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## **Preamble**

The objective of any programme at Higher Education Institute is to prepare their students for the society at large. The University of Delhi envisions all its programmes in the best interest of their students and in this endeavour it offers a new vision to all its Under-Graduate courses. It imbibes a Learning Outcome-based Curriculum Framework (LOCF) for all its Under Graduate programmes. The LOCF approach is envisioned to provide a focused, outcome-based syllabus at the undergraduate level with an agenda to structure the teaching-learning experiences in a more student-centric manner. The LOCF approach has been adopted to strengthen students' experiences as they engage themselves in the programme of their choice. The Under-Graduate Programmes will prepare the students for both, academia and employability.

Each programme vividly elaborates its nature and promises the outcomes that are to be accomplished by studying the courses. The programmes also state the attributes that it offers to inculcate at the graduation level. The graduate attributes encompass values related to well-being, emotional stability, critical thinking, social justice and also skills for employability. In short, each programme prepares students for sustainability and life-long learning.

The new curriculum of B.A. (Programme) Political Science has been structured in a way that they introduce the student to the vast canvas of subjects that concern the discipline of political science. Beginning with a focus on concepts and theories which have been quintessential to the discipline, they move on to fleshing out how these concepts are translated into practice. The courses are not only structured to impart received knowledge but also encourage the student to think critically and raise questions which can contribute to a new understanding and explanation. In analysing specific issues and events, the curriculum does not lose sight of the broader issues and larger questions; thereby training the student to traverse these levels of analysis effortlessly while also remaining mindful of the linkages.

The University of Delhi hopes the LOCF approach of the programme B.A. (Programme) Political Science will help students in making an informed decision regarding the goals that they wish to pursue in further education and life, at large.

# 1. Introduction to Programme

The Choice-Based Credit System (CBCS) offers flexibility of programme structure while ensuring that students get a strong foundation in the subject and gain in-depth knowledge of all aspects of the field. The Learning Outcomes-Based Curriculum Framework (LOCF) is designed around the CBCS and is intended to suit the present day needs of students in terms of securing their path towards higher studies or employment.

## ***Programme Duration:***

The B.A. Programme in Political Science will be of three years' duration. Each year will be called an academic year and will be divided into two semesters. Thus, there will be a total of six semesters. Each semester will consist of sixteen weeks.

## ***Design of Programme:***

The teaching-learning will involve theory classes (lectures) and tutorial classes. The curriculum will be delivered through various methods including chalk and talk, power point presentations, audio and video tools, E-learning/E-content, field trips, seminars (talks by experts), workshops, projects and class discussions. The assessment broadly will comprise of an Internal Assessment (continuous evaluation) and an End-Semester Examination. Each theory paper will be of 100 marks with 25% marks for the Internal Assessment and 75% marks for the End-Semester Examination. The Internal Assessment will be conducted through tests/ assignments/oral presentations/short projects.

## ***Programme Structure:***

The B.A. Programme in Political Science consists of Core Courses and Elective Courses. The Core Courses are all compulsory courses, and are of two categories : (1) Discipline-Specific Core Course (DSC) and (2) Foundation (English/MIL) Course. The Elective Courses are of three categories : (1) Discipline-Specific Elective (DSE) ; (2) Generic Elective (GE) which is interdisciplinary in nature ; and (3) Skill Enhancement Course (SEC). In addition, there are two compulsory Ability Enhancement Courses (AECC).

To acquire a degree in the B.A. Programme in Political Science, a student must study twelve Core Courses (eight Discipline-Specific Core Courses, and four Foundation [English/MIL] courses), ten Elective Courses (four Discipline-Specific Electives, two Generic Electives, and four Skill Enhancement Courses), and two Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses. If the student chooses to do so, he or she may write a dissertation or undertake a project in lieu of any one elective paper worth 6 credits in the sixth semester. Of the eight Discipline-Specific Core Courses, four would be from the discipline of Political Science, and the other four courses from the second discipline chosen by the student. Of the four Discipline-Specific Elective Courses, two would be from Political Science, and the other two from the second discipline chosen.

The Core Courses, Discipline-Specific Electives and Generic Electives all carry 6 credits each. Of these 6 credits, 5 credits are assigned to theory, and 1 credit to tutorials. The Skill Enhancement Courses and the Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses carry two credits each. These latter two categories of courses have no tutorial component. A student has to earn a minimum of 120 credits to get a degree in the B.A. Programme in Political Science.

The student will study one Discipline -Specific Core Course from Political Science in each of Semesters I, II, III and IV. He or she will also study one Discipline-Specific Core Course from his or her second chosen discipline in each of these four semesters. One Foundation Course each will also be studied in Semesters I, II, III and IV. One Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course will be studied in Semester I, and the second such course in Semester II.

The student will study one Discipline-Specific Elective from Political Science each in Semesters V and VI, and also one Discipline-Specific Elective, from the second chosen discipline, each in these two semesters. One Generic Elective will also be studied in each of Semesters V and VI. One Skill Enhancement Course each will be studied in Semesters III, IV, V and VI.

## **2. Learning Outcome-based Curriculum Framework in Programme B.A. (Programme) Political Science**

## **2.1. Nature and Extent of the Programme in B.A. (Programme)**

### **Political Science**

The Learning Outcomes-Based Curriculum Framework (LOCF) for the B.A. Programme in Political Science is designed to afford a skeletal structure within which the programme can be developed to suit the need of the hour, in keeping with the emergence of new areas within Political Science. The framework allows for flexibility in programme design and course content development, and at the same time maintains a basic uniformity of structure, vis-a-vis other universities across the country. The B.A. Programme in Political Science aims to provide students with both a conceptual and a practical grasp of the discipline, and to encourage them to draw connections between Political Science and other social science disciplines by offering courses of an inter-disciplinary nature. The Core Courses offered by the programme are designed to equip the student with a robust foundation in Political Science, whereas the Discipline-Specific Electives are designed simultaneously around classically important areas of enquiry, and newly emergent ones. The Skill-Enhancement Courses acquaint the student with the applied aspects of this fascinating discipline, allowing him or her to use the skills learnt to solve problems that arise in the real world. The courses offered in this Programme, taken together, equip the student to pursue higher studies, and also to make his or her way outside academics – whether in the governmental or non-governmental sector.

## **2.2. Aims of Bachelor Degree Programme in B.A. (Programme)**

### **Political Science**

The B.A. Programme in Political Science aims to provide students with both a conceptual and a practical grasp of the discipline, and to encourage them to draw connections between Political Science and other social science disciplines by offering courses of an inter-disciplinary nature. Students of the B.A. Programme in Political Science will have a comprehensive understanding of the fundamental concepts, theories and processes underlying this academic discipline, its different subfields (Political Theory, Comparative Politics, International Relations, Indian

Political Thought, Public Administration and Indian Politics), and its linkages with other social science disciplines.

Students will be able to both choose and employ appropriate methods to conduct research, make political forecasts, and undertake political analysis of significant contemporary developments.

Students will be able to leverage their knowledge and skills to craft solutions to problems they encounter in the real world, which will allow them to take up work both within the academy and outside – in administration, politics, policy making, diplomacy and the courts. They will be equipped with both the procedural and substantive knowledge to evolve into professionals engaged with a wide range of issues – human rights, environment, gender justice, law, foreign policy and global relations – and will be well-placed to take up employment in these fields and to pursue a diverse range of work in both the state and non-state sectors, in the country and abroad.

Students will recognize and appreciate the importance of an education in Political Science, and the immense gamut of contexts in which such an education emerges as valuable and to which its lessons can be applied - academic, administrative, political, cultural, economic, legal and social.

### **3. Graduate Attributes in B.A. (Programme) Political Science**

Some of the characteristic attributes of a graduate in the B.A. Programme in Political Science would be as follows :

- ***Knowledge of the Discipline*** : Foundational knowledge of Political Science and a thorough grasp of the theoretical and applied aspects of the discipline
- ***Inter-disciplinary Sensibility*** : Awareness of how training in Political Science helps illuminate aspects of other disciplines within the social sciences, and of the role and place of Political Science in inter-disciplinary research
- ***Critical Thinking*** : Capacity to evaluate evidence, arguments, claims, and beliefs with independence and originality, and to assess practices, policies and theories unhindered by the influence of schools of thought considered trendy or fashionable

- ***Problem-solving:*** Capacity to extrapolate from what one has learned and apply one's competencies to solve unfamiliar problems, and to apply one's learning to real-life situations
- ***Communication Skills :*** Ability to express thoughts and ideas effectively in writing and orally, to communicate with others using appropriate media and to confidently share one's views and express oneself ; the ability to listen carefully, and present complex information in a clear and concise manner to people from diverse backgrounds in diverse contexts
- ***Research-related Skills :*** A sense of inquiry and a capacity for asking relevant and appropriate questions and for problematizing ; the ability to recognise cause-and-effect relationships, define problems, formulate hypotheses, test hypotheses, and analyse, interpret and draw conclusions from data ; the ability to plan, design, and execute research and investigations and concisely report the results thereof
- ***Cooperation/Team Work:*** Ability to work effectively and respectfully with people from diverse backgrounds ; capacity to cooperate with others and make a coordinated effort as part of a group, and work as a member of a team in the interests of a common cause
- ***Reflexive Thinking:*** Critical sensibility to lived experiences, and an awareness of how one's position as a researcher/investigator shapes and impacts the knowledge one produces
- ***Information/digital Literacy :*** Capacity to use Information and Communications Technology (ICT) in a variety of learning situations ; the ability to access, evaluate, and use a variety of information sources
- ***Multicultural Competence:*** An awareness pertaining to the values and beliefs of multiple cultures ; a global and cosmopolitan perspective, and a capacity to effectively engage in a multicultural society and interact respectfully with diverse communities and groups
- ***Ethical Awareness :*** Capacity to identify ethical issues related to one's work, and commit not to resort to unethical behaviour such as plagiarism, falsification of data, misrepresentation of facts, and the violation of intellectual property rights ; capacity to appreciate the ethical nature of the current debates on the environment, development, social media, artificial intelligence, and so on ; capacity to uphold truthfulness and integrity in all aspects of one's research and one's work.



## **4. Qualification Descriptors for Graduates B.A. (Programme)**

### **Political Science**

The qualification description for the B.A. Programme (Political Science) include:

- Demonstration of a coherent understanding of Political Science, its different areas and applications, and its linkages with related disciplinary areas/subjects; procedural and substantive knowledge that readies students for entering professions related to the subject - in teaching and research, development, social work, and government and public service.
- Effective use of knowledge and skills to identify problems, collect relevant data - quantitative and/or qualitative – using methods appropriate to the subject, analyse and evaluate the data, and formulate evidence-based arguments
- Communication of the results of studies undertaken in an academic field in a range of different contexts, using the concepts, constructs and techniques of the discipline, in language that can be understood by people within and outside the academy
- The initiative and capacity to meeting one’s own learning needs, drawing on a wide range of research and sources
- Application of one’s disciplinary knowledge and transferable skills to new and unfamiliar contexts, rather than merely replicate curriculum content knowledge.
- Graduates in Political science have engaged in and pursued diverse career paths.

Some of these include:

- Academics
- Bureaucracy
- Social Work
- Law
- Journalism both print and visual
- Management
- Policy Making
- Designing and Conducting surveys

- Human Resource Development
- Advocacy
- Performing Arts
- Research
- Political representatives

## **5. Programme Learning Outcomes for in B.A. (Programme) Political Science**

Students of the B.A. Programme in Political Science will have a comprehensive understanding of the fundamental concepts, theories and processes underlying this academic discipline, its different subfields (Political Theory, Comparative Politics, International Relations, Indian Political Thought, Public Administration and Indian Politics), and its linkages with other social science disciplines.

Students will develop the capacity to undertake analytical and critical thinking vis-a-vis specific issues and problems in Political Science, as well as other related fields of study, including wider inter-disciplinary ones.

Students will be able to both choose and employ appropriate methods to conduct research, make political forecasts, and undertake political analysis of significant contemporary developments.

Students will be able to leverage their knowledge and skills to craft solutions to problems they encounter in the real world, which will allow them to take up work both within the academy and outside – in administration, politics, policy making, diplomacy and the courts. They will be equipped with both the procedural and substantive knowledge to evolve into professionals engaged with a wide range of issues – human rights, environment, gender justice, law, foreign policy and global relations – and will be well-placed to take up employment in these fields and to pursue a diverse range of work in both the state and non-state sectors, in the country and abroad.

Students will recognize and appreciate the importance of an education in Political Science, and the immense gamut of contexts in which such an education emerges as valuable and to which its lessons can be applied - academic, administrative, political, cultural, economic, legal and social.

### **Teaching-Learning Process**

The B.A. Programme in Political Science aims to make the student proficient in Political Science as well as in certain inter-disciplinary areas, through the transfer of knowledge in the classroom, and practical knowledge obtained through real-world interactions and field experiences. Classroom teaching will be undertaken through lectures, delivered through the medium of blackboard and chalk, charts, power point presentations, and the use of audio-visual resources (films, documentaries, and material from the internet) when deemed appropriate. An interactive mode of teaching will be used. The student will be encouraged to participate in discussions and make presentations on various topics. The emphasis will be on problem-solving and on the inculcation of analytical and critical capacities in the student. Theoretical analysis will go hand in hand with a stress on the practical; this will make for a fuller and more grounded understanding of concepts. Students will participate in field trips, workshops, and seminars; their association with governmental institutions and/or NGOs and/or research institutes in the capacity of interns will facilitate an understanding of the applied aspects of the programme, and further allow them to gain exposure to sites of possible future employment and work.

### **Assessment Methods**

The assessment of student achievement in the B.A. Programme in Political Science will be aligned with the programme learning outcomes, and the academic and professional skills that the programme is designed to develop in students. A variety of assessment methods that are appropriate for the discipline of Political Science and related social science disciplines will be used. Learning outcomes will be assessed using the following: oral and written examinations, closed-book and open-book tests; problem-solving exercises; practical assignments involving short stints of fieldwork followed by the analysis of data, and the writing of a report with a statement of conclusions culled from the data; assignments involving critical analysis of an issue of political, social, cultural and economic significance; seminar and workshop presentations; and outputs from collaborative work undertaken by groups of students working as a team.

## 6. Structure of B.A. (Programme) Political Science

### 6.1. Credit Distribution for B.A. (Programme) Political Science

#### Details of courses under B.A (Prog.)

Course	*Credits	
	Theory+ Practical	Theory + Tutorial
<b><u>I. Core Course</u></b>		
<b>(12 Papers)</b>	12X4= 48	12X5= 60
Two papers – English		
Two papers – MIL		
Four papers – Discipline 1.		
Four papers – Discipline 2.		
<b>Core Course Practical / Tutorial*</b>		
<b>(12 Practical/Tutorials*)</b>	12X2=24	12X1= 12
<b><u>II. Elective Course</u></b>		
<b>(6 Papers)</b>	6X4 = 24	6X5=30
Two Papers: Discipline 1 specific		
Two Papers: Discipline 2 specific		
Two Papers: Interdisciplinary		
(Two papers from each discipline of choice and two papers of interdisciplinary nature.)		
<b>Elective Course Practical/Tutorial*</b>		
<b>(6 Practical/Tutorials*)</b>	6X2= 12	6X1= 6
Two papers- Discipline 1 specific		
Two papers- Discipline 2 specific		
Two papers- Generic (Inter disciplinary)		
(Two papers from each discipline of choice including papers of interdisciplinary nature.)		

- Optional Dissertation or project work in place of one elective paper (6 credits) in 6th Semester

### **III. Ability Enhancement Courses**

<b>1. Ability Enhancement Compulsory</b>	<b>2X2= 4</b>	<b>2X2= 4</b>
<b>(2 Papers of 2 credits each)</b>		

**Environmental Science**

**English Communication/MIL**

<b>2. Ability Enhancement Elective</b>	<b>4X2= 8</b>	<b>4X2= 8</b>
<b>(Skill Based)</b>		

**(4 Papers of 2 credits each)**

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**Total Credits = 120**

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**Institute should evolve a system/policy about ECA/ General Interest/ Hobby/ Sports/ NCC/ NSS related courses on its own.**

**\* wherever there is a practical there will be no tutorial and vice-versa**

## **List of Papers and Courses**

### **A. Discipline Specific Core Course (4)**

1. Paper I - Introduction to Political Theory
2. Paper II - Indian Government and Politics
3. Paper III - Comparative Government and Politics
4. Paper IV - Introduction to International Relations

### **B. Core/ Foundation (Compulsory) (4)**

- English (2)
- MIL (2)

### **C. Ability Enhancement Course (Compulsory) (2)**

- English/ MIL (Communication)
- Environmental Science

### **D. Ability Enhancement (Elective) Skill Based Course (4)**

1. Legislative Support
2. Public Opinion and Survey Research
3. Your Laws, Your Rights
4. Conflict and Peace Building

### **E. Discipline Specific Elective Course (2)**

1. Themes in Comparative Political Theory
2. Administration and Public Policy: Concepts and Theories
3. Democracy and Governance
4. Understanding Globalization

### **F. Generic Elective Courses (Interdisciplinary) (2)**

1. Understanding Gandhi
2. Human Rights, Gender and Environment

## 6.2. Semester-wise Distribution of Courses

### B.A (Prog.) Political Science Courses

S. NO.	Course		Paper
<b>SEMESTER - I</b>			
1.1	Subject - I Political Science - 1	Discipline Specific Core	Introduction to Political Theory
1.2	Subject - II (Any Other)	Discipline Specific Core	DSC IA
1.3	English	Core (Compulsory)	DSC IIA
1.4	English/ MIL (Communication) / Environmental Science	Ability Enhancement (Compulsory)	CC
			AECC
<b>SEMESTER - II</b>			
2.1	Subject - I Political Science - 2	Discipline Specific Core	Indian Government and Politics
2.2	Subject - II (Any Other)	Discipline Specific Core	DSC IB
2.3	MIL	Core (Compulsory)	DSC IIB
2.4	English/ MIL (Communication) / Environmental Science	Ability Enhancement (Compulsory)	CC
			AECC
<b>SEMESTER - III</b>			
3.1	Subject - I Political Science - 3	Discipline Specific Core	Comparative Government and Politics
3.2	Subject - II (Any Other)	Discipline Specific Core	DSC IC
3.3	English	Core (Compulsory)	DSC IIC
3.4	Skill Based - 1	Ability Enhancement (Elective)	CC
		Legislative Support	AECC (1)

### SEMESTER - IV

4.1	Subject - I Political Science - 4	Discipline Specific Core	Introduction to International Relations	DSC ID
4.2	Subject - II (Any Other)	Discipline Specific Core		DSC IID
4.3	MIL	Core (Compulsory)		CC
4.4	Skill Based - 2	Ability Enhancement (Elective)	Public Opinion and Survey Research	AECC (2)

### SEMESTER - V

5.1	Skill Based - 3	Ability Enhancement (Elective)	Your Laws, Your Rights	AECC (3)
5.2	Discipline Specific Elective Course - I (Political Science)		A) Themes in Comparative Political Theory  B) Administration and Public Policy: Concepts and Theories	DSE 1A
5.3	Discipline Specific Elective Course - II	From Second Discipline/ Subject		DSE 2A
5.4	Generic Elective - I (Interdisciplinary) Any One	From Second Discipline/ Subject	Understanding Gandhi	GE I

### SEMESTER - VI

6.1	Skill Based - 4	Ability Enhancement (Elective)	Conflict and Peace Building	AECC (4)
6.2	Discipline Specific Elective Course-I Political Science		A) Democracy and Governance  B) Understanding	DSE 1B



			Globalization	
6.3	Discipline Specific Elective Course - II	From Second Discipline/ Subject		DSE 2B
6.4	Generic Elective - II (Interdisciplinary) Any One		Human Rights, Gender and Environment	GE II
		From Second Discipline/ Subject		

# **Courses for B.A. (Programme) Political Science**

## **Paper I - Introduction to Political Theory**

**(62321101)**

**Core Course - (CC) Credit:6**

### **Course Objective**

This course aims to introduce certain key aspects of conceptual analysis in political theory and the skills required to engage in debates surrounding the application of the concepts.

### **Course Learning Outcomes**

After completing this course students will be able to:

- Understand the nature and relevance of Political Theory
- Understand different concepts like liberty, equality, justice and rights.
- Reflect upon some of the important debates in Political Theory

### **Unit 1**

**What is Political Theory and what is its relevance?**

### **Unit 2**

**Concepts: Liberty, Equality, Justice, Rights**

### **Unit 3**

**Debates in Political Theory:**

- a. Protective discrimination and principles of fairness?
- b. The Public vs private debate: Feminist Perspective Censorship and its limits

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#### **Unit I**

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#### **Unit 2**

Sriranjani, V. (2008) 'Liberty', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 40-57.

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Menon, K. (2008) 'Justice', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 74-82.

Talukdar, P.S. (2008) 'Rights', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 88-105.

#### **Unit 3**

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#### Additional Resources:

Berlin, I. "Two Concepts of Liberty"

Rawls, John, *A Theory of Justice*

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#### Teaching Learning Process

The teaching-learning process for this course would involve class lectures, class discussion, class presentation, debates on contemporary issues and relevant cases. Teaching would also involve methods like power point and film screening.

#### Assessment Methods

Students will be assessed at different stages during the course learning process. After completing every unit they will be asked to take part in group discussions on any one important event or issue relevant for that unit. They will also do one presentation and one assignment.

#### Keywords

Political Theory, Liberty, Equality, Justice, Rights, Protective Discrimination, Censorship

**Paper II - Indian Government and Politics**  
**(62321201)**  
**Core Course - (CC) Credit:6**

**Course Objective**

The course aims to give students a thorough understanding of the structures of Indian government and politics. It equips the students with the different perspectives on studying Indian politics and the state in India, the constitutional principles on which the institutions of the state are founded and function, the social structures of power and salient features of the political process in India. It lays emphasis on understanding the inter-relationship between formal institutional structures, social movements, and political development to focus on the complex ways on which social and political power interact and have impact on political institutions and processes.

**Course Learning Outcomes**

On successful completion of the course, students would be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the different viewpoints on Indian politics and the nature of Indian state
- Show knowledge of the text of the Indian Constitution and an awareness of constitutional and legal rights
- Understand the structure of society in India and how social inequalities have an impact on political institutions and processes
- Show awareness of the party system in India and the development policies adopted by various governments so far
- Understand how social movements are formed and how they impact the political processes

**Unit 1**

**Approaches to the Study of Indian Politics and Nature of the State in India: Liberal, Marxist and Gandhian (09 lectures)**

**Unit 2**

**Indian Constitution: basic features, debates on Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles (09 lectures)**

**Unit 3**

**Institutional Functioning: Prime Minister, Parliament and Judiciary (09 lectures)**

**Unit 4**

**Power Structure in India: Caste, class and patriarchy (07 lectures)**

**Unit 5**

## **Religion and Politics: debates on secularism and communalism (06 lectures)**

### **Unit 6**

#### **Parties and Party systems in India (05 lectures)**

### **Unit 7**

#### **Strategies of Development in India since Independence: Planned Economy and Neo-liberalism (05 lectures)**

### **Unit 8**

#### **Social Movements: Workers, Peasants, Environmental and Women's Movement (10 lectures)**

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### Teaching Learning Process

There will be interactive lectures on varied approaches to the study of Indian politics and Indian state. They will engage in detailed discussion on basic features of Indian constitution, particularly on the relationship between fundamental rights and directive principles enshrined in the Indian constitution. It provides them with basic understanding on the working of institutions in Indian polity and powers structures in Indian shaping society and politics. It also exposes students to the debates on secularism and communalism. It familiarizes the students with the evolution of party system in India. It enables students to analyse the strategies of development adopted by the state in post-colonial India and the impact of neo-liberal reforms on Indian economy. It also provides understanding on the dynamics of social movements in India and their significance as an alternative site of politics beyond the institutions.

### Assessment Methods

Students will be assessed on continuous basis followed by end term examination. Internal assessment will be conducted at the end of each unit which may include written assignments, class presentations and participation in class discussions. Students will be assessed on the basis of their ability to think critically and creatively to solve the problems and application of conceptual understanding to field based variables. Students will be assessed on the basis of their reflexive thinking and engagement with peers and group discussion. Students will be evaluated on the basis of their participation in extra and co-curricular activities such as quiz. Before the end term examination, students will be required to submit a critical review of any book or a film that relates to any one unit of the syllabus.

### Keywords

Approaches, Constitution, Development, Institutions, Secularism, Social Movements

**Paper III - Comparative Government and Politics**  
**(62324306)**  
**Core Course - (CC) Credit:6**

**Course Objective**

The purpose of the course is to familiarise students with the nature and scope of the study of comparative politics. The course aims at examining politics in a historical framework while engaging with various themes of comparative analysis in developed and developing countries. The objectives of the course further remain to provide information and knowledge to students on constitutional development and the political economy of diverse countries such as Britain, Brazil, Nigeria and China.

**Course Learning Outcomes**

The paper will equip students with an in-depth understanding of nature, and scope of comparative politics. The course will enhance student's understanding of comparative analysis both in developed and developing countries. The course will enable students in understanding historical context of modern state, constitutional development and their political economy with specific references; such as capitalism as a case of reference to Britain, socialism with reference to China, colonialism and decolonization with reference to Brazil and Nigeria. The course will develop analytical skills of students to discuss the contemporary debates on the changing nature of state in the context of globalisation.

**Unit 1**

**The nature, scope and methods of comparative political analysis (10 lectures)**

**Unit 2**

**Comparing Regimes: Authoritarian and Democratic (06 lectures)**

**Unit 3**

**Classifications of political systems (15 lectures):**

- a) Parliamentary and Presidential: UK and USA
- b) Federal and Unitary: Canada and China

**Unit 4**

**Electoral Systems: First past the post, proportional representation, mixed systems (7 lectures)**

**Unit 5**

**Party Systems: one-party, two-party and multi-party systems (09 lectures)**

**Unit 6**

**Contemporary debates on the nature of state (13 lectures):**

the security state and the changing nature of nation-state in the context of globalization.

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### Teaching Learning Process

Unit	Course Learning Outcome	Teaching and Learning Activities	Assessment Method
1. The nature, scope and methods of comparative political analysis	Learning what, why and how to compare with an objective to discern Eurocentric bias	Primarily theory class with power point presentations	Assessment through discussion on nature of comparative politics and eurocentricism
2. Comparing Regimes: Authoritarian and Democratic	Student will learn different forms of government like unitary, federal, democratic, totalitarian etc	Theory lectures and examples from the globe help student understand the nuances of specific forms of government	Student will be encouraged to have discussion on merits and demerits of different forms and desirability for India
3. Classifications of political systems	To study parliamentary and presidential and unitary and federal systems	Through lectures and power point presentations students will study the different political systems	Students may prepare project and have a group discussion on different political systems

4. Electoral Systems	Electoral systems have been key to understand the political systems	Comparative study through lectures and presentation by students on different electoral systems	Students can prepare project on similar systems but different outcomes or assignments on classics
5 Party Systems	Students will learn the emergence of parties and party system	Theoretical study through classics and Power point presentation of comparative study of elections system	Student may review some classics and demonstrate working of parties by grouping themselves
6. Contemporary debates on the nature of state	To understand the evolution and development of nation state and its contemporary form, the security state	Lectures and study of classics to understand the Nation and state debate in West and East and the dimensions of security state	Students may encourage to prepare project on comparative study of emergence of nation state

### Keywords

Comparative method, Regime types, Political systems, Electoral Systems, Party Systems

## **Paper IV - Introduction to International Relations (62324407) Core Course - (CC) Credit:6**

### Course Objective

This Course is designed to give students a sense of some important theoretical approaches to understand international relations; a history from 1945 onwards to the present; and an outline of the evolution of Indian foreign policy since independence and its possible future trajectory.

### Course Learning Outcomes

- Students will learn about major theoretical approaches and the history of International Relations.
- The course will enhance students' understanding on the major political developments in international relations since 1945.
- The paper will develop in-depth knowledge on the emerging centers of power like European Union, China, Russia and Japan.
- Students will also learn about basic determinants of India's foreign policy and understand it in the context of India as an emerging power.

### Unit 1

#### **Early Debates in International Relations (27 lectures)**

(a) Idealism vs Realism

- (b) Liberalism to Neo Liberal Institutionalism
- (c) Structural Approaches: World Systems Approach (Immanuel Wallerstein) and Dependency School (Andre Gunder Frank)
- (d) Feminist Perspective (J. Ann Tickner)

## Unit 2

### **Post War International Relations and the emergence of Cold War (20 lectures)**

- (a) Second World War & Origins Cold War
- (b) Phases of Cold World War: First Cold War, Rise and Fall of Détente, Second Cold War End of Cold War and Collapse of the Soviet Union
- (c) Post-Cold War Era and Emerging Centers of Power (European Union, China, Russia and Japan)

## Unit 3

### **India's Foreign Policy (13 lectures)**

- (a) Basic Determinants (Historical, Geo-Political, Economic, Domestic and Strategic)
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This course will help the students in getting introduced to major theoretical approaches and the history of International Relations and will enhance their understanding on the major political developments in international relations since 1945 as well as emerging centers of power like European Union, China, Russia, Japan and India. In this course the teaching process would include a combination of different pedagogic tools like class lecture, class discussion, class presentations, group discussion and debates. The students will also learn through power-point presentations and film screening. The teaching-learning process would also focus on regular revision through different methods like holding quiz after the end of every unit, dividing the class into different groups based on different ideologies in the discipline and holding a free debate amongst them on different issues relevant for the course. Students will also be asked to do small write-ups on a question or a topic given to them based on their understanding of the problem/issue after completing every unit.

### Assessment Methods

Students will be assessed at different stages during the completion of this course. They will be assessed on the basis of their performance in group discussions after completion of every unit, class presentations and one assignment on a given topic.

### Keywords

International Relations, Idealism, Realism, Liberalism, Structuralism, Feminism, Post-war IR, India's Foreign Policy

## **1. Themes in Comparative Political Theory (62327503) Discipline Specific Elective - (DSE) Credit:6**

### Course Objective

This course aims to familiarize students with the need to recognize how conceptual resources in political theory draw from plural traditions. By chiefly exploring the Indian and Western

traditions of political theory through some select themes, the overall objective of this course is to present before the students the value and distinctiveness of comparative political theory.

### Course Learning Outcomes

After completing this course, the students will be able to:

- Understand how Political Theory draws from and is shaped by both western and Indian traditions.
- Appreciate the value and distinctiveness of Comparative Political Theory

### Unit 1

#### **Distinctive features of Indian and Western political thought (8 lectures)**

### Unit 2

#### **Western Thought: Thinkers and Themes (26 lectures)**

- a. Aristotle on Citizenship
- b. Locke on Rights
- c. Rousseau on inequality
- d. J. S. Mill on liberty and democracy
- e. Marx and Bakunin on State

### Unit 3

#### **Indian Thought: Thinkers and Themes (26 lectures)**

- a. Kautilya on State
- b. Tilak and Gandhi on Swaraj
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- d. Nehru and Jayaprakash Narayan on Democracy
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#### Teaching Learning Process

The teaching-learning process for this course would involve class lectures, class discussion, class presentation, debates on contemporary issues and relevant cases. Teaching would also involve methods like power point and film screening.

#### Assessment Methods

Students will be assessed at different stages during the course learning process. After completing every unit they will be asked to take part in group discussions on any one important event or issue relevant for that unit. They will also do one presentation and one assignment.

#### Keywords

western thought, Indian thought, comparative political theory

## **2. Administration and Public Policy: Concepts and Theories (62327502) Discipline Specific Elective - (DSE) Credit:6**

### **Course Objective**

The objective of the paper is to understand public administration as a discipline. Seminal work of some thinkers from the classical, neo-classical and contemporary tradition is introduced to understand the journey of the discipline through context, space and time. The course also explores some of the elements of development administration and theoretically engages with the public policy discourse. It unravels the relevance of policy making in public administration and process of policy formulation, implementation and evaluation.

### **Course Learning Outcomes**

- The student will be able to understand an overview of the discipline and how it is different from private administration.
- The student will be introduced to the evolution of the discipline, its changing contours through a study of the different theories, ranging from the classical, neo-classical and contemporary theories.
- The student receives an insight into several dimensions of development administration.
- The student is exposed to perspectives on public policy processes, a major sub-discipline of public administration.

### **Unit 1**

#### **Public administration as a discipline**

Meaning, scope and significance of the subject, public and private administration, brief evolution and major approaches, and comparative approaches to public administration. (16 lectures)

### **Unit 2**

#### **Administrative theories**

the classical theory, scientific management, the human - relation theory, and rational decision-making. (16 lectures)

### **Unit 3**

#### **Development administration**

Elements of development administration. Time and space dimensions in the study of development administration, politics of development administration. (14 lectures)

### **Unit 4**

#### **Understanding Public Policy**

concept and theories, relevance of policy making in public administration and process of policy formulation and implementation and evaluation. (14 lectures)

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### Teaching Learning Process

The paper titled - Administration and Public Policy : Concepts and Theories, in Programme (CBCS) B.A.(Prog.) Political Science, focus on introducing concepts and theories in the field of public administration and public policy to students. The classroom teaching is designed to equip students with the classical school of thought , theoretical engagement with meaning and scope of public administration , public policy and the politics of development administration. The pedagogy is construed with the idea that lectures delivered by teachers are comparative in tone wherein different perspectives are presented to students in each unit. The students will be mentored by teachers to unravel the theoretical impulse in the contextual socio-economic-political-cultural order. Simulation activities in the classroom is another useful tool in helping students make connections between real world scenarios and theoretical concepts. This encourages problem solving method within students.

### Assessment Methods

This paper will assess the reflective and critical engagement of students with the theoretical concept while comprehending its relevance in today's scenario. To test this, this paper offers to internally assess students through visual or oratory presentation, group discussion, critical engagement with concepts and theories. End semester written examination will also be used as an assessment tool.

### Keywords

Public administration, Administrative theories, Development administration, Public policy

## 3. Democracy and Governance

(62327602)

**Discipline Specific Elective - (DSE) Credit:6**

### Course Objective

This course aims to explain the relationship between the institutional aspects of democracy, the constitutional framework within which they are expected to function, and the manner in which political economy and political development, and civil society and social movements have an impact on patterns of governance. It further aims to give students the conceptual tools to understand how democracy as a model of governance can be complimented by institution building.

### Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of the course, the students will be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of the constitutional structure of democracy in India
- Demonstrate knowledge of the working of the democratic institutions of governance such as Parliament, Courts, etc.

- Show awareness of policy making process within democratic institutions
- Show awareness of institutional practices of regulation, lobbying, etc.

### Unit 1

#### **Structure and Process of Governance (15 Lectures):**

Indian Model of Democracy, Parliament, Party Politics and Electoral behaviour, Federalism, The Supreme Court and Judicial Activism, Units of Local Governance (Grassroots Democracy)  
Political Communication - Nature, Forms and Importance

### Unit 2

#### **Ideas, Interests and Institutions in Public Policy (25 Lectures)**

- a. Contextual Orientation of Policy Design
- b. Institutions of Policy Making
- c. Regulatory Institutions: SEBI, TRAI, Competition Commission of India, Corporate Affairs
- d. Lobbying Institutions: Chambers of Commerce and Industries, Trade Unions, Farmers Associations, etc.

### Unit 3

#### **Contemporary Political Economy of Development in India (10 Lectures):**

Policy Debates over Models of Development in India, Recent trends of Liberalisation of Indian Economy in different sectors, E-governance.

### Unit 4

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### Teaching Learning Process

The teaching learning of the course titled - Democracy and Governance, is specifically designed to deliver its objective of understanding the process through functionality of the system. Classroom lectures, PowerPoint presentation along with Cooperative learning will be preferred tool to critically engage students in unraveling the complexities these systems are governed by.

### Assessment Methods

The functional, procedural, comprehensive understanding of students in this paper will be assessed by medium of internal evaluation in which students may be asked to prepare a group activity , present a case study in class or write a term paper on any of the theme according to course outline. Short quizzes conducted after completing every unit is quick way to assess students reflexivity. Final end term written examination is another tool to assesment.

### Keywords

Democracy, Public Policy, Regulatory Institutions, Lobbying Institutions, Civil Society

## **4. Understanding Globalization (62327601) Discipline Specific Elective - (DSE) Credit:6**

### Course Objective

The Purpose of this course is to give students a basic understanding of what is meant by the phenomenon of globalization, its source and forms. In addition, students will obtain a familiarity with both key global actors and certain urgent problems that requires solutions and global level.

### Course Learning Outcomes

- The students will learn about meaning and significance of globalization in contemporary times.
- The course will enhance students' understanding on economic, political, technological and cultural dimensions of globalization.
- Understanding the role of global actors in the process of globalization will enhance students' knowledge on world actors like United Nations, World Trade Organization and G-77.
- Students will also learn about contemporary pressing issues like global warming, poverty& inequality and international terrorism.

### Unit 1

#### **Globalization (9 Lectures)**

- a) Meaning and Debate
- b) Dimensions: Economic, Political, Technological and Cultural

### Unit 2

#### **Contemporary World Actors**

- a) United Nations
- b) World Trade Organisation (WTO)
- c) BRICS
- d) MNCs, TNCs

### Unit 3

#### **Contemporary World Issues (26 Lectures)**

- a) Global Environmental Issues (Global Warming, Bio-diversity, Resource Scarcities)



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### Teaching Learning Process

The primary motive of the teaching-learning process in this course is to enhance students understanding on different dimensions of globalization and also their knowledge about world actors like United Nations, World Trade Organization and G-77 and on issues like global warming, poverty and inequality and international terrorism. In this course the teaching process would include a combination of different pedagogic tools like class lecture, class discussion, class presentations, group discussion and debates. The students will also learn through power-point presentations and film screening. The teaching-learning process would also focus on regular revision through different methods like holding quiz after the end of every unit, dividing the class into different groups based on different ideologies in the discipline and holding a free debate amongst them on different issues relevant for the course. Students will also be asked to do small write-ups on a question or a topic given to them based on their understanding of the problem/issue after completing every unit.

### Assessment Methods

Students will be assessed at different stages during the completion of this course. They will be assessed on the basis of their performance in group discussions after completion of every unit, class presentations and one assignment on a given topic.

### Keywords

Globalization, World Actors, Global Warming, Global Justice, Terrorism

**G1 - Understanding Gandhi**  
**(62325501)**  
**Generic Elective - (GE) Credit:6**

**Course Objective**

The course seeks to meet two essential objectives: one, to acquaint the students with the art of reading texts, to enable them to grasp its conceptual and argumentative structure and to help them acquire the skills to locate the texts in a broader intellectual and socio-historical context. Second, it aims to acquaint the students with the social and political thought of Gandhi. The themes in Gandhian thought that are chosen for a close reading are particularly relevant to our times.

**Course Learning Outcomes**

This course will help students to understand fundamental concept of Gandhi philosophy through his words firstly and secondly it will help them understand these concepts in a critical and analytical manner.

**Unit 1**

**Key Ideas:**

- 1. Swaraj**
- 2. Satyagraha (Truth and Non-violence)**
- 3. Trusteeship**
- 4. Swadeshi**
- 5. Religion and politics**
- 6. Modern Civilization**
- 7. Nationalism**
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### Teaching Learning Process

This course attempts to introduce key concepts of Gandhi's Thought. Hind Swaraj will be key text that will be discussed and read both by teachers and students in order to grasp the philosophy of Gandhi. Film Gandhi will be screened to visualize and grasp Gandhi's concepts. Commentaries on Gandhi's ideas will be discussed and interactive session with the students by taking them to Gandhi's Museum or historical places associated with Gandhi can further help to contextualize his ideas. Power point presentations detailing key features of each of these ideas will identify and describe the key characteristics of Gandhian political thought.

### Assessment Methods

Group presentation on each of the ideas will form core part of their assessment. Class test and MCQ will also be part of assessment.

### Keywords

Modern Civilization, Satyagraha, Swaraj', Trusteeship, Women Question

## **G2 - Human Rights Gender and Environment (62325602) Generic Elective - (GE) Credit:6**

### Course Objective

This course aims at enabling the students to understand the issues concerning the rights of citizens in general and the marginalized groups in particular, and assess the institutional and policy measures which have been taken in response to the demands of various movements. Conceptual dimensions, international trends and the Indian experience form the contents of the course.

### Course Learning Outcomes

- The study of the course will equip the students with theoretical and conceptual understanding of caste, gender, ethnicity and class as distinct categories and their interconnections.
- The course will further analyse socio-economic and political problems of marginalised groups in society such as women, Dalits, minorities and adivasis and repercussions of globalisation on them.
- The paper will enhance understanding on the meaning of human rights, universalization of human rights and human rights institutions in India.
- The course will equip students with a conceptual understanding of gender and patriarchy, and issues of women's political participation and rights in India.
- The paper will enhance knowledge on the concept of sustainable development, and national and international programmes and policies on environment.

### Unit 1

#### **Understanding Social Inequality**

- a) Caste, Gender, Ethnicity and Class as distinct categories and their interconnection
- b) Globalisation and its impact on workers, peasants, dalits, adivasis and women

### Unit 2

#### **Human Rights**

- a) Human Rights: Meaning and Evolution
- b) UN Declarations and Covenants
- c) Human Rights and Citizenship Rights
- d) Human Rights and the Indian Constitution
- e) Human Rights, Laws and Institutions in India; the role of the National Human Rights Commission.

- f) Human Rights of Marginalized Groups: Dalits, Adivasis, Women, Minorities and Unorganized Workers.
- g) Consumer Rights: The Consumer Protection Act and grievance redressal mechanisms.
- h) Human Rights Movement in India.

### Unit 3

#### Gender

- a) Analysing Structures of Patriarchy
- b) Gender, Culture and History
- c) Economic Development and Women
- d) The issue of Women's Political Participation and Representation in India
- e) Laws, Institutions and Women's Rights in India
- f) Women's Movements in India

### Unit 4

#### Environment

- a) Environmental and Sustainable Development
- b) UN Environment Programme: Rio, Johannesburg and after.
- c) Issues of Industrial Pollution, Global Warming and threats to Bio – diversity
- d) Environment Policy in India
- e) Environmental Movement in India

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#### Teaching Learning Process

In this course the focus of the teaching-learning process would be to equip the students with theoretical and conceptual understanding of caste, gender, ethnicity, class, human rights, and environment. The teaching process would include a combination of different pedagogic tools like class lecture, class discussion, class presentations, group discussion and debates. The students will also learn through power-point presentations and film screening. The teaching-learning process would also focus on regular revision through different methods like holding quiz after the end of every unit, dividing the class into different groups based on different ideologies in the discipline and holding a free debate amongst them on different issues relevant for the course. Students will also be asked to do small write-ups on a question or a topic given to them based on their understanding of the problem/issue after completing every unit.

#### Assessment Methods

Students will be assessed at different stages during the completion of this course. They will be assessed on the basis of their performance in group discussions after completion of every unit, class presentations and one assignment on a given topic.

#### Keywords

Human Rights, Gender, Environment

## **AE1 - Legislative Support (62323312) AECC (Electives) - (AECCE) Credit:4**

#### Course Objective

To acquaint the student with the legislative process in India at various levels, introduce them to the functions of peoples’ representatives and provide elementary skills to be part of a legislative support team.



Peoples' representatives need support for the multiple tasks they are supposed to undertake. The need to understand complex policy issues, draft new legislation, track and analyse ongoing bills, make speeches and floor statements, write articles and press releases, attend legislative meetings, conduct meetings with various stakeholders, monitor media and public developments, manage constituent relations and handle inter-office communications. All over the world, elected representatives have an office with specialised support team to carry out these tasks.

With about 5000 MPs and MLAs, and more than 30 lakhs representatives at the Panchayati Raj level, there is a vast need for legislative support among representatives that needs to be addressed. This course will equip the students with basic skills for this task and expose them to real life legislative work. In the process of learning legislative support skills, students will also build and deepen their understanding of the Indian political process.

### Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of the structure and the functions of legislating bodies in India
- Demonstrate knowledge of the law making procedure in India
- Acquire skills related to a close reading of legislative documents
- Understand the relationship between the people and their elected representatives
- Develop basic skills to become a part of a support team engaged at different levels of the law making functions

### Unit 1

#### **Powers and functions of people's representatives at different tiers of governance**

Members of Parliament, State Legislative Assemblies, functionaries of rural and urban local self-government from Zila Parishads/Municipal Corporation to Panchayat/Ward. (Weeks 1-3)

### Unit 2

#### **Supporting the legislative process:**

How a Bill becomes a Law, Role of the Standing Committee in reviewing a Bill, Legislative Consultations, amendments to a Bill, the framing of Rules and Regulations. (Week 4)

### Unit 3

#### **Supporting the legislative committees**

Types of committees, Role of committees in reviewing government finances, policy, programmes, and legislation (Weeks 5-7)

### Unit 4

#### **Reading the budget document:**

Overview of Budget Process, Role of Parliament in reviewing the Union Budget, Railway Budget, Examination of Demands for Grants of Ministries, Working of Ministries. (Weeks 8-10)

### Unit 5

#### **Support in media monitoring and communication:**

Types of media and their significance for legislators. Basics of communication in print and electronic media. (Weeks 11-12)

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## Teaching Learning Process

Students will engage in discussion on legislative procedures. They will be imparted elementary skills to become part of legislative support team and engage in real legislative work by attending legislative meetings and monitoring media and public developments. They will be given interactive lectures on powers and functions of representatives at different tiers of governance.

### Assessment Methods

Students will be assessed on continuous basis followed by end term examination. Internal assessment will be conducted at the end of each unit which may include assignments, participation in class discussions and viva voce. They will be evaluated on the basis of their skills to become part of legislative support team and engage in real legislative work. They will be required to submit project report on any one unit of the syllabus before end term examination.

### Keywords

Functions, Governance, Legislature, Powers, Procedures, Representative

## **AE2 - Public Opinion and Survey Research (62323412) AECC (Electives) - (AECCE) Credit:4**

### Course Objective

This course will introduce the students to the debates, principles and practices of public opinion polls in the context of democracies, with special reference to India. It will familiarize the students with the principles and practice of survey research and conceptualizing and measuring public opinion using quantitative methods. The course will give special attention to developing basic skills pertaining to the collection, analysis and utilization of quantitative data.

### Course Learning Outcomes

On the successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Understand the importance of public opinion in a democracy and the role of survey research in comprehending the working of a democratic political system
- Learn about the methods used for conducting surveys and interpreting survey data
- Acquire basic skill sets related to understanding public opinion formation and conducting research through the use of sample date, framing a questionnaire, etc.
- Acquire basic skill sets related to measurement of public opinion such as data analysis using statistical methods.

### Unit 1

#### **Introduction to the course (6 lectures)**

Definition and characteristics of public opinion, conceptions and characteristics, debates about its role in a democratic political system, uses for opinion poll

### Unit 2

#### **Measuring Public Opinion with Surveys: Representation and sampling (6 lectures)**

a. What is sampling? Why do we need to sample? Sample design.

- b. Sampling error and non-response
- c. Types of sampling: Non random sampling (quota, purposive and snowball sampling); random sampling: simple and stratified

### Unit 3

#### Survey Research (2 lectures)

- a. Interviewing: Interview techniques pitfalls, different types of and forms of interview
- b. Questionnaire: Question wording; fairness and clarity.

### Unit 4

#### Quantitative Data Analysis (4 lectures)

- a. Introduction to quantitative data analysis
- b. Basic concepts: correlational research, causation and prediction, descriptive and inferential Statistics

### Unit 5

#### Interpreting polls (6 lectures)

- Prediction in polling research: possibilities and pitfalls
- Politics of interpreting polling

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#### Teaching Learning Process

Students will be taught different forms of sampling methods and will receive training in conducting surveys. They will be given interactive lectures on measuring public opinion and will be taught quantitative methods and imparted with basic skills of collection, verification and analysis of data.

#### Suggested Student Exercises:

1. Discussion of readings and Indian examples. Groups of students to collect examples of and discuss various sample based studies across many fields: e.g. consumer behaviour, unemployment rates, educational standards, elections, medicinal trials etc.
2. Non-random sampling: The students have to identify one group of people or behaviour that is unique or rare and for which snowball sampling might be needed. They have to identify how they might make the initial contact with this group to start snowball rolling.
3. Give the students the electoral list of an area in Delhi (<http://ceodelhi.gov.in>). The students have to draw a random sample of n number of respondents.
4. For this activity, working with a partner will be helpful. The class should first decide on a topic of interest. Then each pair should construct a five-item self report questionnaire. Of the five items, there should be at least one nominal response, one ordinal response and one interval. After the common questionnaire is constructed putting together the questions from everyone, working in pairs, the questionnaire should be administered on different individuals.
5. Give the students a questionnaire from any public opinion survey and ask them to identify the type of variables.

#### Assessment Methods

Students will be assessed on continuous basis followed by end term examination. Internal assessment will be conducted at the end of each unit which may include term papers, assignments, projects and viva- voce. They will be assessed on the basis of their ability to critically apply their conceptual understanding to the field work. They will be required to submit project report on any one unit of the syllabus before end term examination.

## Keywords

Analysis, Collection, Data, Public Opinion, Quantitative, Sampling, Survey

## **AE3 - Your Laws, Your Rights (62323501) AECC (Electives) - (AECCE) Credit:4**

### Course Objective

More often than not, when we talk of laws we mean authoritatively sanctioned rules, which are considered essential for a well-ordered society. Yet laws in a democracy are also about constituting a society marked by equality, freedom, and dignity. The rights approach to law has assumed importance in democracies, precisely because of people's struggles to broaden the understanding of law as something which reflects the will of the people. As such law becomes an important source of rights and duties, which develop and strengthen alongside institutions of representative democracy, constitutional norms, and the rule of law. This course aims to help the students understand law as a source of rights, and as a progressively widening sphere of justice, welfare, and dignity. This relationship between laws and rights will be studied through specific values which have come to be seen as integral for a democratic society viz., equality and non-discrimination, empowerment, redistribution and recognition of traditional rights etc.

### Course Learning Outcomes

On the successful completion of the course, students would be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of law as a source of right.
- Develop an understanding of democratic values such as equality, justice etc. and learn about different laws enacted to uphold these value.
- Demonstrate an awareness of democratic rights guaranteed to Indian citizens and persons
- Develop skills related to using ordinary legal procedures to safeguard the rights guaranteed to citizens and persons
- Show basic awareness of ordinary procedures such as obtaining different kinds of identity documents.
- Show understanding of the structure and principles of the Indian legal system

### Unit 1

#### **Rule of law and the Criminal Justice System in India (1 week)**

### Unit 2

#### **Laws relating to criminal justice administration (2 weeks)**

- a) How to file a complaint, First Information Report (FIR)
- b) Detention, arrest and bail

### Unit 3

#### **Equality and non-discrimination (4 weeks)**

- a) Gender: the protection of women against domestic violence, rape and sexual harassment
- b) Caste: laws abolishing untouchability and providing protection against atrocities

- c) Class: laws concerning minimum wages
- d) Disability and equality of participation and opportunity

#### Unit 4

##### **Empowerment (2 weeks)**

- a) Access to information
- b) Rights of the consumer

#### Unit 5

##### **Redistribution, recognition and livelihood (2 weeks)**

- a) Traditional rights of forest dwellers and the issue of women's property rights
- b) Rural employment guarantee

#### Unit 6

##### **Access to Identification documents and Social Security Schemes (1 week / exercises only)**

Familiarise yourself with the following: Procedure for obtaining an Election Commission of India Identity Card, Driving license, Ration Card, Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojna, Old Age Pension Scheme.

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### Teaching Learning Process

Students will receive interactive lectures on conception of rule of law. Students will engage in discussions on law as a source of rights, as a progressively widening sphere of substantive justice, welfare, and dignity. The relationship between laws and rights will be studied through specific values which have come to be seen as integral for a democratic society viz., equality and non-discrimination, empowerment, redistribution and recognition of traditional rights etc.

### Suggested exercises for students

1. Discuss the debates around any recent Ordinance, Bill or Act in Parliament.
2. How to file an FIR? In case there has been a theft in the neighbourhood how would you file the first Hand Information Report?
3. Under what circumstances can detention and arrest become illegal?
4. Discuss any contemporary practice or event that violates the equality and protection against discrimination laws.
5. Read Ordinance XV -D of University of Delhi and make a list of the kinds of conduct that would qualify as sexual harassment.

6. Your friend has shared with you an incident of unwelcome verbal remarks on her by a person of higher authority in your college, what would you do?
7. Visit any nearby construction site and talk to the workers about their daily wage. Find out the minimum wage in Delhi for such construction work. Make an assessment of the awareness among the workers about their minimum wages and the law related to it.
8. You have seen a lady in your neighbourhood being beaten up by her husband. Identify the concerned Protection Officer in case you want to provide information about this incident.
9. Read the Vishakha Guidelines as laid down by the Supreme Court and the Act against sexual harassment at the workplace. Discuss what constitutes sexual harassment and the mechanisms available for its redressal in your institution.
10. What is the procedure to file an RTI?
11. You bought a product from a nearby shop which was expired, the shop keeper refused to return it. Use your knowledge of Consumer Protection Act to decide what you do next?
12. Do you think the provisions of Forest Rights Act (FRA) address the question of gender equality?
13. What must you keep in mind as a consumer while making a purchase that may later help you make use of Consumer Protection Act? (Hint- Should you ask for a Bill?)
14. In your surroundings have you witnessed any incident that would be considered offensive under the SC and ST Act? Make a class room presentation on it.
15. After reading the Disabilities Act, discuss in your classroom, whether the differently abled people in your college are able to exercise the rights and facilities guaranteed under the law.
16. Discuss the procedure for issuing a job card under MNREGA.
17. You have read the rural job guarantee scheme under MNREGA. Do you think that there is a need for similar guarantee scheme in urban areas? Discuss with your classmates

### Assessment Methods

Students will be assessed on continuous basis followed by end term examination. Internal assessment will be conducted at the end of each unit which may include viva- voce and participation in class discussions. Students will be assessed on the basis of their ability to think critically and creatively to solve the problems and application of conceptual understanding to field based variables. . Students will be required to submit a critical review of any book or a film that relates to any one unit of the syllabus before end term examination.

### Keywords

Democracy, Dignity, Equality, Empowerment, Justice, Recognition, Redistribution, Rule of Law

## **AE4 - Conflict and Peace Building (62323601) AECC (Electives) - (AECCE) Credit:4**

### Course Objective

This course is designed to help build an understanding of a variety of conflict situations among students in a way that they can relate to them through their lived experiences. It's an interdisciplinary course that draws its insights from various branches of social sciences and seeks to provide a lively learning environment for teaching and training students how to bring about political and social transformations at the local, national and international levels. The course encourages the use of new information technologies and innovative ways of understanding these issues by teaching students skills of managing and resolving conflicts and building peace through techniques such as role-play, simulations, street theatre, cinema and music on the one hand and by undertaking field visits, interacting with different segments of the civil society including those affected by conflicts as well as diplomats, journalists and experts, on the other.

### Course Learning Outcomes

- The course will enhance students' understanding on the meaning, nature and significance of peace, conflict management, conflict resolution and conflict transformation.
- The students will also learn the importance of resource sharing in the conflict zones.
- The paper will develop students' knowledge on ideological and socio-cultural dimensions of conflict at local, sub-national and international levels.
- Students will also learn about negotiation and mediation skill for conflict resolution through active listening, different tracks of diplomacy and Gandhian methods.

### Unit 1

#### Concepts (6 Lectures)

- a. Understanding Conflict (Week 1)
- b. Conflict Management, Conflict Resolution and Conflict Transformation (Week 2)
- c. Peace Building: Meaning and Concept (Week 3)

### Unit 2

#### Dimensions of Conflict (6 Lectures)

- a. Ideology (Week 4)
- b. Economic/Resource Sharing Conflicts (Week 5)
- c. Socio-Cultural Conflicts (Ethnic, Religious, Gender-based) (Week 6)

### Unit 3

#### Levels of Conflict (6 Lectures)

- a. Local (Week 7)
- b. Sub-National (Week 7)
- c. International (Week 8)

### Unit 4

#### Conflict Responses: Skills And Techniques (6 Lectures)

- a. Negotiations: Trust Building (Week 9)
- b. Mediation: Skill Building; Active Listening (Week 10)
- c. Track I, Track II & Multi Track Diplomacy (Week 11)
- d. Gandhian Methods (Week 12)

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Theatre, peace and conflict at Theatre Without

Borders, [www.theatrewithoutborders.com/peacebuilding](http://www.theatrewithoutborders.com/peacebuilding)

Global Peace Film Festival, [www.peacefilmfest.org/](http://www.peacefilmfest.org/)

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### Teaching Learning Process

The overall purpose in this course would be to enhance students' understanding on the meaning, nature and significance of peace, conflict management, conflict resolution and conflict transformation and also to make them understand the importance of resource sharing in the conflict zones. Students will also learn about negotiation and mediation skill for conflict resolution through active listening, different tracks of diplomacy and Gandhian methods. In this course the teaching process would include a combination of different pedagogic tools like class lecture, class discussion, class presentations, group discussion and debates. The students will also learn through power-point presentations and film screening. The teaching-learning process would also focus on regular revision through different methods like holding quiz after the end of every unit, dividing the class into different groups based on different ideologies in the discipline and holding a free debate amongst them on different issues relevant for the course. Students will also be asked to do small write-ups on a question or a topic given to them based on their understanding of the problem/issue after completing every unit.

### Assessment Methods

Students will be assessed at different stages during the completion of this course. They will be assessed on the basis of their performance in group discussions after completion of every unit, class presentations and one assignment on a given topic.

### Keywords

Conflict, Conflict Management, Peace building, Trust building, Diplomacy