

# The Indian Constitution



Faculty	Course Type	Credits	Prerequisites	Semester
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## Brief Overview

Law is an integrated purposive system, residing in hierarchy of agencies, moved by and applying a hierarchy of norms. Constitution of a Nation expresses the central values and concerns of the society. In this sense, the prime goal of Constitutional Law is to align social context with Legal Rules and institutionalized mechanisms of control. Knowing constitutional Law therefore involves interdisciplinary, contextual and critical approach to the text and doctrinal discourse of bare text of Law.

## Course Objectives

The objective of this course is to create a meaningful understanding of basic philosophical tenets of Indian Constitutional law. It is to underline the significance of our constitution as Fundamental Law of the land. Students are expected to have developed a feel of constitutional interpretations as a technique of adapting laws to changing social mores. The course aims at instilling not just a bare understanding but a perspective on constitutional developments in Indian Constitutional Law.

## Teaching Methodology

The methodology of teaching will be primarily lectures since most students will be exposed to Constitutional Law concepts for the very first time in their academic careers. However, the lecture method will be substantially corroborated by participative activities such as students being asked to argue cases based on Conflicting points (Moot Court), or students to draft a legal opinion about applicability of some legal provision to a factual situation (Opinion Writing) and

discussing articles or theme papers on various doctrines /cases to initiate a critical analysis of the view expressed therein (critical Comment).

### **Requirements**

The students are expected to reciprocate the class initiatives by completing the assigned tasks in designated time limits. Being ready with library referencing before class discussions for some concepts, will be highly recommended for better understanding of the themes. Such topics will be marked and announced beforehand to allow reasonable time for preparations. Attendance in the class is compulsory. Submissions and assignments will be scheduled as per completion of relevant topics in the due course.