

B.A.LL.B (Hons.) 5 YEARS INTEGRATED COURSE

SEMESTER-IV

Course Code	HIS401
Course Title	Legal History
Type of Course	Core
L T P	5 1 0
Credits	6
Course Prerequisites	12 th
Course Objectives (CO)	Historical evolution of any law helps the students to know the reasons behind the legislation. In the light of this historical set up, it is easy to understand and interpret the provisions of law. The course aims at giving a brief overview of the history of Indian Law and Constitution of India to enable the students to understand the Constitution of India better. The course dwells on the development of the judicial institutions as well as the growth of legislative and administrative processes in India during the colonial period. It includes a study of the constitutional development in India as well as the history of legal education and legal profession. The course tries to play a major role in creating interests amongst the students in furtherance of their law career. The development of the legal system under the British will help the students to know the intricacies of law in India and the establishment of the legal system in India.

UNIT-I

India under the East India Company 1600-1858 Parliamentary Control over the Company: Critical Evaluation of: The Regulating Act 1773, Pitts India Act 1784, Charter Act of 1793, Charter Act of 1813, Charter Act of 1833, Charter Act of 1853, The Government of India Act of 1858.

UNIT –II

India under the British Crown 1858-1947 Provisions and Shortcomings of: The Indian Councils Act 1861, The Indian Councils Act 1892, The Indian Councils Act 1909, The Government of India Act 1919, The Government of India Act 1935, The Indian Independence Act 1947.

UNIT–III

Judicial reforms and Institutions under the British Judicial Reforms of Warren Hastings, Charles Cornwallis, John Shore and William Bentinck. Administration of Justice in Madras, Bombay and Calcutta 1639-1726. The establishment and functioning of Mayors Courts and Courts in the Presidency Towns. Establishment and functioning of Supreme Court at Calcutta, Madras and Bombay.

UNIT –IV

Judicial Institutions under the Crown: Establishment of Indian High Courts. The Privy Council. The Federal Court.

Legal Profession: Legal Profession upto 1926. The Indian Bar Councils Act 1926.

Suggested Readings:

- Hamid, Abdul. (1991).A Chronicle of British Indian Legal History,Jaipur: RBSA Publishers.
- Jain,M.P.(2015).Outlines of Indian Legal and Constitutional History, New Delhi:Lexis Nexis.
- Kulshrestha, V.K.(1989).Indian Legal and Constitutional History, Lucknow: Eastern Book Company.
- Chandra, Bipan.et al (2016).India’s Struggle for Independence, 1857-1947, New Delhi:Penguin Books.
- Jain,M.P.(1999).Outlines of Indian Legal History, New Delhi:Wadhwa and Co.
- Aggarwal,R. C.(2005)Constitutional Development and National Movement of India, New Delhi: S.Chand and Co.
- Dayal,S. (1979).Constitutional Law of India, Allahabad: Allahabad Law Agency.
- Singh, M.P.(2010) Outlines of Legal and Constitutional History, New Delhi: Universal Law Publishing.
- Tripathi,S.C.(2006).Indian Legal and Constitutional History, Hyderabad: Hyderabad Asia Law House.

