



Gyanmanjari
Innovative University

Course Syllabus
Gyanmanjari Institute of LAW
Semester-3 (LL. B)

Subject: Administrative Law–LAWLL13515

Type of course: Major (Core)

Prerequisite:

Students should have basic knowledge of Constitutional Law, especially the structure of government, Fundamental Rights, and Directive Principles of State Policy. Understanding of the separation of powers and rule of law is necessary. Familiarity with the Indian legal system and judicial remedies like writs will be helpful. Basic awareness of governance and public administration is also required.

Rationale:

This course explains the growth of administrative law in a welfare state where the administration plays an active role in governance. It helps in understanding control mechanisms like judicial review, delegated legislation, and principles of natural justice. The subject focuses on protecting citizens from abuse of administrative power through remedies and tribunals. It also develops awareness of accountability, transparency, and functioning of modern government institutions.

Teaching and Examination Scheme:

Teaching Scheme			Credits	Examination Marks					Total Marks
CI	T	P	C	Theory Marks		Practical Marks		CA	
				ESE	MSE	V	P	ALA	
05	01	00	06	100	30	00	00	20	150

Legends: CI-Classroom Instructions; T- Tutorial; P- Practical; C- Credit; SEE- Semester End Evaluation; MSE- Mid Semester Examination; CA-Continuous Assessment; ALA- Active Learning Activities.



Course Content:

Sr. NO	Course Content	Hrs.	% Weight age
1	Introduction and Basic Constitutional Principle • Administrative law: Definition, Nature, Scope, Reason for its growth • Development of Administrative law, its relation with Constitutional Law • Evolution of administration as the fourth branch of government – necessary for delegation of powers on administration. • Basic Constitutional Principles: Rule of Law, Doctrine of Separation of Power, Principle of Natural Justice, Judicial Function and Quasi-Judicial Function • Classification of Administration Action, Administrative Function • From a laissez-faire to a social welfare state • State as regulator of private interest • State as provider of services • Other functions of modern state: relief, welfare	15	20
2	Delegated Legislation and Quasi-Judicial Function • Delegated legislation: Definition, Reasons of its growth • Delegated Legislation in USA and in India • Constitutionality of delegated legislation • General Principles for Delegated Legislation • Functions which can be and cannot be delegated, Conditional Legislation, Sub-delegation • Controls and Safeguards over delegated legislation: purpose • Legislative control of delegated legislation • Committees on delegated legislation – their constitution, function and effectiveness, • Quasi-Judicial Function : Definition, distinction from Administrative Functions	15	20



3	Judicial Review of Administrative Discretion and Remedies • Definitions: Administrative Discretion, Judicial Review • Need for administrative discretion • Administrative discretion and rule of law • Judicial Review of Administrative Discretion: Failure to Exercise Discretion, Excess or abuse of discretion • Remedies in judicial Review: Statutory appeals Writs, Declaratory judgments and injunctions, Specific performance and civil suits for compensation • Need for evolution of adjudicatory authority on administration • Administrative Tribunal: Definition, constitution, Nature, Scope • Characteristics of Administrative Tribunal, Distinction from courts, Kinds of Administrative tribunal.	15	20
4	Civil Service in India • Nature and organization of civil service: from colonial relics to democratic aspiration, Powers and functions • Accountability and responsiveness: problems and perspectives, Administrative Conciliation and mediation deviance-corruption, nepotism, mal-administration • Informal Methods of Settlement of Disputes and Grievance Redressal Procedures • rough social action groups • Use of media, lobbying and public participation. • Public inquiries and commissions of inquiry • Ombudsman: Lok Pal, Lok Ayukta • Vigilance Commission • Congressional and Parliamentary Committees	15	20
5	Miscellaneous: • Liability of the Government • Public Corporation: Definitions, Characteristics, Control over Public Corporation • Rights and Liabilities of Public Corporation • Vigilance Commission • doctrine of legitimate expectation • doctrine of unjust enrichment	15	20



Continuous Assessment:

Sr. No	Active Learning Activities	Marks
1	Research and Analysis: The faculty will provide some questions into the classroom. Students have to Select any 3 and Prepare a Perfect note on that. Students have to Upload on GMIU Web Portal.	10
2	Case Study: Students will be provided landmark case laws . Students will Research on the case law from the various authenticated sources and prepare a report on the given case laws and upload it on GMIU Web Portal.	10
Total		20

List of Suggested Tutorials:

Sr. No	Suggested tutorials	Credits Hours
1	Case Law Presentation - Select a landmark case in Administrative Law and prepare a 5–7 minute presentation covering facts, issues, judgment, and legal principles.	1
2	PDF Assignment on Rule of Law-Prepare a 2–3 page PDF explaining the concept of Rule of Law with constitutional backing and one supporting case law.	2
3	Video Lecture - video explaining principles of Natural Justice with examples (<i>Audi Alteram Partem</i> and <i>Nemo Judex in Causa Sua</i>).	2
4	Case Analysis Report-Choose one case and prepare a structured case analysis including facts, issues, judgment, and significance.	1
5	Group Discussion Report-Participate in a GD on " <i>Administrative Discretion vs Rule of Law</i> " and submit a 1-page summary report.	1
6	Newspaper Case Review- Collect a recent news article related to administration and write a 1-page legal analysis of the issue.	2
7	Lokpal & Lokayukta Study- Prepare a PDF note or PPT on Lokpal and Lokayukta covering powers, functions, and relevance in India.	1
8	Quiz Preparation Activity - Prepare a 10-question quiz with answers on Administrative Law topics for peer testing in the classroom.	1
9	Delegated Legislation Note - Write a short research note explaining meaning, need, advantages, disadvantages, and control over delegated legislation.	2
10	Video Lecture on Principles of Natural Justice in Administrative Law - Prepare a video lecture explaining <i>Audi Alteram Partem</i> and <i>Nemo Judex in Causa Sua</i> with real-life examples and one case law.	2



Suggested Specification table with Marks (Theory): 60

Distribution of Theory Marks (Revised Bloom's Taxonomy)						
Level	Remembrance (R)	Understanding (U)	Application (A)	Analyze (N)	Evaluate (E)	Create (C)
Weightage	20%	20%	–	30%	30%	–

Note: This specification table shall be treated as a general guideline for students and teachers. The actual distribution of marks in the question paper may vary slightly from above table.

Course Outcome:

After learning the course, the students should be able to:	
CO1	Interpret and critically evaluate the Rule of Law, Doctrine of Separation of Powers, and Principles of Natural Justice as foundational principles of Administrative Law.
CO2	Analyze the concept of delegated legislation, including its necessity, constitutionality, and limitations, and identify functions that can or cannot be delegated along with implications of conditional legislation and sub-delegation.
CO3	Examine the nature, scope, and control mechanisms of delegated legislation, including legislative and judicial safeguards, and evaluate its impact on modern governance.
CO4	Understand the origin, growth, structure, and functioning of administrative tribunals, and assess their role in providing speedy, specialized, and effective justice compared to traditional courts.
CO5	Evaluate the role of civil services and accountability mechanisms in India, including issues of corruption, maladministration, grievance redressal systems, and institutions like Lokpal, Lokayukta, and Vigilance Commission, in ensuring transparency and good governance.

Instructional Method:

The course delivery method will depend upon the requirement of content and the needs of students. The teacher, in addition to conventional teaching methods by black board, may also use any tools such as demonstration, role play, Quiz, brainstorming, MOOCs etc.

From the content 10% topics are suggested for flipped mode instruction. Students will use supplementary resources such as online videos, NPTEL/SWAYAM videos, e-courses. The internal evaluation will be done on the basis of Active Learning Assignment.



Practical/Viva examination will be conducted at the end of semester for evaluation performance of students in the laboratory.

Reference Books:

- [1] Jamnadas & Co. (2021). *Administrative Law*. Jamnadas & Co.
- [2] Jain, M. P., & Jain, S. N. (2023). *Principles of Administrative Law* (9th ed.). LexisNexis.
- [3] Massey, I. P. (2023). *Administrative Law* (10th ed.). Eastern Book Company.
- [4] Takwani, C. K. (2022). *Lectures on Administrative Law* (5th ed.). Eastern Book Company.
- [5] De Smith, S. A., Woolf, H., Jowell, J., & Le Sueur, A. (2018). *De Smith's Judicial Review* (8th ed.). Sweet & Maxwell.

