



Anand Law College
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Name of the Course: B.A LL.B.	Type of Course: 5 Years Integrated
Year : 1 st Year	Semester : 1 st Semester
Subject Code : ALCUG1EBA01	Subject: Constitutional History of India
W.E.F: 2025-26	Teaching Hours: 72

Teaching & Examination Scheme:

Credit	Lect	Lab	Tut	Internal Marks			External Marks		Passing Marks	Passing Marks	Total Marks
				T	P	CE	T	P	Internal	External	
4	4	-	-	20	-	20	60	-	16/40	24/60	40/100

Lec= Lecture, Lab= Lab, Tut= Tutorial, T- Theory, P= Practical Theory & Practical Passing%:40

Course Objectives		Bloom's Taxonomy Level
1.	Understand the Evolution – Trace the development of constitutional ideas in India from ancient times to the modern era.	02 Understand
2.	Analyze Colonial Influence – Examine the impact of British rule on India's constitutional development, including key acts and reforms.	04 Analyze
3.	Study Constitutional Movements – Explore the role of nationalist movements in shaping constitutional demands and reforms.	01 Remember
4.	Evaluate Key Constitutional Documents – Analyze significant constitutional documents such as the Government of India Acts and the Indian Independence Act of 1947.	05 Evaluate
5.	Understand the Making of the Indian Constitution – Examine the Constituent Assembly debates, key framers, and the ideological foundations of the Indian Constitution.	02 Understand
6.	Develop Critical Thinking – Encourage analytical skills to compare India's constitutional evolution with other nations and contemporary legal issues.	03 Apply



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Course Outcome (CO):

Upon completion of the course, student shall be able to:

CO 1	Explain the Historical Evolution – Demonstrate an understanding of the constitutional development of India from ancient times to the present.
CO 2	Analyze Colonial Legal Frameworks – Assess the impact of British rule on India's legal and constitutional structures.
CO 3	Evaluate Constitutional Movements – Assess the impact of nationalist movements in shaping constitutional demands and reforms, understanding their influence on the evolution of India's legal and political framework.
CO 4	Interpret Key Constitutional Documents – Critically examine major constitutional documents, including the Government of India Acts, and the Indian Independence Act of 1947.
CO 5	Analyze the Making of the Indian Constitution – Critically examine the Constituent Assembly debates, contributions of key framers, and the ideological foundations that shaped the Indian Constitution, understanding their relevance in contemporary governance and legal frameworks.
CO 6	Develop Critical Thinking in Constitutional Analysis – Enhance analytical skills to compare India's constitutional evolution with that of other nations, critically evaluating contemporary legal and governance issues in a global context.

DETAILED SYLLABUS

Unit	Description	Credits / Hours
1	Introduction to Constitutional Development	(4) 18 Hours
1.1	Meaning, Nature, and Importance of Constitutional History	
1.2	Sources of Indian Constitution	
1.3	Comparative study of Indian constitution with England, USA and Ireland constitution	
1.4	Evolution of Constitutionalism in India	
	Practical Approach: a. Visit to Parliament b. Youth Parliament	
2	Early Constitutional Developments (1600–1857)	(4) 18 Hours
2.1	The Role of the British East India Company	
2.2	Regulating Act of 1773	



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2.3	Pitt's India Act of 1784	
2.4	Charter Acts (1793, 1813)	
2.5	Charter Acts (1833, 1853)	
	Practical Approach: a. Screening of Constitutional history b. Group discussion	
3	The Crown Rule and Reform Acts (1858–1919)	(4) 18 Hours
3.1	Government of India Act, 1858 (End of Company Rule)	
3.2	Indian Councils Acts (1861, 1892)	
3.3	Morley-Minto Reforms (1909)	
3.4	Montagu-Chelmsford Reforms (1919) and Dyarchy System	
	Practical Approach: a. Screening of Constitutional history b. Group discussion	
4	Constitutional Developments (1935–1947)	(4) 18 Hours
4.1	Government of India Act, 1935 (Provincial Autonomy, Federalism)	
4.2	Cripps Mission (1942) and Cabinet Mission Plan (1946)	
4.3	Indian Independence Act, 1947	
	Practical Approach: a. Visit to Parliament b. Screening of Constitutional history	

Suggested References:	
Sr. No.	References
Books	
1.	India polity by M. Laxmikant
2.	A Constitutional History of India 1600-1935 by Berriedale Keith
3.	Evolution of the Constitutional History of India, 1773-1947 by Vibhuti Bhushan Mishra
4.	Indian Legal & Constitution History by J.K.Mittal
5.	Legal & Constitutional History of India by Justice M Rama Jois
6.	Constitutional History of India by N Jayapalan



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