

Law Ph.D. COURSE WORK SYLLABUS

As per Rule 7.3 and 7.4 of the Standard and Procedure for Award of M. Phil and Ph.D. Degree of the Circular No. 14/2017 of Savitribai Phule Pune University, the Board of Studies of Law prescribes the following content for the Ph.D. course work to be conducted by the University Department/Recognized Research Centre at affiliated college or Recognized Institution/ Recognized Research Institution while conducting the Ph.D. Course work in Law.

1. Ph.D. course work shall be of 16 credits.
2. The Course work shall be treated as prerequisite for Ph.D. program.
3. Ph.D. scholar must obtain a minimum of 55% of marks or its equivalent grade in the UGC 7-point (or an equivalent grade/ CGPA in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) in the course work in order to be eligible to continue in the program and submit the Thesis. The failed students may be given opportunity to re-appear for the course work exam.
4. The Ph.D. Course work shall consist of the following components:
 - a. Course 1 Consisting of Paper I & Paper II.
 - b. Course 2, Consisting of Paper III
 - c. Course 3 Consisting of Paper IV

Paper I: Research Methodology: 2 Credits

Unit- 1: Conceptual clarity

- a. Basic principles of research
- b. Objective, kinds and types and Characteristics of Research, Scientific Inquiry
- c. Philosophical and Sociological foundations of research Interdisciplinary approach and its implications in various research area.
- d. Methods of Research - Qualitative and quantitative methods of research like, Historical, Case Study, Ethnography, Exposit Facto, Documentary and Content Analysis, Survey (Normative, descriptive, evaluative etc.), field and laboratory, experimental studies. Characteristics of methods and their implications in research area.
- e. Theory building, facts, concepts, constructs and definitions
- f. Reflective Thinking
- g. Critical Thinking
- h. Analytical Thinking
- i. Inductive and Deductive methods of reasoning in legal research.
- j. Legal and Socio Legal Research

Unit 2 : Development of research proposal

- a. Research proposal and its elements
- b. Identification and Formulation of research problem-criteria of sources and definition, Identifying gaps in the present literature.
- c. Importance of Literature Review in defining research problem.
- d. Development of objectives and characteristics of objectives.
 - a. Development of hypotheses and application - Collection of material/ relevant facts for formulation of hypothesis, Possibility of alternative hypothesis, Testing of hypothesis, Developing a workable hypothesis.

Unit 3: Methods of data collection

- a. Concept of sampling and other concepts related to sampling.

- b. Probability and non-probability samples, their characteristics and implications.
- c. Tools of data collection, their types, attributes and uses. Redesigning, research tools-like questionnaire, opinionnaire, observation, interviews, scales and tests etc.

Unit 4: Methods of data analysis

- a. Analysis of qualitative data based on various tools.
- b. Analysis of quantitative data and its presentation with tables, graphs etc.
- c. Statistical tools and techniques of data analysis-measures of central tendency, dispersion. Decision making with hypothesis testing through parametric and non-parametric tests.
- d. Use of software for research, such as Excel, SPSS, STATA, Mini Tab and other softwares.
- e. Validity and delimitations of research findings.

Unit 5: Thesis writing and use of Computer

- a. Types of Reports: Technical reports and thesis, Dissertation Vs. Thesis.
- b. Principles of report writing and guide lines according to style manuals
- c. Organisation of research reports: Preliminaries, Contents, Bibliography, Tables and illustrations, Appendices.
- d. Importance of citation, Introduction to citation methods.
- e. Use of advanced tools of Microsoft Office in report writing.
- f. Evaluation of research report.

Paper II: Research and Publication Ethics (RPE) - 2 Credits

The Ph D students shall complete this course of Research and Publication Ethics (RPE) (2 credits) conducted by the University as per the UGC notification vide no. D.O.No.F.1-1/2018 (Journal/CARE) dated December 2019 and subsequent circular from the Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune vide circular 103 of 2021 and submit the certificate to the research centre.

Paper III: Assignments and Field Work: 4 Credits.

- a. Writing of Research Proposal for any financial assistance from national funding agencies - **1 Credit.**
- b. Writing a Review of Literature - **1 Credit**
- c. Seminar Presentations (Minimum 2 presentations) - **2 Credits**

Paper IV: Subject Specific Advanced Level Course: 8 Credits

This course shall cover the broad field of the research area undertaken by the Ph D student. The Research Advisory Committee shall frame the detailed syllabus for the Ph D student considering the broad field of his research which may cover the following aspects:

- a. Jurisprudential Aspects
- b. Constitutional Provisions
- c. International Instruments
- d. Position in other Countries
- e. National Legislations
- f. Judicial Decisions
- g. Recent Developments in the field, etc.

The Department, Recognised Research Centre or Recognised Research Institution or Affiliated College shall conduct a written examination of these courses and declare the results after the assessment.

Grades in the course work, including research methodology courses shall be finalized after a combined assessment by the Research Advisory Committee and the Place of Research and the final grades shall be communicated to the P. G. Admission Section of the SPPU.