

CHANAKYA NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, PATNA
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COURSE TITLE: LEGAL METHOD & RESEARCH METHODOLOGY
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COURSE OVERVIEW

The curriculum is designed to focus on the basic introduction to law with jurisprudential approach on one hand and on another it also focuses on the research part which is equally very important for the students to get prepared themselves for different aspects of law through many modes. Overall, the present curriculum will entirely be beneficial in understanding and remembering the relationship between the Legal Method & Research Methodology.

Module one deals with **INTRODUCTION TO LAW**

Module two focuses on **LAW IS LIMITATION IN CONTEXT OF INDIAN CONSTITUTION**

Module three deals with **SOCIAL ORDER AND LAW**

Module four covers **CUSTOM**

Module five deals with **PRECEDENT**

Module six deals with **LOK ADALAT**

Module seven covers **LEGAL AID**

Module eight focuses on **LEGAL RESEARCH (NATURE & SCOPE)**

Module nine deals with **FOUNDATIONS OF RESEARCH**

Module ten covers **PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION & FORMULATION**

Module eleven deals with **RESEARCH DESIGN**

Module twelve deals with **QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE RESEARCH**

Module thirteen covers **MEASUREMENT**

Module fourteen deals with **SAMPLING**

Module fifteen deals with **DATA ANALYSIS**

Module sixteen deals with **INTERPRETATION OF DATA AND PAPER WRITING**

Module seventeen deals with **POWER POINT PRESENTATIONS-USE OF TOOLS**

LIST OF TOPICS/ MODULES

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MODULE II: LAW IS LIMITATION IN CONTEXT OF INDIAN CONSTITUTION	a. Freedom of Speech & Expression	6-8
MODULE III: SOCIAL ORDER AND LAW	a. Definition b. Relationship c. Principle of Extensiveness d. Common Law & Civil Law e. Law as an Instrument of Social Order.	9-14
MODULE IV: CUSTOM	a. Definition b. Types c. Habit, Custom & Convention (Differences) d. Relationship of Custom & Law.	15-22
MODULE V: PRECEDENT	a. Definition b. Indian Approach (Article 141) c. Types d. Circumstances under which “Precedent” not considered as “Precedent”.	23-31
MODULE VI: LOK ADALAT	a. History b. Jurisdiction c. Organization d. Powers e. Legal Services Authority Act, 1987 f. Permanent Lok Adalat.	32-38
MODULE VII: LEGAL AID	a. Article 39 A (Indian Constitution) b. Statutory Laws (Section 304, Crpc) c. Important Judgments of Courts d. Duties of Aided Person e. Right to Free Legal Aid.	39-42

MODULE VIII: LEGAL RESEARCH METHODOLOGY	(NATURE & SCOPE) Meaning, Objectives, Motivation, Utility.	43
MODULE IX : FOUNDATIONS OF RESEARCH	Concept of theory, empiricism, deductive and inductive theory. Characteristics of scientific method – Understanding the language of research – Concept, Construct, Definition, Variable. Research Process	44-47
MODULE X : PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION & FORMULATION	Research Question – Investigation Question – Measurement Issues – Hypothesis – Qualities of a good Hypothesis –Null Hypothesis & Alternative Hypothesis. Hypothesis Testing – Logic & Importance	48-51
MODULE XI : RESEARCH DESIGN	Concept and Importance in Research – Features of a good research design – Exploratory Research Design – concept, types and uses, Descriptive Research Designs – concept, types and uses. Experimental Design: Concept of Independent & Dependent variables.	52-55
MODULE XII : QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE RESEARCH	Qualitative research – Quantitative research – Concept of measurement, causality, generalization, replication. Merging the two approaches.	56
MODULE XIII : MEASUREMENT	Concept of measurement– what is measured? Problems in measurement in research – Validity and Reliability. Levels of measurement – Nominal, Ordinal, Interval, Ratio.	57-59
MODULE XIV: SAMPLING	Concepts of Statistical Population, Sample, Sampling Frame, Sampling Error, Sample Size, Non-	60-62

	Response. Characteristics of a good sample. Probability Sample – Simple Random Sample, Systematic Sample, Stratified Random Sample & Multi-stage sampling. Determining size of the sample – Practical considerations in sampling and sample size	
MODULE XV: DATA ANALYSIS	Data Preparation – Univariate analysis (frequency tables, bar charts, pie charts, percentages), Bivariate analysis – Cross tabulations and Chi-square test including testing hypothesis of association.	61-62
MODULE XVI: INTERPRETATION OF DATA AND PAPER WRITING	Layout of a Research Paper, Journals in Computer Science, Impact factor of Journals, When and where to publish ? Ethical issues related to publishing, Plagiarism and Self-Plagiarism.	63
Module XVII : POWER POINT PRESENTATIONS-USE OF TOOLS	a. Preparation of Project Report b. Case Law Search on Manupatra, SCC Online, West Law, Lexisnexis etc. c. Use of Encyclopedias, Research Guides, Handbook etc., Academic Databases for Computer Science Discipline	Combined Class 64

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