

**Chanakya National Law University, Patna**  
**B.A., LL.B. (H) & B.B.A., LL.B. (H) 2022-23; SEMESTER- I**

**Course Title: Legal language & communication skill**

**Course Overview**

The curriculum is designed to focus on the enhancement of learner's thoughts, ideas and vision for practical application in their professional life. Apart from developing legal language of learners, this paper with the help of communication skills further aims to develop and enrich critical, expressive and analytical skills among the learners.

**Learning Outcomes**

The course aims to familiarize students of law with basic lexicons of law that are often employed by legal professionals to discharge their duties. Acquaintance of learners with common parlance of law would enable them to have a better understanding of law subjects. On completion of the course, students will be able to have better understanding, and analytical skills. Through this course curriculum their expressive and presentation skill too would be greatly improved.

**List of Topics/ Modules**

<b>Topic/ Module</b>	<b>Contents/ Concepts</b>	<b>Sessions / Lectures (Tentative Classes)</b>
<b>Module I: salient features of legal English</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Traits/ Characteristics of Legal English</li></ul>	3
<b>Module II: English language and Legal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• English as Language of court</li></ul>	4

<b>provisions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Constitutional provisions.</li> <li>• .Linguistic diversity</li> <li>• .classical languages of India</li> <li>• .Second official language</li> <li>• Landmark case laws based on language issues</li> </ul>	
<b>Module III: Legal Maxims</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Features of Legal maxims</li> <li>• Indispensability of legal maxims</li> <li>• Legal maxims pertaining to natural justice</li> <li>• Important legal maxims</li> <li>• Land mark case laws where maxims have been used</li> </ul>	5
<b>Module IV: Legal lexicons/Legal Phraseology</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uncle judge syndrome</li> <li>• Cab rank rule in Advocacy</li> <li>• Pro bono publico</li> <li>• Doli incapax</li> <li>• Writ Mechanism</li> <li>• Useful and commonly used legal terms</li> </ul>	7
<b>Module V: Martin Luther King Junior speech- I have a dream</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analysis of I have a dream speech</li> </ul> <p>Jim Crow Laws</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case law of Plessey v. Ferguson (1896)</li> </ul> <p>Case Law of Brown v. Board of Education (1954)</p>	3
<b>Module VI: The Great Debate: Edmund Burke, Thomas Paine, and Birth of Right and Left</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Edmund Burke's impeachment speech against warren Hastings</li> <li>• Burke as an evolutionary force</li> <li>• Thomas Paine as a revolutionary force</li> </ul>	3
<b>Module VII: Norman Conquest</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Linguistic Chauvinism</li> <li>• Norman conquest and its impact on English Language</li> <li>• Contributions made by Normans for development of English</li> </ul>	3

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statute of Pleading</li> </ul>	
<b>Module VIII:</b> legal Writings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tools of legal drafting</li> <li>• problem of Drafting</li> <li>• Judgment writing</li> <li>• Affidavit Writing</li> <li>• Legal Notice writing</li> </ul>	7
<b>Module ix</b> <b>Communicative Skills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speech and its types</b></li> <li>• <b>Pros and cons of different types of speeches</b></li> <li>• <b>Paralinguistic features</b></li> <li>• <b>Verbal &amp; non verbal communication skills</b></li> </ul>	5
<b>Module –x</b> <b>Compositional practices</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Paragraph writing with its types features and applicability in judgment writing</b></li> <li>• <b>Precis writing</b></li> <li>• <b>Various Punctuation marks and its applications</b></li> <li>• <b>Essays on Socio legal issues</b></li> </ul>	5
<b>Module-xi</b> <b>On Balance- by Justice Leila Seth</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>As an autobiography</b></li> <li>• <b>Language and style</b></li> </ul>	5

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**Recommended/Reference Text Books and Resources:****Text Books:**

- 1- Complete Plain words- Sir Earnest Gower-(Penguin Pub.)
- 2-Overseas Students Companion to English Studies (Longman)
- 3- The Indian Constitution Cornerstone of a Nation- Granville Austin (Oxford Paperback)
- 4-Developing Communication Skills-Krishna Mohan & Meera Banerji(Macmillan Pub.)
- 5-The Story of Language-C.L Barber (Pan Books LTD. London)
- 6-Professional English in use-law-Gillian D.Brown & Sally Rice (Cambridge Pub.)
- 7-Golden Rules of Advocacy-(Keith Evans)
- 8-Outlines of legal Language in India-Dr.AnirudhPrasad(Central Law Publications)

**References:**

- 1-Black's law Dictionary 9<sup>th</sup> Edition
- 2- Learning the law by Glanville Williams
- 3--Hundred Maxims-Rupin Pahwa(Universal Law Publishing)
- 4-- Lexpedia-The Law students' Companion Guide- Showick Thorpe
- 5- Fowler`s Modern English Usage (Oxford pub.)
- 6- The Concise Usage & Abusage A modern Guide to Good English (Hamish Hamilton & Penguin)

**Web Resources:**

<https://lawcommissionofindia.nic.in/reports/report216.pdf>

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