## Social Legislation

**Course Description**

Social legislation concerns to promote the common good via protecting and supporting the physically, socially and economically weaker segment of society. The population segment includes disabled, elderly, unemployed. The course focuses on understanding the social legislation process, as well as functioning and its effectiveness. Additionally, the course is developed to raise importance of human rights among students. It will develop an understanding of the history of human rights protection and practices in Pakistan and around the world.

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**Course Objectives**

* To gain knowledge about conceptualization of human rights and social legislations
* To understand social legislation process
* To apply knowledge of human rights and social legislation in social work practices

**Learning Outcomes**

* Have better understanding about human rights and social legislation
* Have relevant skills to apply knowledge in the field of social

**Teaching Method**

This course will be based on interactive discussions; student centered learning activities and research projects. The preferred teaching approach will be ‘active learning’ in which students solve problems, answer questions, formulate questions of their own, brainstorm, discuss, explain and debate. Co-operative learning will be encouraged through group discussions, assignments and projects. Periodical assessments and evaluation through class participation, quizzes, assigned tasks, research project, Mid Term and End Term examinations will be a part of this course.

**Course Content**

1. Social legislation and Human Rights: Concept, Scope and Classification
2. Role of international organizations in social legislation and human rights
3. Scope and content of International treaties
4. Human Rights in the Constitution of Pakistan
5. Social legislations in Pakistan
6. Human Rights Bodies in Pakistan
7. Social Work profession and Human Rights
8. Contemporary Issues: Rights of Children, Women, displaced population, People living with HIV/AIDS, Prisoners, Persons with Disability, Minorities, NGOs and Human

**Suggested Readings**

Albert, R. (2000). *Law and social work practice: A legal systems approach*. (2nd edition.). New York: Springer

Ali, Q. (1998). *Policy Advocacy: A Framework for Social Change in Pakistan. An Exploratory Research Study.* Pakistan

Brayne, H & Carr, H. (2010). *Law for Social Workers.* Oxford University Press