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**LL.B.
SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSE
Draft Syllabus- Semester I**



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SARVAJANIK UNIVERSITY				
Program		LL.B.		
Semester		1		
Subject		Legal Vocabulary, Phrases and Latin Maxims		
Course Type		Skill Enhancement Course		
Course Code		BLLB24101	Total Credit	2
Teaching Hours		Examination Marking Scheme		
Theory (Hrs)	Practical/ Lib./Lab./Tut. (Hrs)	Internal/ CCE (Marks)	External/ SEE (Marks)	Total
2	0	25	25	50

Object: The aim of this course is to improve students' ability to read and understand law journals articles, legal texts judgments, statutes and legal documents containing Latin expressions. Further, the object of this paper is to familiarise students with commonly used legal vocabulary and expressions.

Course Outcome

At the end of the course, the student will be able to:

CO1: Develop an understanding of law and consolidate legal language skills

CO2: Produce organized and coherent communications and essays with clear paragraphs and appropriate methods for introducing and concluding.

CO3: Write using specialized legal vocabulary with few usage errors.

Syllabus

Module 01. Introduction to Legal Language

- 1.1 Nature and importance of legal language
- 1.2 Evolution and characteristics of legal language
- 1.3 Defects in writing legal language
- 1.4 Hints for effective legal writing

Module 02. Legal Vocabulary

- 2.1 Common legal words and their meanings (e.g., affidavit, injunction, tort, estoppel)
- 2.2 Important parliamentary terms
- 2.3 Legal abbreviations

Module 03. Legal Phrases and Expressions

- Ad hoc - Established for a particular purpose.
- Ad valorem - According to value.
- Amicus curiae - An impartial advisor.
- Bona vacantia - Ownerless property.
- Compos mentis - of sound mind.
- De facto - In actual fact.
- De jure - In law, By legal right.

Ex parte - One side only.
 Fauxpas - Blunder.
 In limine - At the outset.
 In memorium - In memory of.
 In personam - Personally.
 Inter alia - Among other things.
 Inter se - Among themselves.
 Lis pendens - During the pendency in any court.
 Locus standi - Right to speak or intervene in a matter.
 Mala fide - In bad faith.
 Mens rea - Criminal intention or guilty mind.
 Modus operandi - Mode or Method of working.
 Nudum pactum - A bare promise.
 Onus probandi - The burden of proof.
 Par excellence - Without comparison.
 Prima facie - At first sight.
 Ratio decidendi - The reasons for decisions.
 Sine die - To a date not at the moment fixed.
 Sub judice - Under judicial consideration.
 Suo moto - By itself.
 Ultra vires - Beyond powers.
 Vox populi - The voice of people.

Module 04. Legal Maxims

Actus curiae neminem gravabit - An act of the court shall prejudice no one.
 Actus non facit reum, nisi mens sit rea - An act does not make a person guilty unless the mind is guilty.
 Audi alteram partem - Let the other side be heard as well.
 Delegatus non potest delegare - A delegate cannot delegate.
 Ex nudopactio non oritur actio - No action arises from a contract without consideration.
 Expressio unius est exclusio alterius - Express mention of one thing excludes all others.
 Ignorantia facti excusat, ignorantia juris non excusat - Ignorance of facts excuses but ignorance of law excuses no one.
 Nemo dat quod non habet - No one gives what he does not have.
 Noscitur a sociis - The meaning of a doubtful word can be derived from its association with other words.
 Qui facit per alium facit per se - He who acts through another does the act himself.
 Respondeat superior - Let the master answer.

Suggested Readings:

1. Gandhi, B. M. Legal Language, Legal Writing and General English. Eastern Book Company.
2. Yadugiri, M. A. and Geeta Bhaskar. English for Law, New Delhi: Foundation Books
3. Gupta, Shweta. General English & Legal Language, Allahabad: CLP

SARVAJANIK UNIVERSITY				
Program		LL.B.		
Semester		2		
Subject		Legal Research Skills: Journals, Law Reports and Digital Tools		
Course Type		Skill Enhancement Course		
Course Code		BLLB24201	Total Credit	2
Teaching Hours		Examination Marking Scheme		
Theory (Hrs)	Practical/ Lib./Lab./Tut. (Hrs)	Internal/ CCE (Marks)	External/ SEE (Marks)	Total
2	0	25	25	50

Object: The object of the course is to familiarize students with the structure, content, and importance of law journals and law reports in legal research. This course will introduce legal databases and software tools used in contemporary legal practice and academics. In order to enhance students' abilities to conduct efficient legal research using traditional and digital resources. Further, this course aims to develop skills for critical reading, citation, and legal writing based on primary and secondary legal materials.

Course Outcome

At the end of the course, the student will be able to:

CO1: Identify and differentiate between primary and secondary legal sources.

CO2: Use law journals and reports effectively for legal analysis.

CO3: Conduct legal research using popular Indian and international legal software tools.

CO4: Understand and apply proper citation methods using law reports and journal articles.

CO5: Access, analyse and present legal information professionally.

Syllabus

Module 01. Introduction to Legal Research and Sources of Law

1.1 Meaning and objectives of legal research

1.2 Primary and secondary sources: distinction and relevance

1.3 Types of legal literature: case law, statutes, rules, commentaries, journals

1.4 Evolution of legal reporting in India

Module 02. Understanding Law Reports

2.1 Structure and components of a law report

2.2 Citation format: AIR, SCC, SCR, All ER, etc.

2.3 How to trace ratio decidendi, obiter dicta, and headnotes

2.4 Doctrinal research using law reports

Module 03. Law Journals and Periodicals

- 3.1 Importance of legal journals in doctrinal and policy research
- 3.2 Types: academic journals, bar journals, and subject-specific journals
- 3.3 Review of major Indian and international law journals (e.g., JILI, NUJS Law Review, Harvard Law Review)
- 3.4 Writing and referencing from journal articles

Module 04. Legal Databases and Research Tools

- 4.1 Introduction to legal software:**Indian Platforms:** SCC Online, Manupatra, Indian Kanoon and **International Platforms:** Westlaw, LexisNexis, JSTOR
- 4.2 Boolean search techniques, filters, citation locators
- 4.3 Case search, statute search, and keyword research
- 4.4 Research productivity and source validation

Module 05. Practical Skills and Research Exercises

- 5.1 How to locate a case using citations and party names
- 5.2 Extracting precedents and statutory references from reports
- 5.3 Journal article analysis and case comment preparation
- 5.4 Research projects using software tools
- 5.5 Exercises on legal referencing using Bluebook/OSCOLA citation styles

Suggested Readings:

- 1. Tewari, O. P. (2021). Legal Research Methodology. Allahabad Law Agency.
- 2. Verma, S. K., & Wani, M. A. (2001). Legal Research and Methodology. Indian Law Institute.
- 3. Garner, B. A. (Ed.). (2011). The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation (20th ed.). Harvard Law Review Association.
- 4. Singh, R. (2016). Legal Research Methodology. LexisNexis.
- 5. Myneni, S. R. (2015). Legal Research Methodology. Asia Law House.

Recommended Legal Software & Platforms:

- 1. SCC Online – Indian Supreme Court and High Court judgments, statutes, articles
- 2. Manupatra – Comprehensive database with legal updates and alerts
- 3. Indian Kanoon – Free tool for Indian case law and statutes
- 4. HeinOnline – International journals, historical legal statutes
- 5. LexisNexis & Westlaw – Global case law, commentaries, and legal research tools
- 6. JSTOR – Academic journal repository for interdisciplinary legal scholarship

SARVAJANIK UNIVERSITY				
Program		LL.B.		
Semester		3		
Subject		Legal Principles Through Case Study		
Course Type		Skill Enhancement Course		
Course Code		BLLB24301	Total Credit	2
Teaching Hours		Examination Marking Scheme		
Theory (Hrs)	Practical /Lib./Lab./Tut. (Hrs)	Internal/ CCE (Marks)	External/ SEE (Marks)	Total
2	-	25	25	50

Object:

The main object of this course is to appraise the law students from various legal principles established by the apex court and /or foreign courts to develop the learning, understanding and writing skills. By reading the judgement taking into consideration the legal principles laid down in the judgement, the law students are expected to develop their skills of legal reasoning and applying the legal principles in practice and procedure.

Course outcome:

CO1: Understand basic legal principles through important case laws.

CO2: Identify key issues and decisions in landmark judgments.

CO3: Apply legal principles to simple practical situations.

CO4: Improve legal thinking and writing skills through case study.

Course Content

1. Principle of Pro Bono Publico

Case: Bandhua Mukti Morcha v. Union of India (AIR 1984 SC 802)

2. Rule of Prospective Overruling

Case: Golak Nath v. State of Punjab (AIR 1967 SC 1642)

3. Basic Structure Theory

Case: Kesavananda Bharati v. State of Kerala (AIR 1973 SC 1461)

4. Maintenance to Muslim Divorced Women & Triple Talaq

Cases:

Mohd. Ahmed Khan v. Shah Bano Begum (AIR 1985 SC 945)

Danial Latifi Case (2002)

Recent judicial approach on Triple Talaq

5. Uniform Civil Code

Case: Sarla Mudgal v. Union of India (AIR 1995 SC 153)

6. Prevention of Sexual Harassment at Workplace

Case: Vishaka v. State of Rajasthan (AIR 1997 SC 3011)

7. Principle of Absolute Liability

Case: M.C. Mehta (Oleum Gas Leak Case)

8. Medical Negligence

Case: Jacob Mathew v. State of Punjab (AIR 2005 SC 3180)

9. Vicarious Liability

Case: State of Rajasthan v. Vidhyawati (AIR 1963 SC 1295)

Environmental Law Principles

10. Polluter Pays Principle & Public Trust Doctrine

Cases:

M.C. Mehta v. Kamal Nath

M.C. Mehta v. Union of India

Council for Enviro Legal Action v. Union of India

11. Sustainable Development & Precautionary Principle

Case: Vellore Citizens Welfare Forum v. Union of India

Company Law Principles

12. Doctrine of Ultra Vires

Case: Ashbury Railway Co. v. Riche

13. Doctrine of Indoor Management

Case: Royal British Bank v. Turquand

14. Lifting of Corporate Veil

Case: Salomon v. Salomon

15. Majority Rule

Case: Foss v. Harbottle

Law of Torts

16. Contributory Negligence

Case: Donoghue v. Stevenson

17. Res Ipsa Loquitur

Cases:

Byrne v. Boadle

Gulli v. Swan

18. Remoteness of Damages

Cases:

Scott v. Shepherd

Wagon Mound Case

Criminal Law & Constitutional Principles

19. Death Sentence – Rarest of Rare Doctrine

Case: Bachchan Singh v. State of Punjab

20. Minor's Contract (Void ab initio)

Case: Mohri Bibee v. Dharmdas Ghosh

21. Due Process under Article 21

Case: Maneka Gandhi v. Union of India

22. Right to Strike vs Collective Bargaining

Case: Dharm Dutt v. Union of India

23. Compulsory Retirement Principles

Case: State of Gujarat v. Umedbhai Patel

24. Outraging Modesty of Woman

Case: Rupan Deol Bajaj v. K.P.S. Gill

25. Quashing of FIR (Section 482 CrPC)

Case: State of Haryana v. Bhajan Lal

Note

The case laws and legal principles included in this syllabus are subject to revision and will be updated from time to time in accordance with recent judicial developments.

Suggested Reading

Pawha Rupin, Key Legal Principles, 2nd Edition, Universal LexisNexis (2024)

Law Journals

Legal Software

SARVAJANIK UNIVERSITY				
Program		LL.B.		
Semester		4		
Subject		Fundamentals of AI		
Course Type		Skill Enhancement Course		
Course Code		SU0411301	Total Credit	2
Teaching Hours		Examination Marking Scheme		
Theory (Hrs)	Practical /Lib./Lab./Tut. (Hrs)	Internal/ CCE (Marks)	External/ SEE (Marks)	Total
2	-	25	25	50

Object:

This course is designed to provide an overview of the core principles of artificial intelligence (AI) to learners from diverse academic discipline. Participants will gain a comprehensive understanding of AI technologies, their impact, and their diverse applications across different industries. Through practical examples and real-world case studies, the course will foster a deeper understanding and encourage creative problem-solving.

Course outcome:

At the end of the course, the student will be able to:

CO1: Understand the fundamental concept and scope of Artificial Intelligence.

CO2: Identify key sub-areas to solve complex problems in real-life domains.

CO3: Demonstrate the critical role of data and efficient models in AI applications.

CO4: Identify the practical applications of AI in real-time domains.

CO5: Analyse the ethical, social, and economic implication of AI.

CO6: Demonstrate modern use cases and mini project using AI tools and techniques.

Module 01: Introduction To Artificial Intelligence

Definition of Artificial Intelligence (AI), History and evolution of AI, Types of AI: Narrow vs. General AI, The Turing test, AI vs. Machine Learning vs. Deep Learning, AI vs. Data Science, AI agents and structure of Agents.

Module 02: Key Concepts of AI

- Conceptual overview of data, algorithm and model; introduction to machine learning, Classification of machine learning techniques: supervised, unsupervised, and reinforcement learning.

- Introduction to Artificial Neural Network (ANN) – layers of ANN, weights, activation function, Artificial Neural Network vs Biological Neural Network and analogy between them, Deep Neural Network and Computer Vision.
- Introduction to Natural Language Processing (NLP), Application of NLP (Chatbots, language translation)

Module 03: AI Workflow

Importance of data in AI, Data collection (public data repository – Kaggle and Github), Data pre-processing (Handling missing values, Scaling and normalization), Fundamentals of model building (training-validation-testing).

Module 04: Practical Application Areas of AI

- AI in Healthcare: Medical imaging and diagnosis, Robot-assisted surgery, Drug discovery
- AI in Finance: Fraud detection, Algorithmic trading, Risk assessment
- AI in Transportation: Autonomous vehicles, Traffic optimization
- AI in Education: Personalized learning, Intelligent tutoring systems
- AI in Agriculture: Anomaly detection in crops, Monitoring the field using AI enabled drones.
- AI in Gaming/Entertainment: Movie recommendation system, Script writing and content creation, Designing games like Tic-tac-toe
- AI in Cyber Security: Threat detection, digital steganography
- AI in Textile: Faults detection in a fabric
- AI in Manufacturing: Process optimization, Robotics and automation, Supply chain optimization.
- AI in Natural Language Processing: Chatbot, Text to Audio conversion, Video Summarization.

Recommended to cover each application area in maximum 30 minutes including a use case of applications mentioned.

Module 05: Ethical and Social Implication of AI

Ethical guidelines and responsible AI practices, Bias and fairness in AI systems, Privacy and data protection concerns, Impact of AI on employment and the workforce, AI and social inequality.

Module 06: Modern Trends in AI

Introduction to Generative AI and its application, overview of prompt engineering, Demonstration of No-Code AI tool, mini project for applications such as classification or predictive analysis or clustering using No-Code or any other suitable AI tool.

Suggested Reading:

1. Artificial intelligence: A Modern Approach, Stuart Russel, Peter Norvig, Pearson Education Services Pvt. Ltd. ISBN 9356063575, 2022, 4th Edition.
2. Artificial Intelligence For Dummies, John Paul Mueller, Luca Massaron, Stephanie Diamond, Wiley Publications, ISBN 1394270712, 2024, 3rd Edition.
3. Artificial Intelligence: A Guide to Intelligent Systems, Michael Negnevitsky, Addison-wesley, ISBN 1408225743, 2011, 3rd Edition.
4. Artificial Intelligence: A Guide for Thinking Humans, Mitchell Melanie, NewYork:Picador, 2020, 1st Edition.