



Indraprastha College for Women University of Delhi

Work Plan for ODD SEMESTER – 2026

Course Name:	B.A. (Honours)- philosophy
Paper Title:	Philosophy of Law
Unique Paper Code:	2103103008
Semester:	V
Faculty:	Dr. Bindu Das
Year:	2026-27

Work Plan			
Unit No.	Learning Objective	Lecture No.	Topics to be Covered
1.	Law: Concept, Meaning and Definition	1-6	Theories of Law: Aquinas and Austin
		7-11	The Concept of Nyaya: Agreement and Disputes - Kautilya
2.	Legal Obligation: Reason and Scope	12-15	Why Should We Obey the Law
		16-20	The Ambit of Legal Obligation
		21-24	The Rule of Law
3.	Legal Issues in India	25-27	Basic Structure of the Constitution
		28-30	Judicial Review
4	Fundamentals of Law	31-34	Codification
		35-36	Mens Rea/Actus Reus
		37-40	Crime and Punishment

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S. No.	Name of Authors/Books/Publishers
1.	Marmor, Andrei, Philosophy of Law, New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 2011
2.	Rangarajan, L. N. (Tr. & ed.), Kautilya: The Arthashastra, Penguin Books India (P) Ltd., New Delhi, 1992
3.	Golding, Martin Philip, and Edmundson, William A., The Blackwell Guide to Philosophy of Law and Legal Theory, Oxford: Blackwell, 2005
4.	Marmor, Andrei (ed), The Routledge Companion to Philosophy of Law, New York: Routledge, (1st ed.), 2012
5	Choudhary, S., Khosla, M. and Mehta, P.B., The Oxford Handbook of the Indian Constitution (1st ed.), Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016
5	Jain, M.P., Indian Constitutional Law, Lexis Nexis, (8th ed.), 2018
6	Rai, Uday Raj, Fundamental Rights and their Enforcement India: Prentice Hall, 2011

Paper Components			
Credits	Lecture (L)	Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
4	3	1	0
Assessment Scheme			

S.No.	Component	Marking Scheme	Total Marks
1	Internal Assessment - Assignment - Class Test - Attendance	12	30
		12	
		6	
2.	Continuous Assessment (Tutorial) - Activity 1 - Activity 2 - Attendance	40	40
		15	
		20	
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3.	Practical - Continuous Assessment - End Term Written/Practical Exam - Viva		
4.	End Semester Examination		75