

MULTI-DISCIPLINARY COURSES

INTRODUCTION TO INDIAN CONSTITUTION

Programme	B. A. Political Science Honours				
Course Code	POL1FM102				
Course Title	INTRODUCTION TO INDIAN CONSTITUTION				
Type of Course	MDC				
Semester	1				
Academic Level	100 – 199				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours
	3	3	-	-	45
Pre-requisites	Fundamental ability to read and understand academic articles and books with critical knowledge				
Course Summary	This course provides a comprehensive exploration of the Indian Constitution, offering a detailed analysis of its historical evolution, key principles, and fundamental rights.				

Course Outcomes (CO):

CO	CO Statement	Cognitive Level*	Knowledge Category#	Evaluation Tools used
CO1	The students shall able to analyze judicial verdicts, particularly those related to minority rights, fundamental rights, and religious freedom, fostering critical thinking and enhancing legal analysis skills.	U	F	Instructor-created exams / Quiz
CO2	Students shall be able to analyse the organisational structures of the Indian Constitution, including its preamble, and recognise the principles guiding the governance of the nation.	U	C	Instructor-created exams / Quiz
CO3	Students shall be able to examine the directive principles of state policy and understand their role in shaping governance and public policy.	U	C	Instructor-created exams / Home Assignments

CO4	Students shall critically analyse contemporary challenges and issues gaining an understanding of the roles of judicial activism, judicial review, and constitutional remedies in addressing Fundamental rights	An	K	Assignment / Observation of Practical Knowledge
CO5	Students shall demonstrate an enhanced ability to critically evaluate legal decisions and articulate informed perspectives on minority rights, fundamental rights, and religious freedom.	An	K	Seminar Presentation / Group Tutorial Work
CO6	By the end of this module, students will gain a solid understanding of how the Indian Constitution was created by the Constituent Assembly and the salient features of the Indian Constitution	An	P	One Minute Reflection Writing assignments
* - Remember (R), Understand (U), Apply (Ap), Analyse (An), Evaluate (E), Create (C) # - Factual Knowledge(F) Conceptual Knowledge (C) Procedural Knowledge (P) Metacognitive Knowledge (M)				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs (36 +9)	Marks (50)
I		Introduction to the Indian Constitution	10	10
	1	Constitution and Constitutionalism	1	
	2	Constituent Assembly and Constitution Making Process	3	
	3	Major Features of Indian Constitution	3	
	4	Preamble of Indian Constitution	3	

	<p>Sections from References: Ackerman, Bruce. 1991. <i>We the People, Volume 1: Foundations</i>. Cambridge: Belknap Press. Austin, Granville. 2016. <i>Working a Democratic Constitution: The Indian Experience</i>. New Delhi: Oxford Basu, Durga Das. 2018. <i>Introduction to the Constitution of India</i>. Nagpur: Lexis Nexis. Bognador, Fabien, and Jacques Ziller. 2015. <i>Comparative Constitutional Reasoning</i>. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Chester, Lucy. 1995. <i>The Government of England Under Edward I</i>. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Choudhry, Sujit. 2011. <i>Constitution Making</i>. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Dyzenhaus, David. 2015. <i>The Constitution of Law: Legality in a Time of Emergency</i>. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Friedman, Barry. 2006. <i>The Will of the People: How Public Opinion Has Influenced the Supreme Court and Shaped the Meaning of the Constitution</i>. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux. Metcalf, Thomas R. 2002. <i>The Aftermath of Revolt: India, 1857-1870</i>. Princeton: Princeton University Press.</p>		
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	Sharma, Brij Kishore. 2004. <i>Indian Constitution: A Ray of Hope</i> . New Delhi: Atlantic Publishers.		
II	Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles	8	15
	5 Fundamental rights in the Constitution (Art 14-32)	4	
	6 Directive Principles-Features and Classification	3	
	7 Fundamental Duties	1	
	<p>Sections from References: Sharma, Brij Kishore. 2004. <i>Indian Constitution: A Comprehensive Study</i>. New Delhi: Atlantic Publishers. Pandey, J.N. 2019. <i>Constitutional Law of India</i>. Allahabad: Central Law Agency. Tripathi, Brij Kishore. 2017. <i>Preamble of the Constitution: A Critical Appraisal</i>. New Delhi: PHI Learning. Bakshi, P.M. 2013. <i>The Preamble of the Constitution of India: Its Significance and Interpretation</i>. New Delhi: Universal Law Publishing Co.</p>		
III	Judiciary, Executive and Legislature	12	15
	President and Governor	4	
	Parliament and State Legislature	4	
	Judiciary-Supreme Court and High Courts	4	

	<p>Sections from References: Stone, Geoffrey R. 1987. "Content-Based Speech Regulations and the Doctrine of Viewpoint Discrimination." <i>The Supreme Court Review</i> 1987, no. 1: 103-138. Bhatia, Gautam. 2016. <i>The Transformative Constitution: A Radical Biography in Nine Acts</i>. New Delhi: HarperCollins India. Pylee, M.V. 2012. <i>India's Constitution</i>. New Delhi: Universal Law Publishing. Kashyap, Subhash C. 2010. <i>Constitutional Law of India</i>. New Delhi: Universal Law Publishing. Dhavan, Rajeev. 2008. <i>Public Interest Litigation: Understanding the Law and Its Relevance</i>. New Delhi: Universal Law Publishing. Baxi, Upendra. 1982. <i>The Indian Supreme Court and Politics</i>. Delhi: Oxford University Press.</p>		
IV	Working of Constitution	6	10
	11 Amendment of the constitution	2	
	16 Emergency Provisions	2	
	17 Elections	2	
	<p>Sections from References: Baxi, Upendra. 1982. <i>The Crisis of the Indian Legal System: Alternatives in Development Law</i>. New Delhi: Indian Law Institute. Austin, Granville. 2003. <i>Working a Democratic Constitution: The Indian Experience</i>. New Delhi: Oxford University Press. Dhavan, Rajeev. 2011. <i>The Constitution of India: Miracle, Surrender, Hope</i>. New Delhi: Universal Law Publishing Co. Sarkar, Sudhir. 2013. <i>The Constitution of India: Historical Roots and the Modern Perspective</i>. New Delhi: Lexis Nexis.</p>		
	<p>Bhattacharya, Pradeep. 2008. <i>Constitutional History of India: Including the Judicial Contributions, 1935-2007</i>. New Delhi: Lexis Nexis. Kohli, Shubhankar. 2019. <i>Understanding India's Constitution: The Spirit, Letter, and Structure</i>. New Delhi: Lexis Nexis. Sharma, R.N. 2010. <i>Introduction to the Constitution of India</i>. New Delhi: PHI Learning Pvt. Ltd.</p>		
V	Open Ended Module	12	10

1	<p>Case studies: Example</p> <p>5. Basic Structure of the Constitution: <i>Kesavananda Bharati v. State of Kerala (1973)</i></p> <p>6. Minority Rights: <i>D. A. V. College Etc v. State Of Punjab & Ors (1971)</i></p> <p>7. Fundamental Rights: <i>Maneka Gandhi v. Union Of India (1978)</i></p> <p>8. Religious Freedom: <i>Shayara Bano v. Union of India (Triple Talaq case) (2017)</i></p> <p>Real-World Issues Discussion: Current debates around the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and issues surrounding Article 370 and Jammu & Kashmir.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open-ended discussions on the judiciary's role in balancing executive and legislative powers. <p>Group Assignment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact of Kesavananda Bharati on constitutional amendments. • Relevance and effectiveness of minority rights today. 	1 1 1 1 3 3 1 1	
	<p>Sections from References: Books</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jain, M. P. (2018). <i>Indian Constitutional Law</i>. LexisNexis. 2. Pandey, J. N. (2014). <i>Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles</i>. Central Law Agency. 3. Seervai, H. M. (2015). <i>Constitutional Law of India</i> (4th ed.). Universal Law Publishing. <p>Articles</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Hindu. (2021, April 24). <i>Kesavananda Bharati and the Basic Structure Doctrine</i>. The Hindu. Retrieved from https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/kesavananda-bharati-and-the-basic-structure-doctrine/article34377237.ece 2. Economic and Political Weekly. (2020, August 1). <i>Minority Rights in India: An Overview</i>. EPW. Retrieved from https://www.epw.in/journal/2020/31/commentary/minority-rights-india-overview.html 3. Live Law. (2019, January 25). <i>Maneka Gandhi Case: Expanding the Scope of Fundamental Rights</i>. Live Law. Retrieved from 		

<https://www.livelaw.in/columns/maneka-gandhi-case-expanding-the-scope-of-fundamental-rights-142466>

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Note: The course is divided into five modules, with four modules together having total 17 fixed units and one open-ended module with a variable number of units. There are total 48 instructional hours for the fixed modules and 12 hours for the open-ended one. Internal assessments (30 marks) are split between the open-ended module (10 marks) and the fixed modules (20 marks). The final exam, however, covers only the 20 units from the fixed modules. The 70 marks shown in the last column, distributed over the first four modules, is only for the external examination.

Mapping of COs with PSOs and POs :

	PSO 1	PSO 2	PSO 3	PSO4	PSO 5	PSO6	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6
CO 1	3	1										
CO 2				3	1							
CO 3				3		2						
CO 4		3										
CO 5			3									
CO 6		3	1									

Correlation Levels:

Level	Correlation
-	Nil
1	Slightly / Low
2	Moderate / Medium
3	Substantial / High

Assessment Rubrics:

- Quiz / Assignment/ Quiz/ Discussion / Seminar
- Midterm Exam
- Programming Assignments (20%)
- Final Exam (70%)

(Please note that these evaluation rubrics serve as illustrative examples within the context of a Data Structure course and are not intended to be definitive or prescriptive. Suggested methods of formative/summative assessment are listed in the latest version of the guidelines to BoS.)

Mapping of COs to Assessment Rubrics :

	Internal Exam	Assignment	Project Evaluation	End Semester Examinations
CO 1	✓			✓
CO 2	✓			✓
CO 3	✓			✓
CO 4		✓		✓
CO 5		✓		✓
CO 6			✓	