

Learning objectives:

Through completion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. understand the philosophy of human rights in the local, national and international context;
2. demonstrate an understanding of the theoretical perspectives in the sociology of law and legal processes in contemporary society;
3. comprehend the rights of the minority, children, prisoners, women etc.; and
4. analyze patterns of structural inequality and violence in contexts of local, national, and transnational relations and practice, and how human rights have empirically impacted such contexts.

Content

1. The concept of Law

- 1.1. Major legal systems
- 1.2. The Functions and Organization of Law

2. What is Sociology of Law

- 2.1. The Cross-Cultural Context of Law
- 2.2. Sociology of Law and its difference from Jurisprudence.

3. Theoretical Foundations of the Sociology of law: Classical Social Theorists

- 3.1. Marxism & the Law
- 3.2. Critical Perspectives on the Sociology of Law
- 3.3. Law & Social Control
- 3.4. Law & Social Change/Law & Social Justice

4. Selected Issues in the Sociology of Law

- 4.1. Gender, Race, Social Class, and the Law
- 4.2. Discrimination & Law/ Disability & Accommodation/Immigration & the Pakistani Legal System
- 4.3. Education & Law/ Public Institutions & Law

5. Human Rights

- 5.1. Definition and historical background
- 5.2. Need and importance of human rights in Pakistan
- 5.3. Classification of Human Rights
 - 5.3.1. Collective Rights
 - 5.3.2. Ethnic and minority rights
 - 5.3.3. Fundamental Rights
 - 5.3.4. Constitutional rights

6. International Organizations and Human Rights

- 6.1. Women rights and CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of All kind of Discrimination Against Women)
- 6.2. Rights of the child (CRC)
- 6.3. Rights of Minorities (Declaration on the rights of persons belonging to minorities 1992)
- 6.4. Rights of the refugees (convention relating to the status of refugee 1951)

7. Human Rights in Pakistan

- 7.1. Fundamental rights of the citizens in Pakistan
- 7.2. Women's rights in the constitution
- 7.3. Child rights in the constitution
- 7.4. Constitution and the minority.
- 7.5. Violation Of Human Rights In Pakistan
 - 7.5.1. Human Trafficking
 - 7.5.2. Women's Rights Violation
 - 7.5.3. Rights Of Children Violation
 - 7.5.4. Prisoner's Rights Violation
 - 7.5.5. Labor Rights
 - 7.5.6. Human Rights and United Nation

Teaching-Learning Strategies:

Teaching will combine class lectures, class discussions, and group work.

Assignments:

The sessional work will be a combination of written assignments, class quizzes, presentations, and class participation/attendance.

Assessments and Examination:

Sr. No.	Elements	Weightage	Details
1.	Midterm Assessment	35%	It is a written examination that takes place at the mid-point of the semester.
2.	Formative Assessment	25%	It is a continuous assessment. It includes variety of activities mentioned above.
3.	Final Assessment	40%	It is a written examination that takes place at the end of the semester.

Suggested Readings:

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