

NIRMA UNIVERSITY
Institute of Law
B. A.,LL. B. (Hons.) and B. Com., LL. B. (Hons.) Programme
Academic Year: 2020-21
Institute Elective

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Course Code	2IE2003
Course Title	U.S. Legal System

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO):

At the end of the course, students will be able to –

1. Explain the basic amendments to the US Constitution.
2. Compare the Indian Constitution and the American Constitution.
3. Identify the hierarchy of courts in the federal structure of USA.
4. Comprehend and analyse the various legal systems of USA.
5. Appraise the banking law with the financial crises in U.S.A.

Syllabus

Teaching Hours: 60

Units:

Unit. I Introduction

10 hours

- History and Organization of the Federal Judicial System
- History and Organization of State Judicial Systems
- Jurisdiction and Policy-Making Boundaries
- The Criminal Court Process
- The Civil Court Process
- Sources of federal law

Unit. II The Constitution Of The United States

10 hours

- Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens
- Article I to Article VII
- Amendments to the constitution of United States

Unit. III Laws Relating To Foreign Investment

15 hours

- History of Foreign Investment
- United States investment abroad
- U.S Direct Investment
- United States Portfolio Investment
- Foreign Investment In The United States
- Foreign Direct Investment
- Foreign Portfolio Investment
- Trends In Investment Flows



- The Free Flow Of Capital Benefits The United States And Global Economies
- Multilateral And Bilateral Levels to Reduce Barriers To Investment
- Advantages of Foreign Investment In USA

Unit. IV Legal System Within USA 15 hours

- Company Law
- Contract law.
- Consumer law.
- Intellectual property law.
- Property law.
- Competition law

Unit. V Banking Law In USA 5 hours

- The reason for financial crises 2007
- The financial crises 1929
- The present reformation in the banking

Unit. VI A comparative overview of the U.S. legal system with India's legal system 5 hours

Suggestive Readings[^]:-

- Elliot Richardson (2011), United States Policy Toward Foreign Investment: We Can't Have It Both ways,
<http://digitalcommons.wcl.american.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1675&context=auilr>
- Federal Judicial Centre, *The U.S. Legal System: A Short Description*,
[http://www.fjc.gov/public/pdf.nsf/lookup/U.S._Legal_System_English07.pdf/\\$file/U.S._Legal_System_English07.pdf](http://www.fjc.gov/public/pdf.nsf/lookup/U.S._Legal_System_English07.pdf/$file/U.S._Legal_System_English07.pdf)
- US department of state (2004), Outline of the US Legal system,
<http://usa.usembassy.de/etexts/gov/outlinelegalsystem.pdf> <http://system.uslegal.com/>
- An Overview of the American Legal System, <https://www.nhbar.org/uploads/pdf/lre-mt-overviewamericanlegalsystem.pdf>
- Federal Judicial Centre, the US legal system a short description
<https://bulk.resource.org/courts.gov/fjc/ijr00003.pdf>

L=Lecture, T=Tutorial, P=Practical, C=Credit

[^] This is not an exhaustive list