



**National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam**

**Programme: B.A., LL.B (Hons.)**

**601. Sociology of Law**

**Semester: VI (even)**

**Academic Year: 2023-24**

Sl. No	Course Code	Course Title	L	T	P	CR	CH
1.	601	Sociology of Law (Major)	4 per week	1 per	week	4	

**\*\* L- Lecture; T- Tutorial; P- Project; cr- credit; ch- credit hour**

**Code and Title of the Course: 601. Sociology of Law (Major)**

**Course Credit: 4 (Total Marks: 200)**

**Medium of instruction: ENGLISH**

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## **I. COURSE OBJECTIVES**

1. To enable the law students to develop a critical understanding of law as a social institution
2. To understand the complex ties between law and other social institutions
3. To understand the process of evolution of modern law in India from customs and traditions
4. To understand the role of law as a tool of social change and re-engineering

## **II. TEACHING METHODOLOGY**

The methodology is not a traditional lecture method but participatory teaching method with the use of smart classroom technology for lectures, presentation and discussion. The paper is intended to be research based and to a great extent self- taught. There would be special emphasis on research consultation, extensive readings and oral and written presentations.

## **III. EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF THE COURSE**

It is hoped that through this paper, the students would be able to

1. Develop a better understanding of the role of law as social institution
2. Unravel those complex interconnections between law, its historical context and social institutions

## **IV. COURSE EVALUATION METHOD**

The Course shall be assessed out of 200 marks. The impetus is on Continuous Assessment. The Evaluation scheme is as follows:

Internal Assessment 70% (140 marks)

External Assessment 30% (60 marks)

Sl. No.	Internal Assessment	
1.	Project and Presentation	60 marks
2.	Mid Semester	40 marks
3.	Semester End Examination	60 marks
4.	Active Learning	30 marks
5.	Attendance in Class	10 marks

V.

## 5. Detailed Structure of the Course (Specifying course modules and prescribed reading list)

### MODULE I

Functioning of the Legal System

- VI. Colonial Nature of Indian Legal System
- VII. Law and the People
- VIII. Law as an instrument of Change in India

### PRESCRIBED READINGS:

- i. Baviskar B.S., Tulsi Patel (ed.), *Understanding Indian Society Past and Present*, Orient BlackSwan Private Limited, New Delhi, 2010
- ii. Bottomore, T.B., *Sociology: A Guide to Problems and Literature*, Blackie & Son, New Delhi,
- iii. Deva Indra (ed.), *Sociology of Law*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2010

- iv. Galanter Marc, *Law and Society in Modern India*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 1992
- v. Horton, Paul B., Chester L. Hunt, *Sociology*, Tata McGraw- Hill, New Delhi, 2012
- vi. Oommen T.K., C.N. Venugopal, *Sociology for Law Students*, Eastern Book Company, New Delhi, 2016,
- vii. Cotterrell Roger, *The Sociology of Law: An Introduction*, Butterworths, London, 1992

## **MODULE II**

### The LEGAL Profession in India

- Development of the Legal Profession in India
- Legal Profession and Society
- Social Organisation at the Courts

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### **MODULE III**

#### Law and Disadvantaged Groups

- Jurisprudential Foundation of Reservation
- Mandal Commission and its impact on society
- Law and Women Empowerment

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### **MODULE IV**

- Evolution of Traditional Legal System and Social Change
- Constitutions and Revolutions
- Public Interest Litigation
- Law And Social Change in India

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