



**LAW**

**OPTIONAL**

**— SMART —  
COURSE**

**▶ REC Recorded Classes**



# 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

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- 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

### 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

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### 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

- 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 in governance



## Relevance to civil services

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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.



# Recorded Lectures

| Topic no | Topic                                 |
|----------|---------------------------------------|
| 1.       | CONSTITUTIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW |
| 2.       | INTERNATIONAL LAWS                    |
| 3.       | LAW OF CRIMES                         |
| 4.       | LAW OF TORTS                          |
| 5.       | LAW OF CONTRACTS AND MERCHANTILE LAW  |
| 6.       | CONTEMPORARY LEGAL DEVELOPMENTS       |
| 7.       | CONSTITUTIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW |

# 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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