

International Summer School- Manipal University Jaipur [ISSMUJ]-2025

[Hybrid Mode]



Course Overview

Name of Course- Legal Basics for Startups in India

Name of instructor: Ms. Hiteshi Agarwal

Session: May-July 2025

Language of instruction: English

Number of contact hours: 36

Credit awarded: 03

Prerequisite: NA

Objective of Course/Project:

- ❖ To understand the importance of legal compliances in building up startups in India.
- ❖ To give an overview of the types of legal compliances involved in setting up startups in India
- ❖ To analyze the role of legal advisors and common legal challenges for startups in India.

Syllabus:

Introduction: Importance of legal compliances for startups and Role of legal advisors; Structures and Incorporation Sole Proprietorship/Partnership/Limited Liability Partnership/ Private Limited Company; Incorporation process and costs **Intellectual Property (IP) Basics:** Trademarks, copyrights, patents, and trade secrets rules and regulations, IP filing basics and timelines; **Law of Contracts Basics-** Basics of contract law for startups, enforceability and dispute resolution, **Managing Disputes & Winding Up:** Legal Process for Mediation, Arbitration, and Litigation, Legal process for Winding Up, Types of Winding Up.

Organization of Course/Project:

Total contact Hours: 36		
1st week:	10 hrs (classes)	2 hrs (self-study/project)

2nd week:	10 hrs (classes)	2 hrs (Mid-term exam/assessment/discussion)
3rd week:	10 hrs (classes)	2 hrs (self-study/project)
4 th week:	6 hrs (Classes)	2hrs (End term exam)

Mode of lectures: Hybrid

Course/Project Plan:

Lecture no.	Topic	Lecture mode	Instructor
L: 1-3	Introduction: Importance of legal compliances for startups and Role of legal advisors	Online Lecture/ PPT	
L: 4-5	Structures and Incorporation: Sole Proprietorship, Partnership, LLP, Private Limited Company	Online Lecture/Case Study	
L: 6-7	Incorporation Process and Costs	Discussion/Pres entation/Case Study	
L: 8-9	Intellectual Property (IP) Basics: Introduction to IP types (Trademarks, Copyrights, Patents, Trade Secrets)	Lecture/Case Study	
L: 10-11	IP Rules and Regulations, IP filing basics and timelines	Lecture/Case Study	
L:12-13	Law of Contracts Basics – Nature of Contracts and Legal Framework for Startups	Lecture/Discussi on/Case Study	
L:14-15	Contract Enforceability and Dispute Resolution Mechanisms	Lecture/Discussi on/Case Study	
L: 15-19	Managing Disputes: Mediation, Arbitration, and Litigation	Lecture/Discussi on/Case Study	
L:20-21	Winding Up: Legal Process for Winding Up	Lecture/Discussi on/Case Study	
L: 22-25	Types of Winding Up (Voluntary, Compulsory, Tribunal-based)	Lecture/Discussi on/Case Study	

L: 26-30	Case Studies on Legal Compliance Failures and Best Practices	Lecture/Discussion/Case Study	
L: 31-34	Guest Lectures / Workshops / Practical Application Sessions	-	
L: 35-36	Review, Q&A, and Exam Preparation	-	

Brief profile of the instructor:



Ms. Hiteshi Agarwal
Assistant Professor
Department of Law, Manipal University Jaipur