



*Legal Practice Certificate Course*  
**“LEGAL RESEARCH & LEGAL WRITING”**  
(The skill of researching and writing on legal issues)



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(Jindal Global Law School & Jindal School  
of Environment and Sustainability)

**TPOICS::**

- / Understanding the Law and its Sources
- / Identifying the Purpose of Legal Research
- / Types of Research Methodologies
- / Literature Review
- / Proposition, Arguments, Explanations and Paraphrasing
- / Footnotes, Endnotes and Submission

Open to all the Interested student of  
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Date & Time ::  
April - May 2022,  
03 Hrs. in a Week.





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**Google Registration Form :: <https://forms.gle/WSAdvh1PEhSPkgL78>**

**Last Date of Registration :: Sunday 17 April 2022, IST 10 AM,**

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**Commencement :: Monday 18 & Tuesday 19 April 2022, IST 01 to 03 PM**

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Thu.-14-April-2022

Dear Parent / Student,

Greetings from Lloyd academic community!

#### **Course Preface :: Legal Research and Writing**

"Research Is to See What Everybody Else Has Seen and Think What Nobody Has Thought."

- Albert Szent-Györgyi

A simple legal research is a multi-step procedure, including identification of sources of law, collection of sources of law, retrieval of information from the sources, analytical assessment of the retrieved information, concluding with legal decision making. Legal writing is generally seen complementary to legal research on issues of law and interpretation. An outstanding legal professional derives excellence from the might of their pen, spectrum of their perception, reality of their rationale and the wisdom of their speech. It would not be an exaggeration if stated that the skills of legal research and writing are quintessential for a legal professional. In order to equip the students of Lloyd Law College with this skill, the Legal Research & Writing Course will be delivered to 30 students. These students will be selected based on their interest and passion for the course. The course will be taught on "Oxford Method of Teaching" that requires a conversation and presentation driven course. The Oxford's core teaching requires in-depth conversation between the participants of the course, driving them towards achieving the objective and learning of the course.

#### **Course Objective ::**

The objective of this course is threefold;



1. To introduce various legal approaches- local, global and critical to study and analyse law.
2. To inculcate at-least one in dept theoretical approach in the participant of the course through presentations, continuous feedback on their work and assessments.
3. To ensure that each participant produces a publishable work by the end of the certificate course.

### **Course Outcome ::**

The final outcome of this Certificate Course is to skill up the participants with research and writing abilities in social sciences and law.

### **Certificate of Participation ::**

Certificate of participation will be issued jointly by the Lloyd Law College & Prof. Chhaya Bhardwaj.

### **Course Chief Faculty :: Prof. Chhaya Bhardwaj, Associate Professor, O. P. Jindal Global University.**

Prof. Chhaya Bhardwaj is a United Nations trained international lawyer. She is B.A.LL.B. (2015) from Lloyd Law College. Thereafter, she was selected as an International Scholar at Environmental Law Center, Vermont Law School to pursue her LL.M. in environmental laws. After completing her LL.M., she joined Lloyd Law College as an Assistant Professor where she started Environmental Law Center and served as its Assistant Director. She also started International Migration and Refugee Law Center at Lloyd. In 2018, she assisted Mr. Dire Tladi at United Nations International Law Commission with his work on "peremptory norms of general international law (jus cogens)". She has received various awards like the United Nations Fellowship (2017) to attend the Regional Course in International Law, Asia-Pacific. In 2018, she was awarded with the Local Pathways Fellowship by United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network for her work in environmental education and youth empowerment. In 2019, she was awarded with Junior Scholars' Scholarship by Asian Society of International Law to attend the 7th ASIL Biennial Conference on International Law.

**EVALUATION PATTERN ::** There are two evaluation patterns: 1. The presentations and participation in the class. 2. The timely production of paper of publishable quality or publishing the paper or receiving confirmation of publication of paper in a peer-review journal.

### **COURSE STRUCTURE :: DURATION & CONTENTS**

General Guidelines: Number of Hours: 30

<b>DISTRIBUTION OF COURSE SYLLABUS (10 Weeks/Classes)</b>	
<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Themes and Topics</b>



1.	Understanding the Law and its Sources: Cases, Legislations, precedents, Statutory Interpretations. How to question the Law? Activity Evaluations- Asking the Questions. Laying down 3 questions/areas of interest to write the research paper.
2.	Understanding the Law and its Sources: Cases, Legislations, precedents, Statutory Interpretations. How to question the Law? Activity Evaluations- Finalising the Question(s), Statement Problem for the Research Paper.
3.	Identifying the Purpose of Legal Research. & Identifying Journals to publish in. Activity Evaluations- Writing down the Aims and Objective of the Research and finalising them.
4.	What are the various types of research methodologies: Doctrinal and non-doctrinal (empirical); Analytical, historical, philosophical, theological, feminist, critical, queer, Approaches to reasoning and Analysis. Activity: Identifying the methodologies to be used for the research paper.
5.	What are the various types of research methodologies: Doctrinal and non-doctrinal (empirical); Analytical, historical, philosophical, theological, feminist, critical, queer. Empirical Methods: Mapping, Surveying, interviewing, Epistemological, etc. Policy-based Research Multi-method research. Activity: Identifying the methodologies to be used for the research paper
6.	What are the various types of research methodologies: Doctrinal and non-doctrinal (empirical); Analytical, historical, philosophical, theological, feminist, critical, queer. Empirical Methods: Mapping, Surveying, interviewing, Epistemological, etc. Activity: Identifying the methodologies to be used for the research paper.
7.	Literature Review: How to Prepare a Literature Review Activity: Identifying the Literature or Scholarly Articles on the State of Art of the existing work on the research Questions.
8.	Proposition, Arguments, Explanations and Paraphrasing. Activity: Preparation of the first draft of the paper.
9.	Deduction, Induction, Fallacies and Conclusion Activity: Submission of the First Draft of the Paper.
10.	Footnotes, Endnotes, and Submission. Activity: Submission of the Research Paper to the Journals.

### READINGS FOR THE COURSE ::

1. Stelmach, J. and Brozek, B., 2006. Methods of legal reasoning (Vol. 78). Springer Science & Business Media.
2. Creutzfeldt, N., Mason, M. and McConnachie, K. eds., 2019. Routledge handbook of socio-legal theory and methods. Routledge.
3. Bodig, M., 2015. Legal Doctrinal Scholarship and Interdisciplinary Engagement. Erasmus L. Rev., 8, p.43.



4. Van Hoecke, M. ed., 2011. Methodologies of legal research: which kind of method for what kind of discipline?. Bloomsbury Publishing.
5. Hutchinson, T. and Duncan, N., 2012. Defining and describing what we do: Doctrinal legal research. Deakin L. Rev., 17, p.83.
6. John, M., Devaiah, V.H., Baruah, P., Tundawala, M. and Kumar, N. eds., 2021. The Indian Yearbook of Comparative Law 2019. Springer Singapore.

Hope to see you all in regular classes, additional courses, practical academics, skilling opportunities and professional guidance of excellence and standard.

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