STUDY IQ IAS

LAW OPTIONAL

(2027- 2028)

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Why Optional Matter in UPSC CSE

Choosing the right optional subject in UPSC CSE Mains can significantly influence your chances of success. It's a highly strategic decision and should be based on multiple factors such as your background, interest, aptitude, availability of resources, and overlap with GS papers. Below is a detailed evaluation of each of the subjects you mentioned — both English and Hindi medium options — to help you make an informed choice:

Optional Subject

The Hidden Power in UPSC Mains

500 Marks at Stake

Optional contributes **500 out of 1750** marks in the Mains exam. A high score here can **transform your final rank.**

The Real Differentiator

While GS papers level the field, the **optional creates the gap.** Many toppers owe their ranks to an outstanding optional score.

Scoring with Strategy

Optional subjects, with a **well-defined syllabus** and **less competition,** offer a chance to score **much higher than GS papers** — if approached smartly.

Subject Familiarity Pays Off

Choosing an optional aligned with your **interest or academic background** makes preparation smoother and answers stronger.

Overlap = Smart Preparation

Subjects like PSIR, Sociology, and Anthropology offer content that overlaps with **GS, Essay, and Interview,** giving you **multiple benefits from single preparation.**

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Exploring the Merits of LAW

Scoring potential

• Many questions, especially in paper I (Constitutional and Administrative Law), have relatively straightforward answers based on legal provisions or landmark judgments.
• In paper II, even in more subjective areas like criminal law, mercantile law etc there are established schools of thought you can cite. • Case laws and legal principles provide concrete points to build your answers around.
Law can be a high-

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Balanced syllabus

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The law optional syllabus covers:
• Theoretical aspects: jurisprudence, legal concepts
• Practical aspects: specific laws, case studies
• Historical perspective: evolution of legal systems
• Contemporary issues: recent judgments, legal reforms
• This balance allows you to showcase different skills -memorization, analysis, and application of concepts to current scenarios.

Resource availability

For law optional, you can find:
• Standard textbooks (like those by Durga Das Basu for Constitutional Law)
• Specialized UPSC-focused books (e.g., J.N. Pandey for Constitutional Law)
• Online courses and video lectures
• Previous year question papers and model answers
• Current affairs magazines focusing on legal developments

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Preparation for interview

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• Analyze current events from a legal perspective (e.g., new legislation, Supreme Court judgments)
• Understand the legal implications of policy decisions
• Discuss constitutional principles and their application ingovernance

Relevance to civil services

As a civil servant, you'll frequently encounter legal issues :
• IAS officers may deal with constitutional and administrative law in governance.
• IPS officers need a strong grasp of criminal law and procedure.
• IFS officers benefit from knowledge of international law.
• Revenue service officers often work with tax laws.
Understanding legal principles helps in interpreting policies, drafting rules, and making informed decisions in various administrative roles.

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StudyIQ Offerings

LIVE Classes

The essence of this Program is the Live classes. StudyIQ through our expert faculties will be conducting Live classes every week from Monday to Saturday.

LIVE Doubts Clearing Sessions

LIVE Doubts Clearing Sessions where students can directly ask questions and clarify their doubts with instructors or subject experts. These sessions are a vital part of our Program .

Recorded Classes

Recorded Class after every Live class will be Provided . Learn at your own pace – ideal for working professionals or students with busy schedules .

Previous Year Questions

Actual questions that appeared in the Optional Exam in previous years will be Provided This will help in Identifying weak Areas.

Current Affairs Classes

Understanding current affairs adds context to your knowledge. All Current Events related to Optionals will be added in the course .

Mains Answer Writting

Mains answer writing will be conducted throughout the program with evaluation.

Faculty Written Notes

Only board PPTs will be shared, and those will include the faculty-written notes. No crux or separate handwritten notes will be provided.

One to One Mentorship

During your entire journey, our mentors will track your progress and guide you through your academic journey. Your Mentor will act like a friend, philosopher and guide so that you can have a personalized help during the preparation journey.

Mains Test Series

A weekly Mains answer writing will be conducted throughout the program.

Weekly Doubt Clearing Sessions

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Optional Package Comparison

Features	Standard	Elite
400+ hours of live lectures spread over 6 months	✓	✓
Live Doubt Clearing Sessions with Faculty	✓	✓
Recorded Lectures, PDF & Faculty Hand-outs	✓	✓
Comprehensive Coverage of Every Topic with PYQ Discussion	✓	✓
Current affairs to keep the aspirants updated	✓	✓
Regular answer writing sessions with evaluation	✗	✓
One to one Mentorship 24*7	✗	✓
Mains Test Series (Sectional & Full Length Test)	✗	✓
Optional Gyan Bhandar	✗	✓
Weekly Doubt Clearing Sessions with Faculty	✗	✓
Validity	18 Months	30 Months



Time Table

Date	Topic Name	Time
14 November	Orientation	
	LAW OF CONTRACTS AND MERCHANTILE LAW	
15 Nov	Nature and formation of contract/E-contract, Factors vitiating free consent, Void, voidable, illegal and unenforceable agreements.	18 Hours
20 Nov	Performance and discharge of contracts, Quasi-contracts, Consequences of breach of contract,	15 hours
27 Nov	Contract of indemnity, guarantee and insurance Contract of agency Sale of goods and hire purchase	11 hours
2 Dec	Formation and dissolution of partnership Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 Standard form contracts	8 hours
	CONSTITUTIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW	
7 Dec	Constitution and Constitutionalism: The distinctive features of the Constitution	3 hours
10 Dec	Fundamental Rights—Public interest litigation; Legal Aid; Legal services authority	30 hours
13 Dec	Relationship between Fundamental rights, Directive principles and Fundamental duties, Constitutional Position of the President and relation with the Council of Ministers, Governor and his powers	9 hours
15 Dec	Supreme Court and the High Courts: (a) Appointments and transfer. (b) Powers, functions, and jurisdiction. Centre, States, and local bodies: (a) Distribution of legislative powers between the Union and the States (b) Local Bodies, Eminent domain-State property, common property, community property (c) Administrative relationship among Union, State, and Local Bodie	9 hours

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18 Dec	Eminent domain-State property-common property-community property Legislative powers, privileges, and immunities. Functions of election commission of india.	9 hours
21 Dec	Services under the Union and the States: Recruitment and conditions of services; Constitutional safeguards; Administrative tribunals; Union Public Service Commission and State Public Service Commissions—Power and functions; Election Commission—Power and functions	6 hours
	CONSTITUTIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW	
27 Dec	Emergency provisions Amendment of the Constitution Principle of Natural Justice—Emerging Trends and Judicial Approach	9 hours
26 Dec	Delegated legislation and its constitutionality Separation of powers and constitutional governance Judicial review of administrative action Ombudsman: Lokayukta, Lokpal etc.	15 hours
29 Dec	Lawful recourse to force: aggressions, self-defence, intervention Peaceful settlement of disputes—different modes,	6 hours
3 Jan	Fundamental principles of international humanitarian law—International conventions and contemporary developments	3 hours
6 Jan	Legality of the use of nuclear weapons; ban on testing of nuclear weapons; Nuclear non-proliferation treaty, CTST International Terrorism, State sponsored terrorism, Hijacking, International Criminal Court.	9 hours
9 Jan	New International Economic Order, and Monetary Law: WTO, TRIPS, GATT, IMF, World Bank.	6 hours
12 Jan	Protection and Improvement of the Human Environment: International Efforts.	6 Hours

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	International Laws	
15 Jan	Nature and Definition of INTERNATIONAL LAW Relationship between International and Municipal LAW State Recognition and State Succession	18 Hours
20 Jan	Law of the sea: Inland Waters, Territorial Sea, Contiguous Zone, Continental Shelf, Exclusive Economic Zone and High Seas	6 HOURS
24 Jan	Individuals; Nationality, statelessness; Human Rights and procedures available for their enforcement, Territorial jurisdiction of States, Extradition and Asylum	12 HOURS
27 Jan	Treaties: Formation, application, termination and reservation United Nations: Its principal organs, powers and functions and reform Peaceful settlement of disputes—different modes	12 HOURS
30 Jan	Lawful recourse to force: aggressions, self-defence, intervention Peaceful settlement of disputes—different modes Lawful recourse to force: aggressions, self-defence, intervention	9 hours
2 Feb	Fundamental principles of international humanitarian law—International conventions and contemporary developments, Legality of the use of nuclear weapons; ban on testing of nuclear weapons; Nuclear non-proliferation treaty, CTST	9 hours
5 Feb	International Terrorism, State sponsored terrorism, Hijacking, International Criminal Court New international economic Order and Monetary law: WTO, TRIPS, GATT, IMF, World Bank Protection and improvement of the Human Environment: International Efforts	9 hours

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10 Feb	General principles of Criminal liability: mens rea and actus reus, mens rea in statutory offences , Kinds of punishment and emerging trends as to abolition of capital punishment, Preparations and criminal attempt	9 HOURS
20 Feb	General exceptions	9 HOURS
	CONTEMPORARY LEGAL DEVELOPMENTS	
23 Feb	Alternate Dispute Resolution—Concept, types/prospects Major statutes concerning environmental law Right To Information Trial By Media	12 hours
26 Feb	Public Interest Litigation Intellectual property rights—Concept, types/prospects Information Technology Law including Cyber Laws—Concept, purpose/prospects Competition Law—Concept, purpose/prospects	12 hours
	LAW OF CRIMES	
3 March	Joint and constructive liability, Abetment, Criminal conspiracy,Offences against the State, Offences against public tranquillity	16 Hours
8 March	Offences against human body	15 Hours
13 March	Offences against property, Offences against women	10 Hours
28 March	Defamation,Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, Protection of Civil Rights Act,1955 and subsequent legislative developments,Plea bargaining	12 Hours

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	LAW OF TORTS	
13 April	Nature and definition, Liability based upon fault and strict liability; Absolute liability,Vicarious liability including State Liability,General defences, Joint tort fessors	15 Hours
18 April	Remedies, Negligence, Defamation, Nuisance, Conspiracy, False imprisonment,	18 Hours
26 April	Malicious prosecution , Consumer Protection Act, 1986	6 Hours

Our Faculty



Vishal Gupta

LAW Faculty | UPSC Mentor

- Qualified UPSC CDS (2017) & CAPF (2018) examinations
- Educator, Argasia Education Pvt Ltd (Plutus IAS) (July 2024 - present)
  - Law Optional Faculty
  - Educator, Yojna IAS (Dec 2022)
  - Taught History for BPSC
- Higher Secondary (2012), DCM Ferozepur
- LL.B (2022), Faculty of Law, University of Delhi & Symbiosis International University, Noida
- LL.M (Business & Corporate Law) (2024), Symbiosis International University, Noida
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- Projects:
  - Dissertation on Direct Taxes (Corporate Law)
  - Co-managed Conference on Gender Equity

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