



SAVITRIBAI PHULE PUNE UNIVERSITY

(Formerly University of Pune)

Diploma in Cyber Laws

**Diploma Courses Syllabus
(Faculty of Humanities- Law)**

**Revised syllabus will be implemented with effect from the
Academic Year 2025-2026**

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Eligibility for Admission

To be eligible for admission, the candidate must be 12th pass or have equivalent degree from any recognized Board / University.

Duration of the Course

Duration of the course shall be one academic year.

Medium of Instruction

The medium of Instruction of the Diploma in Cyber and Data Privacy Laws shall be English.

Examination

The examination shall be held at the end of every academic year.

Standard of Passing or exemption

- a) There shall be a written examination of 100 marks for all the theory papers at the end of the academic year.
- b) A student who has secured 40 marks in the written examination is said to have passed the theory paper (course).
- c) There shall be a journal for the practical paper consisting of 80 marks and a viva voce examination of 20 marks to be conducted by one internal faculty member and one external faculty member as assigned by the university or the principal of the Law College.
- d) A student who has secured a minimum of 32 marks for the journal and a minimum of 8 marks in the viva voce is said to have passed the practical paper (course).
- e) There shall be revaluation of the answer sheets of end semester University examination of theory papers as per Ordinance No. 134 A and B of SPPU, Pune.

Removal of Doubts and Difficulties:

Notwithstanding anything stated in the rules herein, for any unforeseen issues arising, and not covered by the rules herein, or in the event of differences of interpretation, the Vice-Chancellor of the University may take a decision and the said decision of the Vice-Chancellor shall be final and binding

Program Outcomes:

1. Students will gain a solid understanding of cyber law and empowered to advise clients, organizations, and individuals on legal matters related to technology, data, and privacy.
2. Students will delve into copyright, trademarks, and patents, becoming apt at safeguarding creators' rights.
3. Students will learn strategies to protect digital content, combat piracy, and address domain name disputes.
4. Understanding GDPR and other data protection laws, graduates will champion privacy rights.
5. Students will guide businesses in compliance, ensuring responsible data handling and safeguarding individuals' privacy.
6. Students will assist in prosecuting cybercriminals and developing effective legal frameworks.
7. Students will be well-versed in e-commerce contracts, consumer protection, and payment gateways.
8. Students will advocate for robust privacy laws, emphasizing transparency and individual control.

There shall be following Papers:

1. **CDPL - T 0101** – Introduction to Cyber Law and Cyber Crimes
2. **CDPL - T 0102** – Intellectual Property Issues & Cyberspace
3. **CDPL - T 0103** – E-Commerce
4. **CDPL - T 0104** – Data Privacy Laws
5. **CDPL - P 0105** – Practical Training

Detailed syllabus is given below:

CDPL - T 0101

Introduction to Cyber Law and Cyber Crimes

1. Understanding the digital landscape, the internet, and its impact on legal systems.
2. Overview of cyberspace, networks, and communication technologies.
3. Study of the Information Technology Act (IT Act) and its amendments, Digital Personal Data Protection Act 2023 (DPDP Act) and other related laws.
4. Legal recognition of electronic records, digital signatures, and electronic transactions.
5. Jurisdictional issues in cyberspace.
6. Comparative analysis of cyber offenses and traditional criminal offenses- Role of law enforcement agencies in cybercrime investigations.
7. Digital forensics: collecting evidence from electronic devices
8. Types of cybercrimes: hacking, identity theft, phishing, etc.
9. Challenges in investigating and prosecuting cybercriminals.
10. Profiling cybercriminals: individuals, groups, state-sponsored actors.
11. Cybercrime courts, procedures, and challenges.

CDPL - T 0102

Intellectual Property Issues & Cyberspace

1. Copyright and Digital Content- Protection of digital works- software, music, videos, literature. Challenges in enforcing copyright online.
2. Trademarks and Domain Names- Domain name disputes and resolution mechanisms (UDRP). Trademark infringement in the digital realm.
3. Patents and Software Licensing- Patentability of software and business methods. Open-source licenses and proprietary software agreements.
4. Data Privacy and Confidentiality- Balancing innovation with privacy rights.
5. GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) and its impact on businesses.
6. Related Laws and development in IPR field with case laws.

CDPL - T 0103

E-Commerce

1. Online Contracts and Consumer Protection-Formation of contracts in e-commerce transactions.
2. Consumer rights and remedies in online purchases.
3. Payment Gateways and Cybersecurity- Legal aspects of payment gateways, digital wallets, and cryptocurrencies.
4. Ensuring secure online transactions.
5. Unauthorized access, data theft, and hacking and other cyber-crimes.
6. Liability of Intermediaries- Role of intermediaries (websites, ISPs, social media platforms) in content dissemination.
7. Safe harbor provisions and liability exemptions.
8. Growing Concerns Relating to Cyber Space and Cyber Technology
9. Legal Issues Of E-Banking and Digital Payment System (with case studies).

CDPL -T 0104

Data Privacy Laws

1. Introduction to Privacy Laws- concept, evolution
2. Comparative study of privacy laws across different jurisdictions.
3. General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)- provisions, principles of data protection, rights of data subjects (access, rectification, erasure, and portability).
4. Significant data breaches and their legal aftermath.
5. Cross-Border Data Transfers and Safe Harbor Mechanisms- Challenges in transferring personal data across borders.
6. Emerging Technologies and Privacy Implications- Privacy considerations in AI, IoT, biometrics, and blockchain.
7. Balancing innovation with privacy protection.
8. Legal frameworks for regulating emerging technologies

CDPL - P 0105
Practical Training

1. Journal – 80 Marks

- a. Interactive Sessions on various legislations, Regulations and Policies on Information Technology and Cyber Law (Workshop, Seminars, Guest Lectures) and report writing of the same in the journal. **(20 Marks)**
- b. Write any 10 drafts of Legal Documents applicable in cyber law in the journal (Privacy Policy, disclaimers, cookies, user policies, etc.) **(30 Marks)**
- c. Assignment/ Project on any topic from the syllabus as decided by the subject teacher **(30 Marks)**

2. Viva voce – 20 Marks

Recommended Readings:

- 1. Handbook of Research on Cyber Law, Data Protection, and Privacy by Aarushi Agarwal, Mamta Sharma, and others
- 2. Data Protection and Privacy Laws: Intellectual Property, IT, and Cyber Law by *Anghrija Chakraborty*, Ashima Obhan, Amar K Su
- 3. Information Security & Cyber Laws by Sarika Gupta
- 4. Cyber Security and Cyber Laws by Neha Rathi
- 5. Data Protection Laws Demystified by Sumathi Chandrashekar
- 6. Cyber Law in India by Farooq Ahmed
- 7. Privacy Law in India by Rahul Matthan
- 8. Intellectual Property Rights in the Digital Age by Prabuddha Ganguli
- 9. Legal Aspects of E-commerce by Dr. S. Ravichandran:
- 10. Digital Privacy and Data Protection by Dr. Arvind Verma
- 11. Cyber Security, Artificial Intelligence, Data Protection & the Law by Marko Novak and Robert Walters
