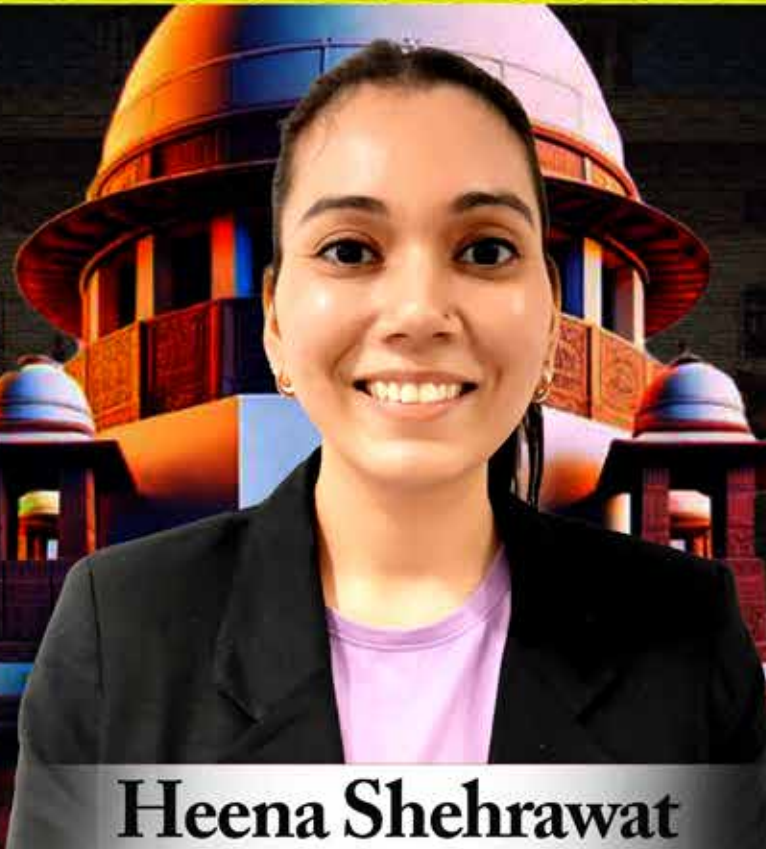


Law

OPTIONAL



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Features of the Course

Why Law Optional

1. Overlap with General Studies:

The overlap between law and General Studies is quite significant. For example:

- **Constitutional law directly ties into GS-II topics on Indian polity and governance.**
- **Administrative law relates to public administration covered in GS-II.**
- **Environmental and labor laws connect with social issues in GS-I and GS-III.**
- **International law aligns with international relations in GS-II.**
- **Principles enshrined in different judgements are relevant to ethics scenarios in GS-IV and gives you an edge in essay writing as well.**
- **Current Legal Developments are very relevant for all GS papers especially Polity, Social Issues, Developmental Issues, IT, Agriculture, etc.**

This overlap means you're essentially killing two birds with one stone - your law preparation strengthens your GS knowledge and vice versa.

2. Scoring potential:

Law can be a high-scoring subject because:

- 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.

3. 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.



4. 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**

5. Preparation for interview:

In the interview, law knowledge can help you:

- **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**

6. 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.

Amazing Fact:

According to the 73rd Annual Report of UPSC Published in 2023, Law Optional had 11.7% success ratio making in one of the top 10 successful subjects.

Features of the Course:

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1. Approx 300 hours of live lectures over 5 months.

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2. Comprehensive coverage through live lecture and constant mentoring.

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3. Notes along with Important Case Laws and Relevant Provisions

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4. Answer writing enrichment program.

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5. Course planned with Previous Year Questions in place.

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6. Test series and revision.

LAW OPTIONAL SYLLABUS AND TIMELINE

Paper 1 (Around 70-80 Hours Minimum)

Topic	Date
18/10/2024	Orientation Session
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1. Constitution and Constitutionalism: The distinctive features of the Constitution.	1hr
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2. Fundamental Rights—Public interest litigation; Legal Aid; Legal services authority.	10 Hrs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3. Relationship between Fundamental rights, Directive principles and Fundamental duties.	2.5hrs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4. Constitutional Position of the President and relation with the Council of Ministers	2.5hrs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5. Governor and his powers.	2hrs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6. Supreme Court and the High Courts.• (a) Appointments and transfers• (b) Powers, functions and jurisdiction	6hrs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7. Centre, States and Local bodies:• • (a) Distribution of legislative powers between the Union and the States.	6hrs

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (b) Local Bodies • (c) Administrative relationship among Union, State and Local Bodies. • (d) Eminent domain-State property-common property-community property 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8. Legislative powers, privileges and immunities 	1.5hrs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9. Services under the Union and the States: • (a) Recruitment and conditions of services; Constitutional safeguards; Administrative tribunals. • (b) Union Public Service Commission and State Public Service Commissions—Power and Functions • (c) Election Commission—Power and functions 	3.5hrs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10. Emergency provisions 	1hr
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11. Amendment of the Constitution. 	1hr
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12. Principle of Natural Justice—Emerging Trends and Judicial Approach 	1hr
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13. Delegated legislation and its constitutionality. 	1.5hrs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14. Separation of powers and constitutional governance 	1hr

• 15. Judicial review of administrative action.	1hr
• 16. Ombudsman: Lokayukta, Lokpal etc.	1hr
• 1. Nature and Definition of International Law	0.5hr
• 2. Relationship between International Law and Municipal Law	0.5hr
• 3. State Recognition and State Succession	1.5hrs
• 4. Law of the sea: Inland Waters, Territorial Sea, Contiguous Zone, Continental Shelf, Exclusive Economic Zone and High Seas	1.5hrs
• 5. Individuals: Nationality, statelessness; Human Rights and procedures available for their enforcement	2hrs
• 6. Territorial jurisdiction of States, Extradition and Asylum	1.5hrs
• 7. Treaties: Formation, application, termination and reservation	1.5hrs
• 8. United Nations: Its principal organs, powers and functions and reform	3hrs
• 9. Peaceful settlement of disputes—different modes	2hrs

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10. Lawful recourse to force: aggressions, self-defence, intervention 	2hrs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11. Fundamental principles of international humanitarian law—International conventions and contemporary developments 	2hrs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12. Legality of the use of nuclear weapons; ban on testing of nuclear weapons; Nuclear non-proliferation treaty, CTST 	1.5hrs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13. International Terrorism, State sponsored terrorism, Hijacking, International Criminal Court 	1.5hrs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14. New International Economic Order and Monetary Law: WTO, TRIPS, GATT, IMF, World Bank 	2hrs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15. Protection and Improvement of the Human Environment: International Efforts. 	2hrs



PAPER 2 (AROUND 70-80 HOURS MINIMUM)

Paper 1 (Around 70-80 Hours Minimum)

Law of Crime		Law of Torts		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. General principles of Criminal liability: mens rea and actus reus, mens rea in statutory offences.	30 mins	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Nature and definition.	30 mins	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">2. Kinds of punishment and emerging trends as to abolition of capital punishment	30 mins	<ul style="list-style-type: none">2. Liability based upon fault and strict liability; Absolute liability.	1hr	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">3. Preparations and criminal attempt.	30 mins	<ul style="list-style-type: none">3. Vicarious liability including State Liability.	1hr	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">4. General exceptions.	1.5hrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">4. General defences.	1hr	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">5. Joint and constructive liability.	30 mins	<ul style="list-style-type: none">5. Joint tort fessors.	30mins	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">6. Abetment	1hr	<ul style="list-style-type: none">6. Remedies	30mins	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">7. Criminal conspiracy.	30 mins	<ul style="list-style-type: none">7. Negligence.	1hr	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">8. Offences against the State.	1.5hr	<ul style="list-style-type: none">8. Defamation.	30mins	

Law of Crime

Law of Torts

- **9. Offences against public tranquility**

1hr

- **10. Offences against human body**

3.5hrs

- **11. Offences against property.**

3.5hrs

- **12. Offences against women.**

3.5hrs

- **13. Defamation.**

30 mins

- **14. Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.**

1hr

- **15. Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and subsequent legislative**

1hr

- **16. Plea bargaining.**

30mins

- **9. Nuisance.**

30 mins

- **10. Conspiracy.**

30 mins

- **11. False imprisonment.**

30 mins

- **12. Malicious prosecution**

30 mins

- **13. Consumer Protection Act, 1986**

2hrs

Contemporary Legal Developments

Law of Contract and Mercantile law

• 1. Public Interest Litigation.	30 mins	• 1. Nature and formation of contract/E-contract.	1hr	
• 2. Intellectual property rights—Concept,	2hrs	• 2. Factors vitiating free consent.	1hr	
• 3. Information Technology Law including Cyber Laws—Concept, purpose/prospects.	4hrs	• 3. Void, voidable, illegal and unenforceable agreements.	1.5hrs	
• 4. Competition Law—Concept, purpose/prospects.	2hrs	• 4. Performance and discharge of contracts.	1.5hrs	
• 5. Alternate Dispute Resolution—Concept , types/prospects.	2hrs	• 5. Quasi-contracts.	1hr	
• 6. Major statutes concerning environmental law.	3hrs	• 6. Consequences of breach of contract.	30mins	
• 7. Right to Information Act.	1.5hrs	• 7. Contract of indemnity, guarantee and insurance.	1hr	
• 8. Trial by media.	1hr	• 8. Contract of agency.	1hr	
		• 9. Sale of goods and hire purchase.	2.5hrs	
		• 10. Formation and dissolution of partnership.	3.5hrs	

Law of Contract and Mercantile law

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11. Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.	2.5hrs	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12. Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.	2.5hrs	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 13. Standard form contracts.	30mins	

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