

Semester	IV
Paper Number	GLSSE4021T
Paper Title	Understanding the legal system
No. of Credits	2
Theory/Composite	Theory
No. of periods assigned	Th: Two Pr:
Name of Faculty member(s)	
Course description /objective	The course seeks to equip students with the structure and the working of the legal system in India.
Syllabus	<p>Module I (40 marks)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Outline of the legal system in India (4 lectures) 2) System of Courts/tribunals and their jurisdiction in India-Criminal and civil courts, writ jurisdiction. (4 lectures) 3) Specialized Courts such as juvenile courts, mahila courts and tribunals. (4 lectures) <p>Module II (40 marks)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4) Role of the police and executive in criminal law administration. (6 lectures) 5) Alternate dispute mechanisms such as Lok Adalats, non formal mechanisms. (6 lectures)
Texts	
Reading/Reference Lists	<p><i>Creating Legal Awareness</i>, edited by Kamala Sankaran and Ujjwal Singh (Delhi: OUP, 2007)</p> <p>Multiple Action Research Group, <i>Our Laws Vols 1-10</i>, Delhi. Available in</p>

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Evaluation	<p>CIA: 20</p> <p>End-Sem: 80</p> <p>10 objective type questions to be answered out of 13 of 2 marks each</p>

(10x2=20)

2 essay type questions to be answered out of 3 of 10 marks each **(2x10=20)**

(Total= 40 marks per module)

40+40(Module I + Module II=80) (80+20 CIA=100)