

NIRMA UNIVERSITY

Institute:	Institute of Law
Name of Programme:	B.A.,LL.B. (Hons.), B.Com.,I.L.B (Hons.) B.B.A.,LL.B.(Hons.)
Course Code:	2LW101CC26
Course Title:	Legal Writing and Legal Research
Course Type:	Core
Year of Introduction	2020 (for B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) and B.Com.I.L.B. (Hons.); 2026 (for B.B.A.LL.B. (Hons.)

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Course Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course, the students will be able to:

1. Classify the various facts and legal Research and writing (BL-2)
2. Demonstrate skills of reviewing literature, problematization, hypothesizing (BL-2)
3. Create Research Design (BL-3)
4. Demonstrate academic writing skills BL-3)
5. Demonstrate drafting of basic legal documents (BL-3)

Content

Unit I. Research: Its Meaning and Significance

Teaching Hours: 60
10 Hours

- 1.1 Meaning, definitions, objectives and scope of research
- 1.2 Types of Research
 - 1.2.1 Empirical, Doctrinal
 - 1.2.2. Pure, Applied
 - 1.2.3. Steps of Research

Unit II. Sources and Materials of Legal Research

10 Hours

- 2.1 Primary (Interview, Questionnaire, Observation etc.) and Secondary S Source (Historical, Documentation, Reports, Online sources etc.
- 2.2 Types of Legal Source
 - 2.2.1 Statutory Source
 - 2.2.2 Case Report and case digest and Index
 - 2.2.3 Non-statutory source
- 2.3 Online Source
- 2.4 Statutory Report

Unit III. Research Design and Reference Style Research Ethics

15 Hours

- 3.1 Definition, Nature and characteristics s of research design,
- 3.2 Types of Research Design
- 3.3 Steps of research design
- 3.4 Types of Writing header and sub header
- 3.5 Legal Writing Methodology
- 3.6 Research Ethics and Plagiarism
- 3.7 Research Based Conference and consultations
 - 3.7.1 Contemporary and socially relevant research
 - 3.7.2 Emerging debated and discourse on social legal research

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3.7.3 Quantitative and qualitative research

3.7.4 Case study

3.8 Style of citation

3.8.1 Blue book

3.8.2 APA

3.8.3 MLA

Unit IV. Learning to Write Literature Review

10 Hours

4.1 Article/ Paper Review

4.2 Book Review

4.3 Research Proposal

4.5 Research Paper

4.6 Research Reports

Unit V. Learning to Write Legal Review

10 Hours

5.1 Case comment, case comment case review

5.2 Policy notes and Review

5.3 Case brief writing

Unit VI. Legal Drafting

5 Hours

6.1 Writing Moot courts Memorial

6.2 Affidavit Declaration and Undertaking the Oath

6.3 Legal notice

Self-Study:

Suggested List of

NA

Experience:

Suggested Reading

Reference:

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- Stephen Elias. (2007). *Legal Research: How to find and Understand Law*, NOLO.
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- Kothari, C R. (2004). *Research Methodology*, New Delhi: New Age International (P) Limited Publishers.
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Suggested Case List:

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