

LAW

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Why Choose 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:

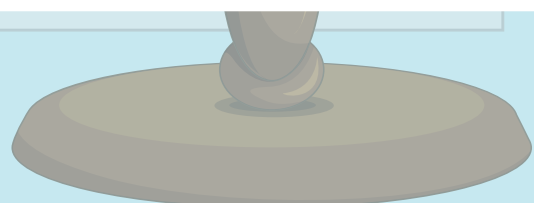
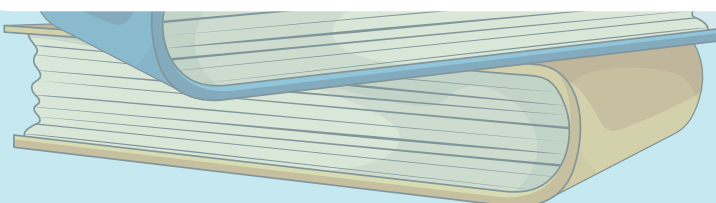
Law can be a high-scoring subject because:

- 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.



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