

# GE 2c

## Intellectual Property Rights

**60 Hours**  
**(45hrs Lect. + 15hrs Tut.)**

| Course Title & Code                 | Credits | Credit Distribution of the Course |          |                     | Eligibility Criteria | Pre-Requisite of the Course (if any) |
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|                                     |         | Lecture                           | Tutorial | Practical/ Practice |                      |                                      |
| GE 1c: Intellectual Property Rights | 4       | 3                                 | 1        | 0                   | BLISc                | -                                    |

### Course Objectives

This course covers the legal frameworks of Intellectual Property Rights with a focus on library and academic environments. Students will explore IPR categories, the Copyright Act of 1957, and fair use provisions, while analyzing international treaties and the legal consequences of copyright violations as defined by UGC regulations.

### Learning Outcomes

After completing this course, students will be able to:

- ☞ Understand the concept and categories of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)
- ☞ Explain legal and copyright issues in libraries.
- ☞ Analyze international conventions, treaties and legal frameworks related to IPR.
- ☞ Understand the legal implications and penalties for copyright violation in research and academic integrity.

### UNIT I: Intellectual Property Rights – Concept and Categories

**11 Hours**

- ☞ Intellectual Property Rights: Nature, Concept, Importance and Provisions
- ☞ Categories of Intellectual Property Rights
- ☞ The Copyright Act, 1957 (India) and Information Technology Act, 2000

## **UNIT II: Intellectual Property Rights and Legal Issues in Libraries**

**12 Hours**

- ☞ Legal issues in libraries and information centres
- ☞ Provisions for Fair Use
- ☞ Copyright Issues and Challenges in Digitization and Digital Libraries

## **UNIT III: International Conventions, Treaties and Digital IPR**

**12 Hours**

- ☞ Intellectual Property Rights: Developments at the Global Level
- ☞ International organizations, Conventions and Treaties
- ☞ Digital Rights Management
- ☞ Creative Commons Licenses

## **UNIT IV: Penalties for Copyright Violation**

**10 Hours**

- ☞ The University Grants Commission (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2018
- ☞ Legal Implications with regard to IPR Violations

## **Essential Readings**

- ☞ BHANDARI (MK). Law Relating to Intellectual Property Rights. 2024. Central Law Publications. Uttar Pradesh.
- ☞ GUPTA (A) and Others. Essentials of Intellectual Property Rights in India. 2024. A2Z Edu Learning Hub. Kerala.
- ☞ WADHERA (BL). Law Relating to Intellectual Property Rights. Ed 5. 2016. Universal Law Publishing Co. New Delhi.
- ☞ WIPO. Artificial intelligence and intellectual property. Available at <https://www.wipo.int/portal/en/index.html>

## **Suggested Readings**

- ☞ RAMAKRISHNA (B) and KUMAR (HSA). Fundamentals of Intellectual Property Rights. 2017. Notion Press. Delhi.
- ☞ SWAIN (NK). IPRs and Contemporary Issues: Contexting Information Intermediaries. 2010. Raj Publishing House. Jaipur.