



Anand Law College
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SRKSM Campus, Near Electric Grid, Anand, Gujarat
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NAAC Accredited, 'B++' Grade, CGPA 2.97 - 1st Cycle



Name of Programme: LLM (Corporate and Commercial Law)
Year: 1 year course
Course Code: ALCPG1CCCL1
Course Name: Corporate and Commercial Law
Course Type: Choice Based Credit System (CBCS)
Year of Implementation: 2025-26

FIRST SEMESTER (w.e.f. 2025-26)

GROUP: Corporate and Commercial Law

SEMESTER: FIRST

PAPER: 1 LEGAL RESEARCH METHODS AND LEGAL WRITING

OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE:

The objectives of this foundational course are to create in the student an understanding of the nature, purpose and methods of doing legal research as is required by creation and advancement knowledge in law with theoretical and functional perspective for its utilization by various stakeholders. By this course the students are expected to come out to prove themselves as contributors to legal literature through ability of methodical investigation of law-oriented problems and suggesting viable solutions to them.

Course Outcome (CO):

Upon completion of the course, student shall be able to

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

- To develop legal research skills & legal reasoning and apply it during programme & in Legal practice.
- Recognise primary and secondary sources of legal research material.
- Use and apply secondary sources, case law and legislation using both paper based and online resources to a research problem.
- Develop correct research strategies to critically evaluate the relevance, quality, authority and currency of the research materials.
- Demonstrate good legal writing skills, including an understanding of the use and preparation of legal research material in legal writing and the correct methods of legal referencing.



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Teaching & Examination Scheme:

Credit	Lec	Lab	Tut	Internal Marks			External Marks		Passing Marks	Passing Marks	Total Marks
				T	P	CE	T	P	Internal	External	
4	4	-	-	30	-	10	60	-	16/40	24/60	40/100

1. ALCPG1CCCL1: Legal Research Methods and Legal Writing

MODULE 1	RESEARCH:	Weightage
	1.1 What is Research? Meaning and Objectives; 1.2 Research methods vis-a-vis Research Methodology; 1.3 Legal Research - Meaning, scope and purpose. Relation between Law and Society; 1.4 Types/kinds: Doctrinal and Non-Doctrinal (empirical); Applied, Fundamental; 1.5 Library Research, Field Research, Analytical, Descriptive, Conceptual; 1.6 Participatory and Non-Participatory; 1.7 Comparative, Historical, Statistical, Critical, Socio-Legal; 1.8 Mono disciplinary and Trans Disciplinary; 1.9 Quasi-Disciplinary, Inter-Disciplinary (multidisciplinary) Research; 1.10 Quantitative and Qualitative, One Time and Longitudinal, Clinical or Diagnostic Research; 1.11 Research for Legal Reform;	25%
MODULE 2	RESEARCH METHODS AND RESEARCH METHODOLOGY:	
	2.1 Definition, Meaning, Significance; 2.2 Qualities of a Good Researcher; 2.3 Criteria for a Good Research; 2.4 Obstacles to Good Research in India; 2.5 Research Design; 2.6 Various Steps in Research: Research Process; Research Problem: Identification and Formulation; Hypothesis Formulation in in Project/Dissertation/Thesis etc.	25%
MODULE 3	TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES FOR COLLECTION OF DATA:	
	3.1 Primary and Secondary Sources, Literature Review, Observation Method, Questionnaire, Interview, Case Study, Sampling,	25%



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	Jurimetrics, Searching for a relevant case/ relevant other data etc. on Internet; 3.2 Analysis and Interpretation of Data: Use of Deductive and Inductive Methods in Research; 3.3 Preparation of Research Report and Writing of Research Report; 3.4 Budgeting of Research; 3.5 Ethical and Legal Issues: Plagiarism and Copyright Violation; 3.6 Paraphrasing: Good or Bad for legal research?	
MODULE 4	LEGAL WRITING:	
	4.1 Framing of Write Up: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Framing Research Questions, Title, Identifying Relevant Areas of Law, Identifying Literature and Case Laws, Analysis, Discussion, Recommendations and Conclusion;• Sources of Authority;• Issues and challenges faced by researchers in completing entire research. 4.2 Exercises on kinds of Legal Writing: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Informative, Persuasive;➤ Writing for Individual Purposes;➤ Writing for Academic Purpose;➤ Writing for Court Purposes: Briefs, Complaints etc.;➤ Writing for Publication: reviews, articles, books etc.;➤ Judicial Writing;➤ Blue Book Citation, Reference and Footnoting;➤ Editing and Proof Reading;➤ Exercises based on How to write a good article, Case comment etc.,➤ Drafting good Synopsis for Project, Dissertation/PhD Thesis etc.	25%

SUGGESTED READINGS:

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- C.R. Kothari, Research Methodology: Methods and Techniques (New Delhi: Wiley Eastern Ltd., 1985).
- Dennis P. Forcese and Stephen Richer (ed.), Stages of Social Research – Contemporary Perspectives (New Jersey: Prentice Hall Inc., Englewood Cliffs, 1970).
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