



UNIVERSITY LAW COLLEGE  
UNIVERSITY OF THE PUNJAB

**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**

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- 1. Introduction**
  - Views and Comments
  - Defining Interpretation
  - Views of Maxwell and other jurists
  - Historical Perspective
- 2. General Principles of Interpretation**
  - Literal Rule
  - Mis chief 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
- 9. General Clauses Act, 1994.**

**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**

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### **Text Books:**

1. Law of Pleading; Inayatullah
2. Conveyancing; Inayatullah, M.
3. Pleadings in India with Precedents; Sir Walsh & J.C.Weir
4. Dastawezavisi by Penna Lal in Urdu (Latest Edition)
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