GONDWANA UNIVERSITY GADCHIROLI

FACULTY OF LAW

MASTER OF LAWS (LL.M)

DETAILED SYLLABUS FOR IVth SEMESTERS

LL.M.- FOURTH SEMESTER FOUNDATION COURSE COURSE CODE - FC07

Human rights and duties under Indian legal system

UNIT I: The Constitution and Human Rights and Duties:

- a) Evolution of composite culture of India, contribution of diverse religions.
- b) Impact of Universal Declaration of Human Rights on the drafting of Part III and Part IV of the Constitution.
- c) Human Rights Norms and Constitutional perspective, Preamble, Fundamental Duties, Directive Principles of State Policy
- d) Inter- relationship between Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy.

UNIT II: Legislative Framework for Human Rights Norms in India:

- a) Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955.
- b) Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. 1989.
- c) Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines (Prohibition) Act, 1993.

UNIT III: National Commission of Human Rights in India:

- a) Background of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993.
- b) National Human Rights Commission-Powers, Functions, Structure and Composition.
- c) Human Rights Courts
- d) Evaluation of the working of the Commission.

UNIT IV:Other Commissions:

- a) National Commission for Women.
- b) National Commission for Minorities.
- c) National Commission for S C/ST.

UNIT V: Judicial Activism and Human Rights Jurisprudence:

- a) Expansion of basic needs- Judicial interpretation on widening of the Directive Principles.
- b) Role of judiciary in protecting human rights in India, Legal Aid
- c) Judicial activism in the field of protection of human rights of women, children, bonded labour and prisoners, in the light of leading cases.

UNIT VII: Contemporary Indian Problem and Human Rights.

- a) Reservations and Right to Equality
- b) Uniform Civil Code and Personal Laws.
- c) Protection of Minorities.
- d) Health and violation of human rights: problems of health and environmental protection, population control, family planning, HIV/ AIDS.

Suggested Readings:

D.D.Basu, Human Rights in Indian Constitutional Law, (1994).

Vijay Chitnis, (et.al.). Human Rights and the Law: National and Global Perspectives, (1997).

B.P.Singh Seghal, Law, Judiciary and Justice in India, (1993).

James Vadakkumchery, Human Rights and the Politics in India, (1996).

D.R.Saxena, Tribals and the Law, (1997).

Poornima Advani, Indian Judiciary: A Tribute, (1997).

Justice Venkataramiah, Human Rights in the Changing World, (1998).

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FOUNDATION COURSE

COURSE CODE - FC08

Dissertation

Candidates are required to submit a dissertation of about 150-200 pages on a topic

from the optional group offered by them. The dissertation is expected to be an indepth and

critical analysis of a legal problem of contemporary significance in the field chosen by the

candidate and must incorporate copious reference to judicial decisions, law review articles,

books, monographs relevant to the topic in the form of footnotes and bibliographical

references.

The candidates will be examined at an oral examination (viva) on the strength of the

dissertation (written work.) The dissertation will carry 200 marks and it should be submitted

(two copies) to Head of the Department one month before the Semester ends i.e. the Fourth

Semester. The viva exam will be held in the month of May - June every year. The supervisor

for dissertation shall be the teaching member of the Deptt. of Law., and affiliated colleges

where LL.M. courses are taught. The students will be assigned the topic for dissertation by

their supervisor in consultation with the Head of the Department within a month after the

Semester has started.

After the dissertations have been submitted they shall be evaluated by the external

examiner along with the Head of the Department and/or internal examiner. The examiner will

evaluate the dissertation taking into account the following points:

a) Coverage of subject matter.

b) Arrangement and presentation.

c) Research Methodology

d) Nature of references and materials used.

e) Critical appreciation and original contribution of the

candidate.

Written Work - Ext. Examiner:

150 Marks

Viva Voce - Ext.Examiner:

50 Marks

Total= 200 Marks

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Note: The students have to write their dissertations as per the guidelines of Research Methodology given below.

GUIDELINES FOR DOCTRINAL RESEARCH.

A. Research scholars are required to follow the steps given below for preparation of Doctrinal Research

Research Methodology:

- 1. Title of the Study
- 2. Problem of the study
- 3. Rationale of the study
- 4. Objectives of the study
- 5. Hypothesis
- 6. Review of Literature
- 7. Operational concepts & Variables of the study
- 8. Research Design
 - i) Nature/ Type of the study
 - ii) Method of Data Collection
 - iii) Sources of Data Collection
- 9. Limitations of Study
- 10. Time Schedule
- 11. Possible contribution of the study
- 12. Chapterisation

B. Doctrinal Research shall have the following structure:

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Chapter I: Introduction

A. Theoretical Background

B. Research Methodology (As given in A.)

Chapter II

Chapter III

Chapter IV

Chapter V: Conclusions and Suggestion.

Bibliography

Annexures: Acts, Bills, Maps, etc.