COURSE OUTLINE
Course Name: Interpretation of Statutes
Course Code: Law 526

Faculty: Faculty of Law
Credit hours: 3 Cr. H
Course level: 05 Years B.A. LL.B (Hons.) Program
College/Department: Punjab University Law College, University of the Punjab, New Campus, Lahore

CONTENT SUMMARY

1. Introduction
   - Views and Comments
   - Defining Interpretation
   - Views of Maxwell and other jurists
   - Historical Perspective

2. General Principles of Interpretation
   - Literal Rule
   - Mischief Rule
   - Golden Rule
   - Reading words in their context
   - History of Islamic Interpretative Criteria

3. Statute
   - Meaning & Definitions
   - History of Statutes
   - Frame work of statutes / parts of statutes
   - Ambiguity in Statutes

4. Kinds of Statutes

5. Repealing the Statutes

6. Aids to Construction / Interpretation
   - Internal aids to construction
   - External aids to construction

7. Interpretation and Role of Judges
   - Judicial Discretions
   - Prospective Overruling

8. Legislative
   - Drafting


Please note: The contents/schedule may be varied at the discretion of the course convenor to give a greater or lesser degree of emphasis to a particular topic.
PRESCRIBED TEXTS

Text Books:

1. Law of Pleading; Inayatullah
2. Conveyancing; Inayatullah, M.
3. Pleadings in India with Precedents; Sir Walsh & J.C.Weir
5. Drafting by I.C.Desouza (Omitting Chapters I & II Part-II (Major petitions to Courts)
6. Law of Interpretation; Maxwell and Craze
7. Interpretation of Statutes; Chowdhry
8. Interpretation of Pakistan Statutes; Kazi Muhammad Ashraf.
9. Interpretation of Statutes; Mazharuddin Ahmad.
10. Interpretation of Statutes; S.M.Zafar