



UGC CENTRE FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES
MOHANLAL SUKHADIA UNIVERSITY, UDAIPUR- 313001

Certificate Course
On
“Women and Legal Rights”

Objective of the Course:

- a) To initiate academic intervention with certificate course on Women and Legal Rights
- b) To integrate skill components to enhance employability of the students by organizing orientation lectures, interactive sessions and field visits
- c) To develop proactive role in education people about law related to women and formulate legal empowerment using legal education
- d) To intensify the practice of multidisciplinary approach in collaboration of experts from relevant departments and Schools

Locale of the study: Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur

Duration of the Course: 6 months; it includes three modules.

Applicants: 12th passed, Law Graduates, Graduate students, Post Graduate Students, Government Employees, Elected Representatives (Educational Qualification may vary in this case), Person affiliated with civil society and NGOs.

Curriculum of the Course: Course includes both practical and theory classes. Theory classes will be imparted at the centre, while practical classes will be conducted with experts from collaborated legal bodies, NGOs, or Women's Organizations and also assignments with the faculty members.

It is envisaged that the course will be instrumental for awareness regarding legal rights especially for women and mechanism to sensitize people about violence against women, marriage and family, sex related abortions, LGBTQ, Surrogacy and others women's legal rights.

Employment opportunities: Along with their respective degrees, this course will enhance employability of the students/candidates from the job perspective. They can have job opportunities in following domain-

- Non-Governmental Organizations
- Women's Organization
- Legal advisor in private firms
- Ministry of Women and Child Development
- National or State Commission of Women
- UN Women

- UN organizations and projects focusing on women, gender and legal rights

Field visit: Visit to courts, tribunals, Lok Adalat, Nyay Panchayats, NGOs, visit to Police Stations, Prison and Moot Courts in College of Law, MLSU.

Number of Students: Seats are limited. Only 30 students will be selected.

Course Structure:

Module 1- Women in India and Rajasthan		
Objective:		
<i>To introduce students with basic concepts</i>		
<i>To familiarize with status of women as a group and their problems</i>		
<i>To aware students about issues of women in India and Rajasthan in Particular</i>		
	Topics	No. of Lectures
Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women as a group • Basic Concepts: Gender, Sex, Patriarchy, Sexuality, Discrimination, Empowerment etc. • Magnitude and forms of Problems of Women • Causes of vulnerability of Women 	06
Source of Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary Sources Religion, Custom and Conventions Socio-Political Philosophy and Law • Secondary Sources The Constitution, Statutes and Judicial Decisions, Women Rights as Human Rights 	05
Women in India & Rajasthan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status of women in Rajasthan & India • Role of Rajasthan in enactment of Women laws • Women Empowerment: Role of Enforcement Machineries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reforms through Judicial Interventions • Role of National Women Commission • Role of NGOs • Succession State Agencies and Women • National Human Right Commission 	08
Protection of Women under Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equal Remuneration Act, 1976 • Maternity Benefit Act, 1961 Personal Laws Relating to Women • Marriage • Divorce • Maintenance • Adoption • Surrogacy 	10
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Module 2 – Gender Equality under Indian Constitution & Women Laws

Objective:

To understand students' basic principles of Constitution of India (underlying in preamble, Fundamental Rights, DPSP, FDs.)

To aware students of Political Rights, Economic Rights and Social Justice

To discuss laws relating to crimes against women

Gender Equality and Constitution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Concept of Equality• Gender Empowerment Measures• Equality, Right to Livelihood, Right to Live with Dignity, Right against Exploitation, LGBTQ Rights• Equal Justice and Free Legal aid, Provision for Just and Humane Conditions of Work and Maternity Relief, Uniform Civil Code,• Women's Representation in Local Bodies	15
Law Relating to Crimes against Women	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indian Penal Code -1860• Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961• Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005• Indecent Representation of Women [Prohibition] Act, 1986• Pre-conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Selection) Act, 1994• Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act,1956	15

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Module 3 – Global Issues and Role of United Nations Organizations

Objective:

To gather knowledge on issues relating to women at global level
To understand feminist movements and legal struggle worldwide
To discuss current development and new reform in the world
to focus on women rights as human rights with the help of convention, declaration on women by UNO

Global Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical Background • Global Status of Women: Civil and political Rights & social and cultural rights • Recent Development in Women and Gender issues 	12
Women Rights as Human Rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U. N. Conference and Convention on Women • Need and Principles of Women's Rights • U.N. World Conference on Women • Universal Declaration of Human Rights • Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women • Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women • Recent Global Issues related to Women and LGBTQ 	18
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Assignments: Weekly assignments will be given by various faculties.

Study Tours/Field Visits: The participants will be taken for study tours to observe and report on the working of legal institutions in different settings and gain a firsthand experience of innovative legal communication strategies being used at the grassroots.

Special Lecture Series: The course will also serve as a forum for exchange of views and opinions on recent developments in the legal sphere and various experts will be invited from time to time for these sessions.

Methodology: The overall approach of the course seeks to strike a balance between theory and practical. Classroom based lecture-discussions, debates, deliberations, case studies and practical exercises as well as group exercises form an integral part of the course methodology.

- **Course Evaluation:** Assessment will be based on Assignment (70%) and class participation (30%). There will be test and assignments after each module. A certificate will be awarded on successful completion of the course. Students must attend 100% classes and field visits. Certificates will be given only if all the components are complied with (Classes, assignments and field visits).