



NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY AND JUDICIAL ACADEMY, ASSAM

PROGRAMME: B.A., LL.B.(HONS.) FYIC

DETAILS OF COURSE OFFERED

ODD SEMESTER (I) – ACADEMIC YEAR- 2024-25

SL. NO	COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	L	T/ P	CR	CH
1	BL 103.1 (ENGLISH MINOR – I/II)	COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH SKILLS- II	4 PER WEEK	1 PER WEEK	4	

- A. CODE AND TITLE OF THE COURSE: BL 103.1 (ENGLISH MINOR - I)
COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH SKILLS-II**
- B. COURSE CREDIT: 4 (TOTAL MARKS 200)**
- C. MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION: ENGLISH**
- D. COURSE COMPILED BY: APARAJITA DUTTA HAZARIKA**
- E. COURSE INSTRUCTOR: APARAJITA DUTTA HAZARIKA**

1. COURSE OBJECTIVES

To enable the students to speak, read and to write coherently, clearly, flawlessly and comprehensively;

To initiate the students into various self-training methods of improving their communication skills in english, more particularly, for various types of legal transactions;

2. TEACHING METHODOLOGY

The teaching methodology shall be learner- centric in nature which will give ample scope to the students to actively participate in the learning process.

The students are encouraged to do independent research on topics of their choice with guidance from the teacher. The students prepare their topics from the sources suggested to them.

3. LEARNING OUTCOMES OF THE COURSE

On completion of the course the students are expected to comprehend the various aspects of the legal language and to gain the art, skill and techniques of research to carry out research activities which are pertinent in the domain of legal research which will guide them in their future line of advocacy, litigation, judiciary and academics.

4. THE COURSE SHALL BE ASSESSED FOR 200 MARKS. THE EVALUATION

Scheme would be as follows: Internal Assessment: 70% (140 marks) Semester End Examination: 30% (60 marks)

Sl. No.	Marks Distribution	
1	Project Work	40 marks
2	Seminar/group discussion	20 marks
3	Assignment/assessment	30 marks
4	Mid-semester	40 marks
5	Attendance in class	10 marks
6	Semester end examination	60 marks

5. DETAILED STRUCTURE OF THE COURSE (SPECIFYING COURSE MODULES AND SUB-MODULES)

MODULE I

- Register of English used in legal writing- legalise
- Common grammatical errors
- Basic sentence structure
- Phrasal verbs and idioms
- Word class: lexical and functional category
- Reading comprehension - skimming and scanning, identifying main ideas, drawing inferences, summarizing, critical reading

MODULE II

- Precis writing
- Composition: reflective, descriptive, narrative and argumentative

MODULE III

- Vocabulary - consulting a dictionary and a thesaurus
- Synonyms, antonyms and homonyms
- Idioms and phrases
- Words unique to or originating in Indian English (in formal usage)
- Words commonly confused

MODULE IV

- Legal essays

ESSENTIAL READINGS

Brown, Gordon W. *Legal terminology*. Prentice Hall, New Jersey,

N. Krishnaswami. *Modern English*. Macmillan, 1975

Bryan Garner's *Dictionary of Modern Legal Usage*. Oxford University Press

Longman's Dictionary of Common Errors. Orient Longman

M.P. Bhaskaran & D. Harsburgh. *Strengthen Your English*. OUP, 1973

P.C. Wren & H. Martin. *High School English Grammar and Composition*

P.H. Collin. *Law Dictionary*. Universal, New Delhi, 1993

Rupert haigh. *The oxford handbook of legal correspondence*. Oxford university press.

s.c. Tripathi. *Legal language, writing and general english*. Turton, new delhi

Sarah freeman. *Written communication in english*. Orient longman, 1977
