

POL SE 3014 Parliamentary Procedures and Practices

Course Objective: The course attempts to make the students familiar with legislative practices in India with an orientation to equip them with the adequate skills of participation in deliberative processes and democratic decision making. The introductory unit of the course aims to provide basic understanding on the constitutional provisions related to the process of legislations as well as the kinds of bills. The second unit of this course seeks to enhance proper understanding related to the procedures, practices related to the passage of a bill from drafting to that of the passing of the Bill. Third unit is about different Committees in the House, and the Fourth unit is on hours and motions in the House.

Course outcomes:

- To help students in understanding the practical approaches to legislative practices and procedures,
- To make students understand the procedures and processes related to drafting a Bill and the passage of the Bill,
- To enable students to have an understanding of the importance of Parliamentary Committees,
- To make students learn about the basic functioning of Parliament.

I. Constitutional Provisions and Kinds of Bills (10 lectures)

Constitutional provisions of legislative procedures: Articles 107-22

Kinds of Bills: Ordinary Bills, Money Bills, Finance Bills, Private Member Bills

II. Drafting, Introductions and Readings of the Bills: Procedures and Processes (14 lectures)

Drafting of the Bill

First Reading and Departmental Standing Committee

Second Reading

Third Reading

Passage of the Bill

Consent by the President

Gazette Notifications

III. Parliamentary Committees: Composition and Functioning (14 lectures)

Departmental Standing Committees

Select Committees

Joint Parliamentary Committees

Public Accounts Committee

Committee on Privilege

Business Advisory Committee

Ethics Committee

IV. Motions and Hours in the House (10 lectures)

Question Hour

Zero Hour

Calling Attention Motion

Adjournment Motion

Privilege motion,

Censure motion,

'No-confidence' motion,
Cut motion

Modalities for Practical Component: Project Report/Field Study Report based on any activity i.e. visit to Assembly / District Administration/any other important places, Conducting Mock Parliament, Debate / Speech etc.

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