

NIRMA UNIVERSITY	
Institute:	Institute of Law
Name of Programme:	B.A.,LL.B (Hons.), B.Com.,LL.B(Hons.), B.B.A.,LL.B (Hons)
Course Code:	2LW201CC26
Course Title:	Constitutional Law I
Course Type:	Core
Year of Introduction	2020 (for B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) and B.Com.LL.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. Comprehend the evolution and development of the organic nature of Indian Constitution. (BI-1)
2. Develop an analytical understanding of the role of State in transforming governance for justice, social, economic and political. (BI-2)
3. Decipher the interrelationship between Fundamental rights, directive principles of state policies and the preamble. (BI-3)

Content

Unit I

Introduction

- 1.1 Framing of the Constitution
- 1.2 Preamble of the Constitution
- 1.3 Salient features of the Indian Constitution
- 1.4 Separation of Powers

Teaching Hours: 60

05 Hours

Unit II

State Territory

- 2.1 Parliament power to cede Indian territory
- 2.2 Citizenship
- 2.3 Parliament's power to lay down criteria
- 2.4 Parliament's power to lay down criteria
- 2.5 Dual citizenship

02 Hours

Unit III

The State and Fundamental Rights

- 3.1 Definition of State
- 3.2 Concept of Limitation of State Power
- 3.3 Origin of Fundamental Rights
- 3.4 Violation of Fundamental Rights by the State
- 3.5 Non-State Agencies and Fundamental Rights
- 3.6 Judicial Review
- 3.7 Doctrine of ultra-vires
- 3.8 Doctrine of Eclipse

03 Hours

Unit IV

Right to Equality

- 4.1 Reasonable classification
- 4.2 Arbitrariness and equality
- 4.3 Legitimate expectations and equality
- 4.4 Protective discrimination

10 Hours

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	4.5 Prohibition of discrimination on grounds of religion, race, caste, sex or place of birth	
	4.6 Equality of opportunity in matters of public employment	
	4.7 Abolition of untouchability	
	4.8 Abolition of titles	
Unit V	Citizen's Rights	8 Hours
	5.1 Freedom of Speech and Expression	
	5.2 Right to Assemble	
	5.3 Right to form association	
	5.4 Right to Movement	
	5.5 Right to reside and settle	
	5.6 Right to practice any profession, trade, occupation or business	
	5.7 Reasonable restrictions	
Unit VI	Right to Life and Personal Liberty	08 Hours
	6.1 Constitutional protections such as principles of legality	
	6.2 Protection in respect of Conviction for offences	
	6.3 Safeguards against arbitrary arrest and detention	
	6.4 Right against Exploitation	
Unit VII	Right against exploitation	03 Hours
	7.1 Prohibition of traffic in human beings and forced labour	
	7.2 Prohibition of employment of children in factories, etc.	
Unit VIII	Freedom of Religion and Minority Rights	06 Hours
	8.1 Freedom of conscience and free profession, practice and propagation of religion	
	8.2 Freedom to manage religious affairs	
	8.3 Freedom as to payment of taxes for promotion of any particular religion	
	8.4 Freedom as to attendance at religious instruction or religious worship in certain educational institutions	
	8.5 Cultural & Educational Rights	
Unit IX	Rights to Constitutional Remedies	05 Hours
Unit X	Directive Principles of State Policy	06 Hours
	10.1 The interrelationship between fundamental rights, directives principles of state policy	
	10.2. Economic Aspects of Directive Principles of State Policy	
Unit XI	Fundamental Duties	02 Hours

Self-Study:
Suggested List of
Experience:

Suggested Reading
Reference:

Books:

1. Jain, M. P, 2011 Indian Constitutional Law, Nagpur: Wadhwa Publication
2. Shukla, V.N. 2013, Constitution of India, Lucknow: Eastern Book Company
3. Seervai, H. M., 2007 Constitutional Law of India, New Delhi : Universal law Publishing House
4. Granville, Austin, 2012 Indian Constitution: Corner Stone of the Nation, Oxford University Press
5. Basu, Durga Das, 2010 Introduction to the Constitution of India, Nagpur: Wadhwa, Publication

Articles

1. Mehbubul Hasan Laskar, "Rethinking reservation in India", *ILI Law Review*, 2008 Pg 25-53
2. Oberoi, Namit "The Right to Privacy: Tracing the Judicial Approach following The Kharak Singh Case", *Indian Journal of Constitutional Law*, 2012 Pg 216-223
3. Chowdhury, Rishad, "The Road Less Travelled": Article 21A and the Fundamental Right to Primary Education in India, *Indian Journal of Constitutional Law*, 2013 Pg 24-46
4. Suri Ratnapala, "Reason and Reach of the Objection to Ex-post Facto Law", *Indian Journal of Constitutional Law*, 2010, Pg 140-168.
5. Muteti Mutsiya Mwamisi, "The Indian Supreme Court and Curative Actions", *Indian Journal of Constitutional Law*, 2011, Pg 202-215.

Suggested Case List:

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