



Gyanmanjari
Innovative University

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

Subject: Law of Contract - LAWLL11501

Type of course: Major (Core)

Prerequisite:

Students should possess a basic understanding of legal terminology, rights and obligations, and the functioning of commercial and social transactions. Familiarity with fundamental legal concepts and reasoning skills will help in understanding contractual relationships.

Rationale:

The Law of Contract forms the foundation of commercial and civil transactions by governing agreements and legal obligations. It equips students with the knowledge and skills necessary to analyze contractual relationships, resolve disputes, and apply legal principles in business and everyday transactions.

Teaching and Examination Scheme:

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

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.	% Weightage
1	Introduction and Formation of Contract • Historical Background and Scope of the Indian Contract Act. 1872 • Definitions • Essential Elements of a Valid Contract • Proposal and Acceptance • Communication, Revocation of Proposal and Acceptance • Completion of Communication	15	20
2	Capacity and Free Consent • Competency to Contract • Persons Disqualified by Law • Free Consent and its Essentials • Coercion • Undue Influence • Fraud • Misrepresentation • Mistake	15	20
3	Legality of Object and Consideration • Consideration: Meaning, Essentials and Exceptions • Agreements without Consideration • Legality of Object and Consideration • Agreements Opposed to Public Policy • Void Agreements • Restraint of Marriage • Restraint of Trade • Restraint of Legal Proceedings • Uncertain Agreements	15	20



	• Wagering Agreements		
4	Performance and Discharge of Contracts • Contingent Contracts • Quasi Contracts • Performance of Contracts • Reciprocal Promises • Assignment of Contracts • Appropriation of Payments • Discharge of Contracts	15	20
5	Remedies for Breach of Contract • Breach of Contract • Anticipatory and Actual Breach • Compensation for Loss or Damage (Sections 73–75) • Liquidated Damages and Penalty • Remoteness of Damages • Quantum Meruit • Specific Performance and Injunction (Brief Overview)	15	20



Continuous Assessment:

Sr. No	Active Learning Activities	Marks
1	Agreement Drafting: Students are required to prepare a legal agreement in the prescribed format based on the facts and instructions provided by the faculty. The draft should be prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Contract Act, 1872 and other applicable laws, using proper legal language and formatting. Students must ensure that all essential clauses are included and that the agreement reflects sound legal drafting principles. The completed agreement shall be prepared in Microsoft Word format and uploaded to the GMIU Web Portal within the stipulated deadline.	10
2	Group Discussion: Students shall participate in a group of 3 on topics relating to the Indian Contract Act, 1872. Based on the guidelines provided by the faculty, each group shall prepare concise notes explaining various types of contracts, their essential elements, legal provisions, and relevant case laws wherever applicable. The discussion should encourage critical analysis and collaborative learning. Group details and the final notes must be uploaded to the GMIU Web Portal as instructed by the faculty.	10
Total		20

List of Suggested Tutorials:

Sr. No.	Suggested tutorials	Credits Hrs.
1	Group Discussion - Students will discuss the essential elements of a valid contract and analyze whether a given agreement satisfies the requirements of the Indian Contract Act, 1872.	1
2	Case Study - Students will examine hypothetical situations to identify valid proposal, acceptance, communication, and revocation under the Indian Contract Act, 1872.	2
3	Presentation - Students will present in the form of PowerPoint presentation, the legal rules relating to competency to contract, free consent, coercion, undue influence, fraud, misrepresentation, and mistake with relevant case laws.	2
4	Problem-Based Learning - Students will solve legal problems involving consideration, unlawful object, public policy, void	1



	agreements, restraint of trade, restraint of marriage, and wagering agreements.	
5	Comparative Chart - Students will prepare a comparative chart distinguishing different types of void agreements with statutory provisions and judicial decisions.	2
6	Drafting Exercise - Students will draft a simple contract incorporating essential clauses relating to offer, acceptance, consideration, capacity, and free consent.	1
7	Debate - Students will debate the effectiveness of contractual remedies, including compensation, specific performance, injunction, and quantum meruit in protecting contractual rights.	2
8	Case Analysis - Students will analyze landmark judgments relating to contingent contracts, quasi-contracts, reciprocal promises, assignment, and discharge of contracts.	1
9	Group Discussion - Students will discuss the distinction between liquidated damages and penalty clauses with reference to Sections 73–75 of the Indian Contract Act and important judicial precedents.	1
10.	Mock Client Counselling - Students will conduct a mock client counselling session by identifying contractual issues, advising on legal remedies, and suggesting the appropriate course of action under the Indian Contract Act, 1872.	2
Total		15

Suggested Specification table with Marks (Theory): 100

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

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 Outcomes:

After learning the course, the students should be able to:	
CO1	Explain the fundamental principles of the Indian Contract Act, 1872, including the formation of contracts, essential elements of a valid contract, proposal, acceptance, communication, and revocation.
CO2	Analyze the legal rules relating to capacity to contract, free consent, and the factors affecting the validity of consent, including coercion, undue influence, fraud, misrepresentation, and mistake.
CO3	Remember the legality of consideration and object, distinguish between valid and void agreements, and interpret agreements opposed to public policy, restraint of trade, restraint of marriage, and wagering agreements.
CO4	Understand the legal principles governing contingent contracts, quasi-contracts, performance, discharge of contracts, reciprocal promises, assignment of contracts, and appropriation of payments to practical legal situations.
CO5	Apply the remedies available for breach of contract, including compensation, liquidated damages, penalty, quantum meruit, remoteness of damages, and the equitable remedies of specific performance and injunction through case law analysis and problem-solving.

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:

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- [2] Cheshire, G. C., Fifoot, C. H. S., & Furmston, M. P. (2023). *Cheshire, Fifoot & Furmston's law of contract* (19th ed.). Oxford University Press.
- [3] Singh, A. (2024). *Law of contract and specific relief* (14th ed.). Eastern Book Company.
- [4] Atiyah, P. S. (2022). *An introduction to the law of contract* (7th ed.). Clarendon Press.

