

NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY AND JUDICIAL ACADEMY, ASSAM

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

DETAILS OF COURSE OFFERED

ODD SEMESTER (I) - ACADEMIC YEAR

SL. NO	COURSE	COURSE TITLE	L	т	P	CR	СН
1	BL105	LAW RELATING TO CONTRACTS IN INDIA	4 PER WEEK	1 PE WE		4	

A. CODE AND TITLE OF THE COURSE: BL105, LAW RELATING TO CONTRACTS IN INDIA

B. COURSE CREDIT: 4 (TOTAL MARKS 200)

C. MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION: ENGLISH

D. COURSE COMPILED BY: MONMI GOHAIN

E. COURSE INSTRUCTOR: MONMI GOHAIN

1. COURSE OBJECTIVES

The Course content of paper on Law relating to Contracts in India consists of Sections 1-75 relating to general law of contract, Sections 124-147 relating to Indemnity and Guarantee, Sections 148-181 relating to bailment and pledge, Sections 182-238 relating to agency of the Indian Contract Act, Law relating sale of goods and partnership and Specific Relief Act 1963 as ammended in october 2018. The main aim of the course is designed to equip the students with essentials of each section of the Indian Contract Act 1872 and others legislations as mentioned by way of breaking the language of the section and then analysing it and interpreting it. This process provides the student with proper understanding of the section and develops the skill to apply these sections to the fact situations of life.

The aim and objectives of the course curriculum are the followings:

- 1. To inform the students about the frontier areas of law on contract and specific reliefs, law relating to sale of goods and law relating to partnerships in India.
- 2. To update and keep them abreast of legal developments on Indian Contract Act, Specific Relief Act, Sale of Goods Act and Partnership Act
- 3. To make the students understand the sections enumerated in Indian Contract Act and Specific Relief Act, Sale of Goods Act and Partnership Act and further to inculcate in them the skill to analyze the sections and interpret these.
- 4. To make them understand the case laws on contract specific relief and special contracts and then to apply these laws to the present day fact situations.
- 5. To equip them with the knowledge of the Doctrines and Principles of law of contracts, specific relief and special Contracts provided in the Statutes.

2. TEACHING METHODOLOGY

The teaching methodology for the above subject will be aim at gaining maximum

theoretical as well as practical knowledge about the above subject. Different methods will be used which will help the students to be engaged in the subject apart from classroom teaching. The engagement of the students in the teaching learning process will be helpful for both the student and the teacher to carry on with the subject. It will be in the form of class room teaching and explanation of basic concepts by the teacher. It will also consists of assignment of seminar topics to the students, presentation assignment to the students, group discussions, organization of quiz etc.

3. EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF THE COURSE

After completion of completion of the course the students are expected to learn the following:

- a. In-depth knowledge about both the theoretical as well as the practical aspect of the course
- b. Take up research topics in the further study in the course
- c. Take up assignments related to the course which they might come across while doing internships and other activities.
- d. Organize various research and practical based activities realted to the subject after completion of the course.

4. COURSE EVALUATION METHOD

The course evaluation method for the above subject is given as under

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 Test	40 marks

5	Attendance in class	10 marks
6	Semester End Examination	60 marks

5. DETAILED STRUCTURE OF THE COURSE:

MODULE 1

Law relating to formation of Contract and consideration

Offers, Agreements and Contracts, Offer and Invitation to Treat, Standard Form of Contracts, Communication, Acceptance, Revocation of Proposal and Acceptance by post, Mobile and E Commerce, Consideration, Doctrine of Privity of Contract, Doctrine of Privity of Consideration, Position of the Doctrine in India and England,

Law relating to Capacity to contract and Consent and void agreements

Capacity of Minor to Contract, Age of Majority, Nature of a Minor's Agreement, Legal Position of a Person of Unsound Mind, Persons Otherwise "Disqualified from Contracting" and Person Under Legal Disability, Minority in the English Law, Doctrine of Promissory Estoppel, Definition of consent and Free Consent, Factors Vitiating Free Consent, Law relating to Void Agreements

MODULE II

Law relating to law of Unlawful Agreements

Unlawful Considerations and Unlawful Objects and its various grounds ,Conditional Contract, Event Collateral to Contract, Contingent Contracts

Law relating to Performance of Contract:

Contracts which must be Performed and by whom, Time and Place for Performance, Performance of Reciprocal Promises, Application of Payment, Contracts which need not be performed.

Law relating to Discharge of Contract and remedies for Breach of Contract:

Definition and Modes of Discharge of Contract, Theories of Frustration of Contract, Theory of Effects of Frustration, Definition and theory Relating to Quasi Contract, Certain relations resembling those created by contract. Damages, Remoteness of Damages and Measure of Damages, Liquidated Damages and Penalty.

MODULE III

Specific Relief Act, 1963

Measuring and Nature of Specific Reliefs, Recovery of Possession of Property, Specific Performance of Contracts, Rectification of Instruments, Rescission of Contracts, Cancellation of Instruments

Law relating to Indemnity and Guarantee:

Contract of Indemnity and guarantee, rights and liabilities of the indemnity holder, rights and duties of Surety, Modes of Discharge of Surety,

Law relating to Bailment and Pledge:

Essentials of Bailment and Pledge, Rights and duties of Bailor and Bailee, Right of the Finder of goods, Rights and duties of pawnor and pawnee

MODULE IV

Law relating to Agency:

Essential Features of contract of Agency, Rights and duties an Agent, Delegation of Authority, Rights and duties of undisclosed principal of an Agent, Effects of Ratification, Termination of Agency

The Sale of Goods Act, 1930:

Formation and essentials of a Contract of Sale, The Rule of the Caveat Emptor, conditions and warranties, Definition of an "Unpaid Seller" Rights and duties of the Unpaid Seller, remedies for breach of contract of buyer and seller, Suits by buyer and seller

The Indian Partnership Act, 1932:

Definition and modes of partnership, Rights and Duties of partners inter-se, Relations of Partners to third parties, Minor as a partner, Rights of the Outgoing Partner, Dissolution of a Firm, Modes of Dissolution, Registration of firms

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