

SYLLABUS FOR THE BATCH FROM YEAR 2026 TO 2027

FOR Certificate Course in Legal Literacy and Awareness (Credit Based Evaluation and Grading System)

Semester: I

Examinations: 2026-2027

The Certificate Programme Offered:

- **Certificate Course in Legal Literacy and Awareness (6 Months duration)**



Program Outcomes:

Introduction of Legal Literacy and Awareness: Students shall be acquainted with the basic understanding about the changing dimensions of the law and technology.

Enhanced skills: The course shall make the students equipped with a fundamental understanding of the Legal System, Rights and Responsibilities.

Practical Experience: The legal literacy aims to educate people about the rights and duties under different legal system and try to minimize the social issues by the awareness.

Career Readiness & Employability: This course will be helpful for those who are pursuing careers as Paralegal Volunteers, Legal Assistant, Labour Officers and for the preparations of various Competitive exams.

Name of the Department: Laws

**In Collaboration with
Directorate of Open & Distance Learning and Online Studies**

GURU NANAK DEV UNIVERSITY AMRITSAR

Certificate Course in Legal Literacy and Awareness Offered by Department of Law in Collaboration with Directorate of Open & Distance Learning and Online Studies, Guru Nanak Dev University Amritsar

Eligibility:

- +2 in any stream with at least 45% marks in aggregate (40% for SC/ST candidates).
- Any student doing Bachelor Degree, Master Degree, M.Phil. Ph.D. from GNDU.

SEMESTER- I

Paper Code	Subject	Internal Assessment	End Term	Total	Credits
ODLLA101T	Constitutional Law	30	70	100	4
ODLLA102T	Environmental Laws	30	70	100	4
ODLLA103T	Practice and Procedure of Criminal Litigation	30	70	100	4
ODLLA104T	Civil Litigation: Practice and Procedure	30	70	100	4
	Total Marks & Credits	90	210	300	16

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Subject Name: Constitutional Law

Subject Code: ODLLA101T

(Semester – I)

Time: 03 Hours

Max. Marks: 100 Marks

Internal Assessment: 30 Marks

End Term: 70 Marks

Instructions for the Paper-Setter/examiner:

1. Question paper shall consist of Four sections.
2. Paper setter shall set Eight questions in all by selecting Two questions of equal marks from each section. However, a question may have sub-parts (not exceeding four sub- parts) and appropriate allocation of marks should be done for each sub-part.
3. Candidates shall attempt Five questions in all, by at least selecting One question from each section and the 5th question may be attempted from any of the Four sections.
4. The question paper should be strictly according to the instructions mentioned above. In no case a question should be asked outside the syllabus.

Section – A

Framing of Constitution

Preamble

Citizenship

Section – B

Fundamental Rights

Directive Principles

Fundamental Duties

Section – C

-The Union: Executive, Legislature, Judiciary

The State: Executive, Legislature, Judiciary

Section - D

Emergency

Amendment of Constitution

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Subject Name: Environmental Laws
Subject Code: ODLLA102T
(Semester – I)

Time: 03 Hours

Max. Marks: 100 Marks
Internal Assessment: 30 Marks
End Term: 70 Marks

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Section – A

Meaning of Environment, Environmental Pollution: Causes and Effects

U.N. Conference on Human Environment: Stockholm Declaration

Section – B

Concept of Sustainable Development

Precautionary Principle,

Polluter Pays Principle.

Section – C

Fundamental Principles of Environmental Protection

- Environment Impact Assessment
- Public Trust Doctrine

Section - D

- Fundamental Rights and Duties Relating to the Environment
- Writ Jurisdiction
- Public Interest Litigation

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Subject Name: Practice and Procedure of Criminal Litigation

**Subject Code: ODLLA103T
(Semester – I)**

Time: 03 Hours

Max. Marks: 100 Marks
Internal Assessment: 30 Marks
End Term: 70 Marks

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Section – A

Elements required for the Crime

Stages of Crime

Section – B

Practice and Procedure of Arrest

Constitutional and Statutory Rights of Accused and Arrested Persons

FIR, Investigation, Police Case, Complaint case, Cognizable and Non-Cognizable offence

Section – C

Bail procedure

Cognizance and Trial

Section - D

Statutory Offence against Women and Laws for protections of Women

Statutory Offence against Children

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Subject Name: Civil Litigation: Practice and Procedure

**Subject Code: ODLLA104T
(Semester – I)**

Time: 03 Hours

Max. Marks: 100 Marks
Internal Assessment: 30 Marks
End Term: 70 Marks

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Section – A

Meaning the terms Statutes and Its Kinds

Plaint, Written Statement, Summons, Trial and Judgment

Section – B

Limitation Act, 1963: Introduction and Basics

Law relating to Will, Nomination and Succession

Registration of Document

Section – C

Law relating to Marriage and Divorce

Law Relating to Maintenance

Family Dispute Resolution: Practice and procedure

Section - D

Free Legal Aid: Alternative Dispute Redressal System and Lok Adalat

Legal Service Authority Act, 1987: Salient Features