

# LAW

# OPTIONAL

## (2027-2028)

# — APRIL BATCH —

 **Live CLASSES & TEST SERIES**



**10th April 2026**



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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.

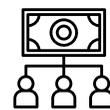


#### Scoring with Strategy

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

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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.



# 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 .

## ▶ Hand Written Notes

Before every class, you will be provided with class notes in the form of CRUX. After the classes, we will be providing the lecture / board PPTs and handwritten notes of that class.

## ▶ 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 Writing

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

## ▶ 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

Weekly 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 .

# Optional Package Comparison

Features	Gold	Platinum
400+ hours of live lectures spread over 6 months	✓	✓
Live Doubt Clearing Sessions with Faculty	✓	✓
Recorded Lectures & Hand written Notes or Crux	✓	✓
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	24 Months



# Time Table

Date	Topic Name	Time
10 Apr	Orientation	
<b>International Laws</b>		
10 Apr	Nature and Definition of INTERNATIONAL LAW Relationship between International and Municipal LAW State Recognition and State Succession	18 Hours
13 Apr	Law of the sea: Inland Waters, Territorial Sea, Contiguous Zone, Continental Shelf, Exclusive Economic Zone and High Seas	6 HOURS
15 Apr	Individuals; Nationality, statelessness; Human Rights and procedures available for their enforcement, Territorial jurisdiction of States, Extradition and Asylum	12 HOURS
17 Apr	Treaties: Formation, application, termination and reservation United Nations: Its principal organs, powers and functions and reform Peaceful settlement of disputes—different modes	12 HOURS
20 Apr	Lawful recourse to force: aggressions, self-defence, intervention Peaceful settlement of disputes—different modes Lawful recourse to force: aggressions, self-defence, intervention	9 hours
22 Apr	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
26 Apr	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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<b>International Laws</b>		
30 Apr	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
2 May	General exceptions	9 HOURS
<b>LAW OF CRIMES</b>		
05 May	Joint and constructive liability, Abetment, Criminal conspiracy, Offences against the State, Offences against public tranquillity	16 Hours
08 May	Offences against human body	15 Hours
12 May	Offences against property, Offences against women	10 Hours
14 May	Defamation, Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and subsequent legislative developments, Plea bargaining	12 Hours
<b>LAW OF TORTS</b>		
16 May	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 May	Remedies, Negligence, Defamation, Nuisance, Conspiracy, False imprisonment,	18 Hours
20 May	Malicious prosecution , Consumer Protection Act, 1986	6 Hours

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<b>LAW OF CONTRACTS AND MERCHANTILE LAW</b>		
23 May	Nature and formation of contract/E-contract, Factors vitiating free consent, Void, voidable, illegal and unenforceable agreements.	18 Hours
26 May	Performance and discharge of contracts, Quasi-contracts, Consequences of breach of contract,	15 hours
29 May	Contract of indemnity, guarantee and insurance Contract of agency Sale of goods and hire purchase	11 hours
02 June	Formation and dissolution of partnership Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 Standard form contracts	8 hours
<b>CONTEMPORARY LEGAL DEVELOPMENTS</b>		
12 June	Alternate Dispute Resolution—Concept, types/prospects Major statutes concerning environmental law Right To Information Trial By Media	12 hours
15 June	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

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Date	Topic Name	Time
<b>CONSTITUTIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW</b>		
18 June	Constitution and Constitutionalism: The distinctive features of the Constitution	3 hours
20 June	Fundamental Rights—Public interest litigation; Legal Aid; Legal services authority	30 hours
25 June	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
28 June	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
1 July	Eminent domain-State property-common property-community property Legislative powers, privileges, and immunities. Functions of election commission of india.	9 hours
4 July	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

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6 July	Emergency provisions Amendment of the Constitution Principle of Natural Justice—Emerging Trends and Judicial Approach	9 hours
9 July	Delegated legislation and its constitutionality Separation of powers and constitutional governance Judicial review of administrative action Ombudsman: Lokayukta, Lokpal etc.	15 hours
13 July	Lawful recourse to force: aggressions, self-defence, intervention Peaceful settlement of disputes—different modes,	6 hours
15 July	Fundamental principles of international humanitarian law—International conventions and contemporary developments	3 hours
17 July	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
20 July	New International Economic Order, and Monetary Law: WTO, TRIPS, GATT, IMF, World Bank.	6 hours
22 July	Protection and Improvement of the Human Environment: International Efforts.	6 Hours

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# 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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# Our Prices

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Price: ~~₹42,999~~

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