

DETAILED CURRICULUM
LEVEL ONE – SEMESTER ONE
LEGAL METHODS

| COURSE DETAILS | | | |
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| Course Code | LW 1023 | | |
| Course Title | LEGAL METHODS | | |
| Course Type | Core | | |
| Credits | 03 | | |
| Hours Allotted | Theory | 30 | Total 75 |
| | Practical | - | |
| | Assignments/ Tutorials | 45 | |
| AIM | | | |
| <p>The aim of this course is to introduce different legal systems and methods existing in the world. Further, students are guided to access different sources available for studying law. Legal profession, its historical development, and its changing role are also included in this course for further study.</p> | | | |
| INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES | | | |
| <p>Learners should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify and explain different legal systems and methods existing in the world. • have a comprehensive knowledge of different sources of Law, historical development of the legal profession, and its role in the changing world. • analyze legal methods and systems in a comparative manner. | | | |
| COURSE CONTENTS | | | |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is law, a brief introduction based on theoretical aspects of Jurisprudence Different legal methods and systems practiced in the world Accession to materials pertaining to the study of law, aid to use the library, Read exactness, Law reports, Legal Periodicals, Legal Literature 2. Sources of law Legislation/Enactment Universal Principles of Law e.g. Equity, Natural Law Jurists Religion Stare Decisions Customary Law International Conventions | | | |

3. Legal Profess
 Historical Background of Legal Profess
 Official Bar and Department of Attorney General
 Availability of Legal Aid
 Legal Profession in the changing World
4. Dispute Settlement
 Judicial Approaches

| ASSESSMENT CRITERIA | % OF MARKS |
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| Semester- end Examination: | 70 |
| Assignments: | 20 |
| Class Quizzes: | 10 |

RECOMMENDED READING

1. Amarasinghe, A.F.B. Professional Ethics
2. Cooray, L.J.M. An introduction to the Legal system of Sri Lanka
3. David, R. and Brierly, W.C. Major Legal systems of the World Today
4. Denning The Discipline of law
5. Farr, J.H. Introduction to Legal Methods
6. Friedman, Legal Theory
7. Jain, D.C. Comparative Law
8. Jayasekera, M.L.S. Customary Law of Sri Lanka in their Historical and Cultural Background
9. Thambaiah, H.W. Principle of Ceylon Law
10. Weeramantry, C.G. Invitation to the Law