

NIRMA UNIVERSITY

Institute:	Institute of Law
Name of Programme:	B.A.,LL.,B (Hons.), B. Com. LL.B (Hons.)
Course Code:	2LW501CC26
Course Title:	Criminal Litigation-I (Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023).
Course Type:	Core
Year of Introduction	2024-25 (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. Explain the fundamental principles governing criminal responsibility and punishment, and distinguish criminal wrongdoing from other forms of legal and moral conduct. (BL1-BL2)
2. Apply legal principles to given factual situations to determine criminal liability and available legal exceptions. (BL3)
3. Explain and analyse the functioning of criminal justice processes at the preliminary and pre-trial stages, with reference to authority, procedure, and safeguards. (BL2-BL4)
4. Analyse and evaluate criminal justice processes from a rights-based perspective, focusing on fairness, due process, and evidentiary reasoning. (BL4-BL5)
5. Analyse factual and legal materials to identify relevant issues, construct legal arguments, and arrive at reasoned conclusions. (BL4)
6. Evaluate competing legal positions and propose reasoned solutions to criminal law problems, demonstrating independent and critical legal thinking. (BL5-BL6)

Content UNIT	Final Version of Syllabus	Total Teaching hours: 60 Teaching Hours
UNIT-I	General Principles of Crime: 1.1 Conceptions of Crime, Distinction of Crime, Morality and other wrongs, Elements of Crime. 1.2 Definitions and General explanation (Ss 2-3); Punishments- Community Services (Ss 4-13) 1.3 Types of Punishment- Death, Life Imprisonment, Fine, Forfeiture of Property, Community Service. (S. 4), Simple, Rigorous, Solitary Confinement. (Ss. 11- 12).	8 Hrs
UNIT-II	General Defences and Right of Private Defence (Ss. 14-44): 2.1 General Exceptions- Legal Command and Judicial Orders, Necessity, Infancy, Insanity, Intoxication, Consent. 2.2 Private Defence	10 Hrs
UNIT-III	Offences against the Human Body Offences affecting life: 3.1 Culpable Homicide, Mob lynching (Ss 100, 102, 103, 105, 110), 3.2 Murder, Culpable Homicide not amounting to Murder, Causing Death by rash or negligent act (Ss 101. 104, 106, 109);	13 Hrs

	3.3 Organized crimes (Ss 111-112),	
	3.4 Terrorist Act (S.113);	
	3.5 Hurt, Grievous Hurt resulting in vegetative state or permanent disability (Ss 114-125);	
	3.6 Wrongful Restraint and confinement (Ss126-127)	
	3.7 Criminal force and assault (Ss128-136);	
	3.8 Kidnapping, including Kidnaping for beggary, abduction, slavery and forced labour (Ss137-146).	
UNIT-IV	Importance and Features of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita:	05 Hrs
	4.1 Meaning, Definitions and Importance of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita.	
	4.2 Arrest- Concept, procedure and safeguards, Proclamation, Information regarding arrested persons. (Ss. 35- 62).	
UNIT-V	First Information Report, Bail, Bond and Security:	08 Hrs
	5.1 Meaning Concept and Procedure of recording of FIR.	
	5.2 e-FIR and Zero-FIRs and Complaint.	
	5.3 Bail, Bail bond, Bond, Types of Bail- (Regular Bail, Anticipatory Bail, Interim Bail). (Ss.478- 496)	
	5.4 Security for keeping peace and good behaviour. (Ss 125- 129).	
	5.5 Parole and Furlough	
UNIT-VI	Pre-Trial Process and Commencement of Proceedings	10 Hrs
	6.1 Magisterial power to take cognizance and timelines to complete the proceedings, Dismissal of complaints. (Ss. 223- 226).	
	6.2 Commencement of proceedings. (Ss. 227-233).	
	6.3 Framing of Charge and Joinder of charges. (Ss. 234- 247).	
UNIT-VII	Constitutional Perspective & Criminal Justice Activism	06 Hrs
	7.1 Importance of Fair Trial.	
	7.2 Rights of Victims versus Rights of Accused.	
	7.3 Victim Compensation Scheme, Witness Protection Scheme.	
	7.4 Role of Forensic Evidence Under Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita.	

Self Study:

Suggested List of Experience

Suggested Reading Reference

Ancillary Provisions to the main Headings

- Saxena, Namit (2025) Ratanlal & Dhirajlal The Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, Haryana, Lexis Nexis.
- Ratanlal & Dhirajlal (2025), The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 Haryana, Lexis Nexis.
- Deswal, Vageshwari & Saurabh Kansal, (2023) Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023: Law and Practice. New Delhi: Taxmann
- Verma, J.K (2024) Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita: A Commentary, Lucknow, EBC Books

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