

VAC 1: CONSTITUTIONAL VALUES AND FUNDAMENTAL DUTIES

Credit distribution, Eligibility and Pre-requisites of the Course

| Course title & Code | Credits | Credit distribution of the course | | | Eligibility criteria | Pre-requisite of the course |
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| | | Lecture | Tutorial | Practical/ Practice | | |
| Constitutional Values And Fundamental Duties | 02 | 1 | 0 | 1 | Pass in Class 12 th | NIL |

Learning Objectives

The Learning Objectives of this course are as follows:

- Enrich students with knowledge and relevance of the Constitution.
- Develop awareness about Duties and Values.
- Inculcate a sense of Constitutionalism in thought and action.

Learning outcomes

The Learning Outcomes of this course are as follows:

- Understand the Constitution and its relevance
- Appreciate the values and goals embedded in the Constitution.
- Recognise the importance of Fundamental Duties enshrined in the Constitution.
- Apply the spirit of fundamental values and duties in everyday national life.

SYLLABUS OF CONSTITUTIONAL VALUES AND FUNDAMENTAL DUTIES

UNIT – I The Constitution of India – An Introduction (5 Weeks)

- Federal Republic, Rule of Law, Separation of Powers
- Sovereignty, Socialism, Democracy
- Secularism and Sarva Dharma Sama Bhava

UNIT – II Constitutional Values (5 Weeks)

- Justice: Social, Political, Economic

- Liberty: Thought, Expression, Belief, Faith, Worship
- Equality: Equality before law & equal application of laws
- Fraternity: Dignity, Unity and Integrity

UNIT – III Fundamental Duties

(5 Weeks)

- Reflecting on the ancient Indian notions of righteousness and duty consciousness
- Fundamental Duties- Article 51A [(a) – (k)]
- Legal status of Fundamental Duties - Judicial approach

Practical component (if any) –

(15 Weeks)

- Reflections on some of the constitutional values/ fundamental duties and its contemporary relevance in day-to-day national life through group discussions and projects.
- Conduct workshops to spread awareness on the Fundamental Duties and Values.
- Students are required to conduct a survey (minimum 25 respondents) on assessing the awareness of the constitutional duties amongst the citizens.
- Students may share their experiences on Fundamental Duties and Values in the form of a Project Report.
- Any other Practical/Practice as decided from time to time

Essential/recommended readings

- Preamble to the Constitution of India, 1950.
- The Constitution of India, Articles - 14, 19, 21.
- The Constitution of India, Fundamental Duties [Ar. 51 A (a) – (k)].

Suggested readings

- Durga Das Basu, et al., Introduction to the Constitution of India (LexisNexis, 26th edn, 2022).
- Leila Seth, We, the Children of India: The Preamble to Our Constitution (New Delhi, Puffin Books, Penguin Books India, 2010).
- Mahendra Pal Singh, V.N. Shukla's Constitution of India, (Eastern Book Company, Lucknow, 13th revised edn. 2017)
- B.R. Ambedkar Selected Speeches, (Prasar Bharati, New Delhi, 2019) available at: https://prasarbharati.gov.in/whatsnew/whatsnew_653363.pdf.

Examination scheme and mode: Subject to directions from the Examination Branch/University of Delhi from time to time