmap: Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF)

Unit IV: Domestic Biodiversity Conservation Regime

(6 Lectures)

- Integration of International Law in India with respect to The Biological Diversity Act, 2002
- The Two-Tier Institutional Architecture: Role of the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) and State Boards
- Decentralized Governance & Grassroots Documentation: Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) and Peoples' Biodiversity Registers (PBR)

Unit V: Intersection between Climate change and Biodiversity

(6 Lectures)

- REDD+ Mechanisms: Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation
- Climate Migrants and Biodiversity: Legal protection for displaced populations and habitat loss
- Nature as personhood: Legal personhood for rivers, forests, and ecosystems – Global trends and Indian judicial precedents

Bare Acts

1. Biological Diversity Act, 2002
2. Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006
3. Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017
4. Forest (Conservation) Rules (including Compensatory Afforestation Rules), revised 2022
5. EIA Notification, 2006
6. National Green Tribunal Act, 2010

International Conventions & Instruments

1. Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), 1973
2. Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), 1992
3. United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) (relevant for climate-biodiversity linkage), 1992
4. Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (under CBD), 2000
5. International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA), 2001
6. Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing (under CBD), 2010
7. Paris Agreement (climate-biodiversity interface), 2015
8. Global Biodiversity Framework (Kunming-Montreal Framework), 2022
9. Agreement on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ Treaty), 2023
10. WTO TRIPS Agreement (IPR and genetic resources), 1994
11. WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore, ongoing since the 2000s

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Assessment Scheme

Components	Internal Assessment	Mid Term Exam	End Exam	Total
Weightage (%)	25%	25%	50%	100%

Name of Program	LL.M.				
NEW CODE	Law and Policy of Sustainable Energy	L	T	P	C
Owning School/Department	School of Law	2	0	0	2
Pre-requisites/Exposure	Constitutional Law and Environmental Law				

Course Summary

This course examines the legal, institutional, and policy dimensions of sustainable energy governance in India within the broader context of global energy transition. It introduces the evolution of energy regulation from resource sovereignty to sustainability-based governance and explores the relationship between energy, environmental protection, and sustainable development. The course analyses international commitments, renewable energy laws and policies, energy conservation frameworks, and climate action strategies. It also evaluates emerging challenges such as carbon markets, energy justice, green hydrogen, ESG obligations, and dispute resolution in the renewable energy sector. Through legal and policy perspectives, students will understand India's evolving sustainable energy architecture and its role in achieving long-term climate and energy goals. The course would be taught to encourage critical thinking and enable them to become better and happier professionals and promoting employability.

Course Outcomes (COs)

By the end of this course, students shall be able to:

CO1: Explain the evolution and foundational principles of sustainable energy and its linkage with environmental and constitutional frameworks.

CO2: Analyze the institutional and regulatory framework governing renewable energy in India.

CO3: Evaluate national policies and legal frameworks relating to renewable energy technologies and emerging energy initiatives.

CO4: Examine the legal mechanisms governing energy conservation, climate action plans, and renewable energy integration strategies in India.

CO5: Assess contemporary challenges in sustainable energy transition, including energy justice, dispute resolution, carbon governance, and future legal reforms.

CO-PO Mapping

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	3	2	–	–	3
CO2	2	3	2	2	–
CO3	2	2	3	–	2
CO4	–	2	2	3	3
CO5	–	3	2	3	3

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Course Content

Unit I: Foundations of Sustainable Energy and Development.

(7 Lectures)

- Evolution from resource sovereignty to sustainability governance
- Energy as a social and economic right: Linkage with Article 21 of the Constitution of India
- International agreements affecting energy policy: United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)-especially SDG 7, Paris Agreement and climate obligations
- Global energy institutional architecture (International Energy Agency, International Renewable Energy Agency etc.)

Unit II: Renewable Energy Institutional and Regulatory Framework in India

(5 Lectures)

- Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE).
- Electricity Act, 2003 and renewable energy: Role of CERC and SERCs, Open Access etc.
- National Electricity Policy (2005) integration with Renewable energy- Renewable Purchase Obligations (RPOs), Preferential Tariff etc.
- Renewable Energy Certificates (REC) mechanism and 2022 regulations

Unit III: Renewable Energy Policy Framework in India

(6 Lectures)

- National Green Hydrogen Mission and emerging hydrogen governance frameworks
- Legal and Policy Dimensions of the National Biofuel Policy, 2018
- Solar energy policies, Wind energy policies and offshore wind initiatives, Hybrid energy systems and policies for renewable energy parks
- Policies relating to Emerging renewable technologies (ocean energy, geothermal energy, and energy storage systems)

Unit IV: Energy Conservation and National Climate Action Plans

(6 Lectures)

- Energy Efficiency and Conservation Framework in India: Energy Conservation Act, 2001 with 2022 Amendment and Energy Savings Certificates (ESCerts)
- Energy Conservation Building Code (ECBC) 2017.
- National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC), State Action Plans on Climate Change (SAPCCs), and Renewable Energy Integration Strategies in India.

Unit V: Contemporary Challenges

(6 Lectures)

- Tariffs, cross-subsidies and dispute resolution
- Just Transition and Energy Justice in Sustainable Energy Governance
- International cooperation in achieving long-term goals and role of India
- Emerging issues in energy transition: carbon markets, green hydrogen, energy storage, ESG compliance, and climate accountability

Bare Acts

1. Carbon Credit Trading Scheme (CCTS) – Framework Notification, 2023
2. Electricity Act, 2003
3. Energy Storage Systems (ESS) Policies and Guidelines

4. Long-Term Low Emission Development Strategy (LT-LEDS), 2022
5. National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC), 2008
6. National Electricity Policy (2005)
7. National Solar Mission under NAPCC, 2010
8. Saubhagya – Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana, 2017
9. State Action Plans on Climate Change (SAPCCs), various states, from 2009 onwards
10. Tariff Policy (2006)

International Conventions & Instruments

1. Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) under Kyoto Protocol, 2001
2. Glasgow Climate Pact, 2021
3. ILO Guidelines for a Just Transition to Environmentally Sustainable Economies and Societies, 2015
4. Kyoto Protocol, 1997
5. Paris Agreement, 2015, Article 6 of the Paris Agreement (market mechanisms), 2015
6. Stockholm Declaration on the Human Environment, 1972
7. UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) (energy & marine resource implications), 1982
8. United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), 1992
9. WTO Doha Declaration on Trade and Environment (energy-related trade rules), 2001

Suggested Readings

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Assessment Scheme

Components	Internal Assessment	Mid Term Exam	End Exam	Total
Weightage (%)	25%	25%	50%	100%

Name of Program	LL.M.				
NEW CODE	ESG, Civil Society and Legal Compliance Mechanism	L	T	P	C
Owning School/Department	School of Law	2	0	0	2
Pre-requisites/Exposure	Constitutional Law and Environmental Law				

Course Summary

This course, Environmental, Social, and Governance: An Overview, explores the evolving intersection of corporate responsibility, environmental law, and stakeholder accountability through the lens of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) frameworks. It critically examines regulatory trends in India, the EU, and globally, transitioning from voluntary CSR norms to enforceable ESG mandates. Students will engage with key themes such as environmental due diligence, corporate fiduciary duties, civil society's role in ESG enforcement, public consultations under EIA, and legal strategies to combat greenwashing. The course draws on both international standards (GRI, TCFD, UNPRI) and Indian legal instruments (Companies Act, SEBI BRSR, EIA regulations), highlighting how ESG compliance shapes modern corporate governance. It emphasizes critical thinking and comparative legal analysis, preparing students for roles in sustainability law, policy-making, advocacy, and compliance. By integrating themes of environmental justice, transparency, and participatory governance, the course aims to produce ethically grounded and professionally skilled graduates with enhanced employability and a deeper understanding of law's role in advancing sustainable development.

Course Outcomes (COs)

By the end of this course, students shall be able to:

CO1: Identify key ESG regulatory frameworks in India and globally, including their legal evolution from CSR.

CO2: Explain the legal mechanisms of corporate environmental accountability, due diligence, and fiduciary duties.

CO3: Analyse the role of civil society and public participation in ESG enforcement through litigation, RTI, and monitoring.

CO4: Evaluate the effectiveness of EIA processes and legal remedies in ensuring ESG transparency and procedural justice.

CO5: Design strategic legal responses to greenwashing and ESG non-compliance using disclosure laws and litigation tools.

CO-PO Mapping

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	3	2	-	-	3
CO2	2	-	2	2	-
CO3	-	2	3	-	2
CO4	-	-	2	3	3
CO5	-	3	2	3	-

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Course Contents

Unit I: Conceptual Foundations

(6 Lectures)

- The Evolution of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG)
- Theories of Corporate Governance: Analysing Shareholder Primacy (Friedman Doctrine) vs. Stakeholder Capitalism
- Fiduciary Ethics and ESG Duty

Unit II: The International Regulatory Architecture

(6 Lectures)

- The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs)
- OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises
- Environmental Governance through Private Actors

Unit III: The Law of Disclosures & Performance Metrics

(6 Lectures)

- Reporting Requirements in India: Voluntary Reporting, SEBI's Business Responsibility & Sustainability Reporting (BRSR)
- Global Reporting Framework and Standards: GRI, SASB, IIRC, CDP
- Relevance of ESG Rating

Unit IV: Enforcement, Advocacy & Strategic Litigation

(6 Lectures)

- Regulatory Democracy and Civil Society
- Legal Mobilisation and Strategic Litigation
- Transparency, Truth, and the Ethics of Exposure

Unit V: Risk Management, Due Diligence, and Enforcement

(6 Lectures)

- Environment Impact Assessment, Greenwashing and Consumer Law: Regulatory enforcement against misleading environmental claims (FTC Green Guides, SEBI, and Advertising Standards)
- ESG in Corporate Transactions: Integrating ESG into M&A due diligence, Representations and Warranties, and Indemnities
- Emerging Trends: The intersection of AI and ESG, and the legal recognition of the Rights of Nature.

Bare Acts

1. Right to Information Act, 2005
2. Companies Act, 2013
3. SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015
4. SEBI Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report (BRSR) mandate*, 2021
5. Whistle Blowers Protection Act, 2014
6. Environment (Protection) Act, 1986
7. EIA Notification, 2006
8. Draft EIA Notification, 2020
9. SEBI Act, 1992

10. Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991 (used in ESG risk disclosure contexts)

International Conventions & Instruments

1. Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters, 1998
2. UN Global Compact (10 Principles on ESG and Corporate Responsibility), 2000
3. OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, updated 2011
4. UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs), 2011
5. EU Non-Financial Reporting Directive (NFRD), 2014
6. Paris Agreement (climate disclosure relevance under ESG), 2015
7. UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), 2015
8. EU Taxonomy for Sustainable Activities, 2020
9. Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) – EU, 2022
10. Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD), ongoing since 2017
11. Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Standards, revised versions from 2016 onwards
12. Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB), launched in 2011 (merged into ISSB in 2022)

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Assessment Scheme

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INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL LAWS

Name of Program	LL.M.				
LLM____L	International Commercial Law: Principles and Global Frameworks	L	T	P	C
Owning School/Department	School of Law	2	0	0	2
Pre-requisites/Exposure	International Law, Law of Contract, Commercial Laws				

Course Summary

This course examines the philosophical foundations, scope, and interdisciplinary nature of International Commercial Law. It analyses the distinction between public, private, and transnational commercial law in the regulation of global commerce. The course explores core doctrines such as pacta sunt servanda, good faith, sovereignty, legal certainty, and risk allocation in cross-border transactions. It studies the sources of international commercial norms, including treaties, customs, soft law instruments, and lex mercatoria. The institutional framework of global economic governance is analysed through organisations such as the WTO, IMF, World Bank, UNCITRAL, UNIDROIT, and ICC. The course further evaluates emerging issues of sustainability, ethical governance, jurisdictional pluralism, and public-private interaction in international commerce.

Course Outcomes (COs)

By the end of this course, students shall be able to:

- CO1:** Define principles of international commercial law, trade, and global trade institutions.
CO2: Explain rules governing international commercial contracts, performance, and remedies.
CO3: Apply trade laws, conventions, and agreements to commercial transactions and sales.
CO4: Analyse jurisdiction, arbitration, choice-of-law, and enforcement in cross-border disputes.
CO5: Evaluate digital trade, e-commerce regulation, compliance, and global commercial disputes.

CO-PO/PSO Mapping

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	3	-	2	-	1
CO2	-	2	3	1	-
CO3	3	3	-	2	-
CO4	-	3	3	2	2
CO5	2	-	-	2	3

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Course Contents

Unit I: Philosophy of International Commercial Law

(5 Lectures)

- Concept, scope, and interdisciplinary foundations of International Commercial Law
- Public vs Private vs Transnational commercial law
- Key stakeholders in global commerce: States, MNEs, and institutional actors

UNIT II: Core Doctrines Shaping Cross-Border Commerce

(5 Lectures)

- Pacta sunt servanda, good faith, and legal certainty
- Sovereignty, regulatory autonomy, and economic interdependence
- Predictability and risk allocation in international commercial frameworks

UNIT III: Norms Beyond Borders: Sources and Transnational Ordering

(7 Lectures)

- Classical sources: treaties, customs, and general principles in commercial contexts
- Soft law, model laws, and harmonisation instruments
- Lex mercatoria and the evolution of transnational commercial norms

UNIT IV: Institutional Ecosystems of Global Economic Governance

(7 Lectures)

- Structural overview of the WTO, IMF, and World Bank in commercial regulation
- Norm-shaping bodies: UNCITRAL (United Nations Commission on International Trade Law.), UNIDROIT (International Institute for the Unification of Private Law), ICC (International Chamber of Commerce)
- Interaction between international regulatory frameworks and domestic legal systems

UNIT V: Systemic Dynamics and Emerging Paradigms

(6 Lectures)

- Public–private interplay in global commercial regulation
- Jurisdictional pluralism and multi-level governance
- Equity, sustainability, and ethical dimensions in international commerce

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Relevant Cases

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2. US – Shrimp/Turtle Case – Trade restrictions and environmental regulation.
3. Vedanta Resources Plc v. Lungowe – Corporate accountability in transnational commercial operations.
4. Argentina – Financial Services
5. Barcelona Traction
6. EC – Bananas III
7. Fothergill v. Monarch Airlines Ltd.
8. India – Solar Cells
9. Kiobel v. Royal Dutch Petroleum Co.
10. US – Shrimp/Turtle
11. Vedanta Resources Plc v. Lungowe

Assessment Scheme

Components	Internal Assessment	Mid Term Exam	End Term Exam	Total
Weightage (%)	25%	25%	50%	100%

Name of Program	LL.M.				
Course Code	WTO Law and Practice	L	T	P	C
Owning School/Department	School of Law	2	0	0	2
Pre-requisites/Exposure	International Law				

Course Summary

This course will provide students an overview of the legal context and aspects of the liberalization and the necessary regulation of international economic transactions (mainly trade, investment and monetary transactions). It is not only designed as a general introduction to the field of international economic law, but also as a foundation for further exploration as well to explore cross-cutting issues of global governance. It will start with an introduction on the main sources and actors of international economic law as well as the political and economic aspects underpinning this field. The course will then be dedicated to the study of trade disciplines (in the context of the WTO and of preferential trade agreements) and legal aspects of foreign investment. A special attention will also be devoted to adjudication mechanisms such as the WTO dispute settlement mechanism, other dispute mechanisms under free trade agreements, and investor/State dispute settlement. The course would be taught to encourage critical thinking and enable them to become better and happier professionals enabling employability and skill development.

Course Outcomes (COs)

By the end of this course, students shall be able to:

CO1: Study the advanced understanding of the legal framework of the WTO

CO2: Apply different set of principles of International Trade Law in trade-related disputes

CO3: Analyse the core concepts of dispute settlement jurisprudence through landmark cases

CO4: Interpret key agreements of WTO and related regimes on trade in Goods, Services and Intellectual Property Rights

CO5: Develop wider techniques and frameworks of WTO Dispute settlement understanding, investor–State dispute settlement, commercial arbitration

CO-PO/PSO Mapping

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	1	1	-	-	-
CO2	2	1	3	1	-
CO3	1	2	-	-	-
CO4	-	3	3	-	2
CO5	-	-	3	3	1

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Course Contents

Unit I: Multilateral Trading System

(6 Lectures)

- Evolution of the Multilateral Trading System, From Bretton Woods to the WTO: Advancement of Global Trade Governance
- Constitutional and Institutional Framework of the WTO System

- Governance Structure and Accession Mechanism of the WTO, Role of Developing and Least Developed Countries in WTO

Unit II: Trade Remedies and Fair-Trade Regulation

(6 Lectures)

- Trade Protectionism and Contemporary Challenges
- Investigation Procedures and WTO Compliance
- Material Injury and Causal Link, Zeroing Process in Anti-Dumping Agreement
- WTO Jurisprudence on Subsidy Regulation

Unit III: International Investment Law and Regional Trade Governance

(6 Lectures)

- Role of Customary International Law and Treaty Obligations
- Legitimate Expectations and Regulatory Powers of States in Investment Agreements
- Current India's, South Asian, U.K & E. U. Investment Agreements.
- South Asian Investment Agreements and Regional Cooperation

Unit IV: Digital Trade and Dispute Settlement

(6 Lectures)

- Emergence of Digital Trade in International Economic Law, Cross-Border Data Flows and Digital Services
- Artificial Intelligence and International Trade Regulation
- Contemporary Challenges in WTO Dispute Settlement, Crisis of the WTO Appellate Body, Reform Proposals for WTO Dispute Settlement

Unit V: Climate Change, Geopolitical Tensions and Social Justice Dimensions

(6 Lectures)

- Climate Change and Carbon Border Taxes, Sustainable Development and Green Trade Policies WTO Response to Global Health Crises
- Geopolitical Tensions and Trade Wars, Regionalism versus Multilateralism
- Social Justice Dimensions of Global Trade Governance, Labour Standards and Trade Regulation, Future Trends in WTO Law and Practice

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2. EC – Hormones (DS26/48): SPS, risk assessment and scientific evidence in trade-health conflicts.
3. Korea – Beef (DS161/169): National treatment, state trading and distribution channels.
4. Brazil – Tyres (DS332): Balancing environmental protection and trade obligations under Article XX.

5. US – Cotton (DS267) and EC – Sugar (DS265/266/283): Agricultural subsidies and SCM/AoA disciplines.
6. US– Gambling (DS285): GATS market access and public morals.
7. China – Rare Earths (DS431/432/433): Export restrictions, resource sovereignty and industrial policy.
8. US – Tuna II (DS381) and EC – Seal Products (DS400/401): Labelling, animal welfare and trade.

Assessment Scheme

Components	Internal Assessment	Mid Term Exam	End Term Exam	Total
Weightage (%)	25%	25%	50%	100%

Name of Program	L.L.M.				
To be Generated	International Investment Law	L	T	P	C
Owning School/Department	School of Law	2	0	0	2
Pre-requisites/Exposure	Public International Law				

Course Summary

This course provides a comprehensive overview of the fundamental principles of International Investment Law (IIL), examining the international standards for protecting foreign investments as embodied in sources such as international investment agreements (IIAs), customary international law, investment contracts, and domestic legislation. With nearly 3,000 IIAs currently in force—including bilateral investment treaties (BITs), multilateral investment treaties (MITs), and free trade agreements (FTAs) with investment chapters—the course explores their common structural features, core substantive protections (such as fair and equitable treatment, protection from expropriation, non-discrimination, and full protection and security), and the procedural framework of investor-State dispute settlement (ISDS). It critically analyses why States enter into IIAs, how key concepts like “investment,” “investor,” and substantive standards have evolved in arbitral jurisprudence, and the unique nature of ISDS, including debates around allowing privately appointed arbitrators to review sovereign conduct. The course further engages with key jurisdictional, substantive, and procedural issues in investor-State arbitration, the balance between investor rights and State regulatory powers, and contemporary developments shaping the future of the regime.

The course would be taught to encourage critical thinking and enable them to become better and happier professionals enabling employability and skill development.

Course Outcomes (COs)

By the end of this course, students shall be able to:

CO1: Explain the philosophical and normative foundations of international investment law.

CO2: Examine the normative framework and evolution of investment treaties and investor protection.

CO3: Analyse substantive principles and emerging trends in international investment law.

CO4: Evaluate the institutional and procedural dimensions of investor–State dispute settlement.

CO5: Critically assess arbitral principles, jurisprudence, and contemporary debates in international investment law.

CO-PO/PSO Mapping

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PSO1	PSO2
CO1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
CO2	2	1	3	1	-	-	2
CO3	1	2	-	-	-	1	3
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Course Contents

Unit I: Conceptual and Normative Framework

(6 Lectures)

- Nature, evolution, and sources of International Investment Law
- Interpretation of investment treaties under the Vienna Convention
- Political Risk Insurance and the role of MIGA

Unit II: The Architecture of Investment and Juridical Identity of Investors

(6 Lectures)

- Meaning and scope of “Investment” and “Investor”
- Modes of foreign investment and treaty application
- Corporate nationality and treaty structuring

Unit III: Sovereign Regulatory Authority

(6 Lectures)

- Performance requirements and investor obligations
- Expropriation: direct, indirect, and regulatory
- Balancing State regulatory powers with investor protection

Unit IV: Substantive Standards and Principles of Investment Protection

(6 Lectures)

- Fair and Equitable Treatment (FET) and Full Protection and Security (FPS)
- National Treatment, MFN Treatment, and umbrella clauses
- Emergency clauses, transfer of funds, and procedural fairness

Unit V: Adjudicatory Mechanisms, Legitimacy Debates, and the Future Trajectory

(6 Lectures)

- Jurisdiction, and Procedure of Investor–State Dispute Settlement (ISDS)
- Enforcement of Awards under the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) and the New York Convention
- Legitimacy Concerns and Reform of ISDS: United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) Working Group III
- Emerging Issues in ISDS: Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG), Sustainable Development, Third-Party Funding, and India’s Model Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT)

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Assessment Scheme

Components	Internal Assessment	Mid Term Exam	End Term Exam	Total
Weightage (%)	25%	25%	50%	100%

Name of Program	LL.M.				
LLLM---L	International Taxation Law	L	T	P	C
Owning School/Department	School of Law	2	0	0	2
Pre-requisites/Exposure	Principles of Taxation				

Course Summary

This course introduces the fundamental principles of International Taxation, including residence, source, nationality, fiscal sovereignty, and double taxation. It examines the structure and interpretation of Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements (DTAAs) and the allocation of taxing rights in cross-border transactions. The course analyses the concept of Permanent Establishment, treaty abuse, and mechanisms for relief from double taxation. It further explores transfer pricing rules, the Arm's Length Principle, profit allocation, and dispute resolution mechanisms applicable to multinational enterprises. The framework of anti-avoidance measures, including GAAR, SAAR, CFC rules, and the OECD BEPS initiatives, is critically studied. The course also evaluates taxation challenges arising from digital commerce, cross-border restructuring, WTO-related tax measures, and emerging multilateral reforms in global taxation.

Course Outcomes (COs)

By the end of this course, students shall be able to:

CO1: Explain the conceptual foundations of international taxation, including source–residence nexus and double taxation/double non-taxation.

CO2: Apply treaty interpretation principles, including VCLT-based reasoning, to resolve cross-border taxation problems.

CO3: Analyze the interaction between domestic tax rules and tax treaties in non-resident taxation, including characterization and withholding issues.

CO4: Evaluate Permanent Establishment and profit attribution questions and assess dispute-resolution options such as MAP.

CO5: Design reasoned tax positions and policy responses for transfer pricing, anti-avoidance rules, and digital economy/BEPS-era challenges.

CO-PO/PSO Mapping

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	3	-	2	-	1
CO2	-	3	3	1	-
CO3	2	2	3	-	-
CO4	-	3	3	2	2
CO5	3	-	-	2	3

1=weakly related

2= moderately related

3=strongly related

Course Contents

Unit I : Principles of International Taxation

(5 Lectures)

- Residence vs Source vs Nationality
- Fiscal sovereignty and jurisdiction to tax

- Double taxation: juridical vs economic
- Tax treaties
- Overview of international tax architecture (OECD, UN Models)

Unit II : Cross-Border Income and Double Taxation

(7 Lectures)

- Structure and interpretation of Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements (DTAA)
- Permanent Establishment (PE): concept and thresholds
- Allocation of taxing rights (business profits, passive income)
- Relief mechanisms: exemption vs credit method
- Treaty abuse and limitation of benefits (LOB clauses)

Unit III: Transfer Pricing and Multinational Enterprises

(6 Lectures)

- Arm's Length Principle and comparability analysis
- Transfer pricing methods (CUP, TNMM, Cost Plus, RPM)
- Intangibles and profit allocation in MNEs
- Documentation, compliance, and dispute resolution
- Advance Pricing Agreements (APA) and Mutual Agreement Procedure (MAP)

Unit IV: Anti-Avoidance and BEPS Framework

(5 Lectures)

- Controlled Foreign Corporation (CFC) rules
- General Anti-Avoidance Rules (GAAR) and Specific Anti-Avoidance Rules (SAAR)
- Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS): objectives and concerns
- OECD BEPS Action Plans (focus on key Actions: 1, 6, 7, 13)
- Digital economy taxation and challenges (Pillar One & Two overview)

Unit V: Sector Specific Issues in International Taxation

(7 Lectures)

- Taxation of cross-border mergers, acquisitions, and restructuring
- International tax aspects of e-commerce and digital services
- Interaction between trade law (WTO) and taxation measures
- Emerging global reforms and multilateral instruments (MLI)

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Assessment Scheme

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Name of Program	LLM				
(Course Code)	Aviation and Space Law	L	T	P	C
Owning School/Department	School of Law	2	0	0	2
Pre-requisites/Exposure	Public International Law				

Course Summary

This course examines the international and national legal frameworks governing aviation and outer space activities, with emphasis on commercialisation, regulation, safety, liability, insurance, and dispute resolution. It also explores emerging areas such as satellite communications, remote sensing, space tourism, resource utilisation, and private sector participation. The course provides students with analytical and practical understanding of aviation and space law, including contemporary challenges relating to sustainability, governance, and technological advancement. The course would be taught to encourage critical thinking and enable them to become better and happier professionals, and promoting employability.

Course Outcomes (COs)

By the end of this course, students shall be able to:

CO1: Understand the institutional framework, commercial structure, and regulatory scheme of international aviation and space law

CO2: Analyze processes of commercialisation, privatisation, and new space governance models

CO3: Evaluate liability, insurance, and contractual risk-allocation mechanisms in aviation and space activities

CO4: Evaluate the role and prospects of dispute resolution mechanisms in aviation and space commerce

CO5: Apply international legal instruments to real-world aviation and space business problems

CO-PO Mapping Table

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PSO1	PSO2
CO1	3	2	2	-	-	-	-
CO2	3	3	-	2	-	-	-
CO3	-	-	3	-	2	-	2
CO4	-	2	-	2	-	-	3
CO5	-	-	2	-	2	2	-

3 = High, 2 = Medium, 1 = Low

Course Contents

Unit I: Concept of Aviation and Space Law

(6 Lectures)

- Evolution and sources of international aviation and space law
- Sovereignty of airspace and non-appropriation of outer space
- Major international institutions and governance frameworks
- Key stakeholders and industry structure in the aviation and space sectors

Unit II: International Air Law and the Commercial Aviation Industry

(6 Lectures)

- Regulation of international civil aviation and air transport rights
- Liability regimes in international air carriage
- Aviation safety, security, and regulatory compliance

Unit III: Risk-Allocation in Aviation

(6 Lectures)

- Aircraft ownership, leasing, and financing structures
- Aviation insurance and contractual risk allocation
- Airport privatization and infrastructure development model
- Dispute resolution in aviation

Unit IV: International Space Law and Governance Framework

(6 Lectures)

- Legal status of outer space and foundational principles
- State responsibility and liability for space activities
- Registration and jurisdiction over space objects

Unit V: Commercialization of Space Activities and New Space Economy

(6 Lectures)

- Commercial satellite services, remote sensing, and telecommunications markets;
- Private launch services, spaceports, and launch contracts;
- Emerging industries: space mining, space tourism
- The New Space economy and Artemis Accord
- National regulatory regimes for private space companies (U.S., EU, and India)

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Assessment Scheme

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Weightage (%)	25%	25%	50%	100%

Name of Program	L.L.M				
NEW CODE	Law of Transnational Contracts	L	T	P	C
Owning School/Department	School of Law	2	0	0	2
Pre-requisites/Exposure	Public International Law, Private International Law, ADR, Contract Law				

Course Summary

This course offers an in-depth examination of the legal framework governing commercial transactions that cross national borders, focusing specifically on the interplay between international conventions, non-state "soft law," and the domestic legal systems of major trading nations, particularly India. The module introduces students to the Lex Mercatoria—the modern law merchant—as an established legal system with codified rules, most prominently the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts (UPICC). A critical component of the curriculum is the detailed analysis of specialized legal regimes in international carriage by air (Montreal Convention 1999) and carriage by sea (Hague-Visby Rules), alongside a comparative study of the Indian legal response to these global standards. The course culminates in an in-depth study of transnational dispute resolution, focusing on the recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards in India under the New York Convention, a crucial aspect for international commercial practice.

The course would be taught to encourage critical thinking and enable them to become better and happier professionals enabling employability.

Course Outcomes (COs)

By the end of this program, students shall be able to:

CO1: Understand and critique the hierarchy and functional relationship between binding international conventions, non-state instruments, and domestic laws in transnational contract governance.

CO2: Analyse and distinguish the policy objectives and structural differences between the International Rules and the Indian Legislation.

CO3: Evaluate the exclusive two-tiered liability framework of the Montreal Convention 1999

CO4: Synthesise comparative principles of contract performance with contemporary Indian Supreme Court jurisprudence on remedies and termination

CO5: Construct the implementation and efficacy of the New York Convention in India, and foreign arbitral award enforcement proceedings.

CO-PO Mapping

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	1	1	-	-	-
CO2	2	1	3	1	-
CO3	1	2	-	-	-
CO4	-	3	3	-	2
CO5	-	-	3	3	1

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Course Contents

UNIT I: Foundational Framework and Sources of Transnational Law

(6 Lectures)

- Evolution of the law merchant from historical customs to modern codified restatements
- Application of the UN Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods; analysis of India's position as a non-signatory and its impact on drafting.
- Judicial principles of party autonomy in India and its limitations.

UNIT II: Specialised Regime: International Carriage by Air

(6 Lectures)

- Core principles of a unified air liability regime, strict liability, and the "Fifth Jurisdiction" in the Montreal Convention 1999
- ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organisation) inflationary review and its limits
- The Indian Carriage by Air Act, 1972 and Statutory incorporation of Montreal Convention 1999

UNIT III: Specialized Regime: International Carriage by Sea

(6 Lectures)

- Comparative study of the Hague-Visby, Hamburg, and Rotterdam Rules; focus on carrier obligations and the shift toward multimodal transport.
- Critical analysis of the new Indian legislation replacing the 1925 Act; its alignment with the Hague-Visby standard and updated liability caps.
- Digitalization & Seaworthiness: Legal recognition of Electronic Bills of Lading (e-B/L) and blockchain-based documentation; expanded concepts of due diligence and seaworthiness in the 2025 Act

UNIT IV: E-Commerce and the Validity of Contracts

(6 Lectures)

- UNCITRAL Model Law on Electronic Commerce and the functional equivalence principle
- Restraints on Legal Proceedings and validity of exclusive jurisdiction clauses and foreign court selection.
- Role of the "Public Policy of India" as a shield against the application of foreign laws and the ousting of Indian jurisdiction.

UNIT V: Transnational Dispute Resolution and Enforcement

(6 Lectures)

- International Commercial Arbitration (ICA and the role of the New York Convention.
- The Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 procedure for enforcing foreign awards
- Enforcement of foreign court decrees under the Code of Civil Procedure; the significance of "reciprocating territories" and grounds for non-recognition.

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