



UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

Discipline	POLITICAL SCIENCE				
Course Code	UK3VACPOS200				
Course Title	Our Laws, Our Rights				
Type of Course	VAC				
Semester	3				
Academic Level	200-299				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	3	3 hours	-	-	3
Pre-requisites	1. 2.				
Course Summary	This course aims to familiarize students with the foundational principles of law and rights. It enables students to apply laws in their daily lives and also helps them acquire practical knowledge about how rights function.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Introduction to Laws and Rights		9
	1	What is a law and a right	
	2	Personal laws and Criminal laws	
	3	Fundamental Rights in India	
II	Rule of Law and Criminal Justice System in India		9
	4	Rule of law	
	5	How to file a complaint	
	6	First Information Report (FIR)	
	7	Detention, arrest and bail	
III	Basic Rights and Laws of various groups		9
	8	Women's Rights- Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act 2005 and Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act 2013	
	9	Child Rights- Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO) 2012	
	10	SC and ST Rights – SC and ST Prevention of Atrocities Act 1989	
	11	Disability Rights- Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016	
IV	Laws in Everyday Life		9
	12	Right to Education Act 2009	
	13	Right to Information Act 2005	
	14	Consumer Protection Act 1986	
	15	Information Technology Act 2000	

V		Familiarising Laws and Rights	9
	16	Learn how to file a complaint in Police Station/ seeking information through Right to Information Act 2005	
	17	Make a short report on the practical application of any of the rights mentioned in the syllabus through field study	

Essential Readings

- Basu, D. D. (2022). *Introduction to the Constitution of India*. LexisNexis.
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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Familiarise with the foundational principles of law and right	U	PSO1
CO-2	Assess the concept of Rule of Law and the efficiency and fairness of criminal justice system in India	An	PSO3
CO-3	Critically examine the basic rights and laws of various groups	E	PSO6
CO-4	Evaluate policy responses and interventions aimed at addressing the challenges and gaps in the implementation of various laws in everyday life	E	PSO4
CO-5	Develop a comprehensive understanding of the various laws and legal principles that govern everyday life, enabling them to analyze and interpret legal issues encountered in daily activities	An	PSO9