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BRIDGE COURSE POLICY DOCUMENT

JSS Law College, a professional autonomous college functioning under the aegis of JSS Mahavidyapeetha, was established in the year 1982. College has been recognized by UGC as “College with Potential for Excellence”. Since its inception it is striving to search for innovative methods in imparting legal education. It has been able to establish itself as one of the best law colleges.

JSS Law College is the first law college in the country to become autonomous. Autonomy of an institution is its right of governance to fulfill its objectives with minimum interference or control from others. The concept of autonomy of a college reserves its right to admit students on merit, determine curriculum, impart teaching, evaluate the performance of students and maintain high standards as a higher educational institution with minimum control by the University and the Government. Autonomous status lays emphasis on what shall be taught, how it shall be taught and how it shall be evaluated. The degree, however, will be awarded by the Karnataka State Law University, Hubballi.

The faculty, staff and students share a deep belief in and commitment to the Institution’s programs. The teaching and learning process happens in a unique atmosphere of mutual respect, participation and interaction.

Introduction to Bridge Course

The term “Bridge” refers to fostering the gap between the knowledge and skills that a student has acquired at one level of education and the awareness and proficiency that are required at the next level of learning. This course becomes even more vital in a professional college as the students irrespective of their previous **stream** of study, would be venturing into a new stream of academia which is novel and diverse. In view of this, the college conducts a Bridge course for the students of First year Law to make them familiarise with the different approaches and aspects of law. It also helps the students to develop strong social and emotional skills which are of prime requirement for the students of law.

Objectives of Bridge Course:

- To tune the students to the new academic environment.
- To set a stage to prepare them for regular classes.
- To endow them with the different prospects of law.
- To pioneer them to the basic laws.
- To make them analyse and interpret laws.
- To initiate them to the basic Principles of Law.
- To equip them with legal terms and their use.
- To teach them the basics of drafting and Presentation skills.

Design and Duration of the Bridge Course:

The course is conducted for the Freshers’ before they begin with their regular classes. The main objective of the course is to bridge the gap between subjects studied at the Plus Two level and subjects they would be studying Law. The syllabus for the course is outlined in such a way that they get vital awareness on the subjects that they would be acquainted in future. This two-week (45 hours) student

augmentation and enrichment programme is devised for the overall development and enhancement of the student community coming from different academic backgrounds.

The Curriculum is devised to meet the needs of the Law students as they need to be oriented towards the different spheres of Law. The course programs are designed and taught by faculty members from different departments, helping students develop a more well-rounded understanding of core concepts in Law and Pre- Law. A post Bridge course test is conducted in every subject and a certificate of Appreciation is issued to all the students upon the completion of course. This evaluation helps the teacher to assess the knowledge of student and also gives scope for improvisation.

Benefits of the Bridge Course:

- Establishes a stronger foundation to the fundamentals of Law.
- Equips the students to understand and interpret Law better.
- It forms a support system for the freshers' providing them with the tools and knowledge required for their academics.
- Offers interactive and dynamic learning opportunities that engage students and help them build expertise and knowledge needed for the profession.

Outcome of the Bridge Course:

- Creates an atmosphere of learning.
- Makes the students more confident.
- The students will be able to understand and interpret law.
- It sets a stage to awaken their potential.
- It enhances their personality and equips them academically and morally.
- Students will show a sense of responsibility towards the Nation.


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