

**DETAILED CURRICULUM**  
**LEVEL ONE – SEMESTER ONE**  
**LEGAL SYSTEM & LEGAL HISTORY OF SRI LANKA**

<b>COURSE DETAILS</b>			
<b>Course Code</b>	LW 1033		
<b>Course Title</b>	LEGAL SYSTEM & LEGAL HISTORY OF SRI LANKA		
<b>Course Type</b>	Core		
<b>Credits</b>	03		
<b>Hours Allotted</b>	<b>Theory</b>	30	<b>Total</b> 60
	<b>Practical</b>	-	
	<b>Assignments/ Tutorials</b>	30	
<b>AIM</b>			
<p>To offer learners a comprehensive knowledge of the legal system and legal history of Sri Lanka. The course emphasizes on the influence of the Roman Dutch Law, the English Law and Territorial and personal Laws on the legal system of the island. The current court structure in Sri Lanka is also dealt with focusing on its power and function related to administration of justice.</p>			
<b>INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES</b>			
<p>Learners should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• identify the legal pluralism in the legal system of Sri Lanka with its historical background.</li> <li>• differentiate how personal laws and territorial laws affected different communities in the context of their applicability.</li> <li>• analyze the scholarly findings related the legal system of Sri Lanka in the light of decided cases.</li> </ul>			
<b>COURSE CONTENTS</b>			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introduction to the Evaluation of the Legal System of Sri Lanka</li> <li>2. Roman Dutch Law: Sources, Historical Background, Applicability</li> <li>3. English Law: Entry of English Law, English Law as a Source, Applicability</li> <li>4. Court Systems: Historical Development, Period of Sinhalese Kings, Colonial Periods, Post-independent era, The Present Context</li> <li>5. Special Law: Tesawalamei: Historical development, Sources, Statutory introduction Kandyan Law: Historical development, Sources, Statutory introduction Muslim Law : Historical development, Sources, Statutory introduction</li> </ol>			

<b>ASSESSMENT CRITERIA</b>	<b>% OF MARKS</b>
<b>Semester- end Examination:</b>	70
<b>Assignments:</b>	20
<b>Class Quizzes:</b>	10
<b>RECOMMENDED READING</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cooray L.J.M. An Introduction to the Legal System of Sri Lanka</li> <li>2. Goonasekara S.W.E. Sri Lanka Law on Parents and Child.</li> <li>3. Tambaigha, H.W. Principle of Ceylon Law.</li> <li>4. Nadarajah T. The Legal System of Ceylon Law</li> <li>5. Horst M.I.T. Vanden, The Roman Dutch Law of Sri Lanka</li> <li>6. Tanbigaha, H.W. Laws and Customs of Tamils of Jaffna</li> <li>7. Balasingham, K. Laws of Ceylon</li> <li>8. Ponnambalam S. Law and the Marriage Relationship</li> <li>9. Husann,Judith. Principles of Family Law</li> </ol>	