

Psy-314 Accessing Justice: Introduction to Pakistan Law

Pre-requisite: None

Course Description:

This is an introductory course for newly admitted students with the law department. The course highlights the nature and sources of the law. It will cover the basic concepts about different legal systems i.e., Common Law and Civil Law. It will help create a basic understanding of how a law is created and enforced. It will also introduce the different areas of law to further broaden the understanding of the students. This course will also be an opportunity for students to explore the legal profession and various options of career development in Law.

Primarily, the focus of this module is to help attendees to get acquainted with the basic and fundamental understanding of the general idea and concept of law from both the Philosophical and social perspectives. In order to achieve the said goal, the module will first discuss different definitions and understanding of law from various schools of thoughts secondly this module will educate students about the all-important working of the legal system of Pakistan that includes legislative procedure, executives and Judicial mechanisms. Lastly the module emphasizes the classification of law and different techniques of reading statutes and case-laws.

Course Objectives:

The course will facilitate students to:

- Inculcate the fundamental understanding of law.
- Identify different kinds of laws.
- Understand prevailing legal system of Pakistan.
- Learn and understand methods and techniques of reading and researching cases and statutes.

Course Learning outcomes:

After successful completion of this course, the students shall be able to;

- Identify application and scope of different laws in place.
- Understand the validity and working of different legal systems.
- identify the different sources of law making.
- Identify different ways of career development.

Course Contents:

- Introduction to law
 - Different schools and theories

- Why Study law
- Introduction to Law –II
- Classification of Laws-I
 - Common law & Civil law
 - National & International
 - Public Law
 - Constitutional law
 - Administrative law
 - Criminal law
- Classification of laws-II
 - Private Law
 - Contract law
 - Torts law
 - Family law
 - Company law
- Sources of Laws-I
- Sources of laws-II
- Legal system of Pakistan-I
- Legal System of Pakistan-II
- Hierarchy of courts in Pakistan
- Criminal and Civil Justice systems
- Labor Law
- Family Law
- Marriage Law
- Inheritance law
- Income and taxation law
- Civil rights

Reference Readings:

Clooney, A., & Webb, P. (2021). *The Right to a Fair Trial in International Law*. Oxford University Press, USA.