

Aviation Law Course Syllabus

Unit 1: Introduction

1. Evolution of Aviation law: Global Perspective

- Need of Aviation law: Its scope and purposes
- Evolving aviation industry: global perspective
- Origin of Aviation law
- Situations where it is applicable (examples)
- Important international conventions (names only with brief info., as details will be given later in course)

2. Evolution of Aviation law: Indian Perspective

- Its origin in colonial time
- Development since then: Major amendments
- Major incidents which highlighted need of stricter law, like 1999 hijacking Indian Airlines Flight 814
- Important aviation legislations in India (names only or brief info., as details will be given later in course)

Unit 2: Aviation Law in Public International Law

3. Convention on International Civil Aviation (Chicago convention) Part 1

- Introduction: Background of the convention
- Territorial jurisdiction under it
- Definition/types of aircraft under it
- Right of overflight

4. Convention on International Civil Aviation (Chicago convention) Part 2
 - Int'l Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO): Formed under the convention
 - Salient features
 - Its powers and functions
 - Other important information about it
5. Convention on International Civil Aviation (Chicago convention) Part 3
 - Nationality of an aircraft
 - Traffic control (scheduled and non-scheduled traffic)
 - Freedoms of the air
 - Other important information about the convention (if any)
6. Warsaw convention
 - Background of the convention
 - Its objectives and purposes
 - Liability of carrier in case of accident
 - Guadalajara Convention (supplementary to this convention)
7. Montreal Convention
 - Background of the convention
 - Objectives and purposes
 - Salient features
 - Landmark cases
8. Cape Town convention
 - Background of the convention
 - Aircraft protocol under it
 - Provisions regarding aircraft financing
 - Other salient features

Unit 3: Aviation Law in India

9. The Aircraft Act, 1934

- Historical background
- Objectives and purposes of the act
- Its salient features
- Important provisions

10. The Carriage by Air Act, 1972

- Historical background
- Objectives and purposes of the act
- Its salient features
- Important provisions

11. The Anti-Hijacking Act, 2016

- Historical background
- Objectives and purposes of the act
- Its salient features
- Important provisions

12. Aviation Law in India: Role of Judiciary

- This module will cover development of case law in India regarding Aviation Law. It will track landmark judgements through the course of time.

Unit 4: Crime On-board Aircrafts

13. Challenges associated with crime on-board aircrafts

- When is a crime said to have occurred on-board aircraft?
- Problem of jurisdiction
- Other important issues
- Examples and cases

14. Tokyo Convention of 1963

- Introduction: Scope of convention
- Jurisdiction
- Powers of aircraft commander
- Other salient provisions

15. Montreal Protocol, 2014 (Protocol to amend the Tokyo convention)

- Introduction: Why was it needed?
- Salient features
- Important amendments
- Other provisions

16. Hague Convention, 1970 (The Anti-Hijacking Convention)

- Introduction: Scope of convention
- Why was it introduced?
- Salient features
- Important provisions

17. Beijing Protocol to Hague Convention, 2010

- Introduction: Why was it needed?
- Salient features
- Important provisions
- Other details

18. Beijing Convention, 2010

- Introduction: Scope of convention
- Why was it introduced?
- Salient features
- Important provisions

Unit 5: Recent developments in Aviation Law

19. Recent developments

- Problems in application of Air Laws
- Airport management
- Technological developments and law
- Emerging trends in Aviation Law

Unit 6: Career in Aviation Law

20. Career options

- Growing scope of Aviation Law
- Opportunities in India
- International opportunities
- Qualities/qualifications required to be an Aviation Law practitioner