

We at Vivekananda Law School, VIPS, aim to produce responsible legal professionals who have been exposed to the various facets of the study of law and who have made an informed choice as to which area of law they would like to devote their efforts to, in order to serve the Lady of Justice. VLS offers a wide-variety of subjects for its students to choose from, with dedicated faculty and endless resources at their disposal to acquire expertise. Most coveted areas of research in the current scenario are offered to our students on their demand, some of which are taught exclusively at VLS, and our library is ever-expanding to accommodate the curiosity of our students. We are in constant efforts to collaborate with various national and international organizations to offer better learning opportunities to our students. The following subjects are currently being offered at Vivekananda Law School as Elective Subjects:

Seventh Semester

1. Women and Law

One of the most important areas of the study of law is understanding the various legislations that have been enacted for the welfare of women. This subject delves into the need for these special enactments for women, the jurisprudence behind each beneficial provision, and how the various legislations come together to ensure the upliftment of women in society, which will ultimately lead to the welfare of the nation as a whole. VLS aims to produce professionals who are better lawyers, better academicians, and better judges, who are able to argue with conviction based on their knowledge of social construct and government's initiative in the form of beneficial legislations.

2. Banking and Insurance

This course has been drafted keeping in mind the expansion of globalized economy and the emerging demands of international commerce. Study of Indian banking and insurance sector, and the special area of litigation of securities, debts, and bank frauds are the focus of this subject. Legislative enactments and judicial pronouncements go hand-in-hand in developing this special jurisprudence, and our students are able to perform an in-depth analysis of these

legislations and judicial pronouncements. The course is updated keeping in mind the dynamic changes that are happening in this area of law.

3. Criminology

Criminology is an interdisciplinary field in both the behavioural and social sciences, drawing especially upon the research of sociologists, psychologists, philosophers, psychiatrists, biologists, social anthropologists, as well as scholars of law. The discipline of criminology dwells on the jurisprudential aspects related to crime, the criminal, criminality, criminal justice, juveniles in conflict with law, sentencing and penology. This subject is among the much opted ones at VLS because of its intrinsic connection with criminal law and criminal jurisprudence.

Eighth Semester

1. Election Law

With one of the finest drafted curriculum for the course, carrying a detailed discourse on the nuances of the Representation of People's Act, taught by competent faculty, with a special emphasis on judicial pronouncements, the course on Election Law has gained immense popularity in VLS. Corrupt practices and electoral offences, election disputes, qualifications and disqualifications under the Constitution of India and election law, and anti-defection law are the core areas that we teach under the curriculum. Students gain a thorough perspective over the subject.

2. International Commercial Law

As can be understood from the title, this subject guides students who are keen on mastering commercial law and gain a perspective on international commercial relations between private parties. The curriculum lays emphasis on rights and duties of parties to international commercial contracts, consequences of breach of such contracts, modes of carrying goods to designated party, documents needed for international transfers, and various modes of payments and international conventions relating to the same. The course delves into alternate

dispute resolution methods for settlement of the disputes that arise between traders residing and operating in different countries, giving students a holistic knowledge of the subject.

3. International Humanitarian Law

At VLS we offer this particular course to our students, with an additional option of clubbing it, in later semester, with International Refugee Law, to dive into this special area of Law of War or Law of Peace. United Nations works towards the aim to maintain peace and security and to reaffirm fundamental principles of human rights throughout the world but when there is an occasion of use of force by any nation, international humanitarian law aims at regulating such wars and armed conflicts by providing systematic, customary and settled principles of law. The curriculum focuses on Geneva Convention, Additional Protocols and Hague Convention and a legal discourse on principles of law of armed conflict. It is one of the coveted subjects, which is being offered at VLS almost exclusively.

Ninth Semester

1. International Refugee Law

In this age of constant battle for dominance between powerful nations and powerless subjects, resultant mass migrations of the victims of war and displaced persons to fledging economies has become a natural phenomenon. Resettlement of these refugees into countries that are in a position to take in these migrants and give them back a healthy life can be made possible only when these countries pledge it as their moral obligation to the world. The study of International Refugee Law enquires into the various international Treaties and Conventions that have been signed till date under the aegis of the UNHRC, the countries that have refrained from signing and their reasons for the same, and the multitude of other humanitarian initiatives that have been taken by special bodies for the resettlement of refugees and displaced persons into the non-conflicted world.

2. Socio-economic Offences

Social crimes are those which affect the health and resources of the community and economic crimes are those which affect the country's economy and not merely the victim. In this

context, the subject of Socio-economic Offences focuses on those anti- social activities which affect the country's economy as well the health and resources of the society. VIPS is among the few institutes that offer this subject as an elective.

3. Private International Law

Relationships, whether personal or commercial are no longer confined to national boundaries. In this context, this subject provides an in-depth study in legal situations where the jurisdictional law and the municipal law of the subjects are different. Keeping in view this aspect of today's globalised world, VLS offers this unique course to equip the students with knowledge and technical know-how related to disputes in the arena of Private International Law.

4. Health Care Law

This subject relates to medical jurisprudence and medico-legal litigation which is an area of great interest to students. Medical negligence, as covered under the penal code and having also a tortious liability, deserves a careful study; bearing this need in mind, the Vivekananda Law School offers Health Care Law as an elective subject whereby students are motivated to look into the many gripping developments in this field.

5. Socio-legal Dimensions of Gender

VIPS takes its responsibility to inculcate in its budding lawyers gender sensitivity, to encourage them to be human beings who understand the social construct within which people with different gender identities function. Study of law frequently intersects with the study of social sciences, especially sociology, which is an integral part of the curriculum. This subject will deal with the various dimensions of the phenomenon of gender, how it has come to be recognized by law-making bodies and judiciary around the world, culminating in the ultimate aim of producing sensitive and perceptive human beings who are able to contribute to the society with their work.