AN INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN RIGHTS

Programme	B.A. Political Science Honours				
Course Code	**POL2FM106**				
Course Title	**AN INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN RIGHTS**				
Type of Course	MDC				
Semester	2				
Academic Level	100 - 199				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours
	3	3	-	-	45
Pre-requisites	Ability to read and understand academic articles and books with critical knowledge				
Course Summary	The course covers a broad spectrum of topics aimed at understanding the framework, challenges, and implementation of human rights in the Indian context. A detailed study of the Indian Constitution, focuses on fundamental rights, the role of the judiciary, and the directives for the state to ensure human rights.				

Course Outcomes (CO):

CO	CO Statement	Cognitive Level*	Knowledge Category#	Evaluation Tools used
CO1	Enable students to understand the concept of human rights.	U	C	Instructor-created exams / Quiz
CO2	Gives insight into the philosophical foundations of human rights.	Ap	P	Practical Assignment / Observation of Practical Skills
CO3	Enable students to understand the nature of discrimination against Disadvantaged Sections.	Ap	P	Seminar Presentation / Group Tutorial Work
CO4	The course provides the student with the capacity to identify major issues and problems relating to the realization of human rights	U	C	Instructor-created exams / Home Assignments
CO5	Students will be able to develop investigative and analytical skills in the field of human rights	Ap	P	One Minute Reflection Writing assignments
CO6		M	P	Viva Voce
* - Remember (R), Understand (U), Apply (Ap), Analyse (An), Evaluate (E), Create (C)				
# - Factual Knowledge(F) Conceptual Knowledge (C) Procedural Knowledge (P) Metacognitive Knowledge (M)				

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Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs (45)	Marks (50)
I		**Human Rights Conceptual Perspectives.**	8	10
	1	Human Rights Meaning and Characteristics.	3	
	2	Evolution of Human Rights	3	
	3	Classification of Human Rights	2	
		Sections from References: Peetush, Ashwani, Jay Drydyk. 2015. *Human Rights India and the West*. Oxford University Press. Donnelly, Jack. 2005. *Universal Human Rights in Theory and Practices*, New Delhi: Manas Publications. Freeman, Michael, 2003. *Human Rights: An Interdisciplinary Approach*, Cambridge: Polity Press. Dube, M. P. and Neeta Bora (ed.) *Perspectives on Human Rights*, New Delhi: Anamika Publishers, 2000. Basu, D D, 2019. *Introduction to the Constitution of India* (24th edition) Lexis Nexis.		
II		**Philosophical Foundations of Human Rights**	10	15
	4	Natural Rights: Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau	4	
	5	Utilitarian Rights: Bentham	4	
	6	Positivist School of Rights: J. S. Mill	2	
		Sections from References: Laxmikanth , 2023. *Indian Polity* 7th Edition, Mc Graw Hills. Bhanwar, Harsh. 2008. *Human Rights Law in India: Protection and Implementation of the Human Rights*, New Delhi: Regal Pub., 2008. Aftab, Alam. 2004. *Human Rights in India: Issues and Challenges*. Delhi: Raj Publications. Awasthi, S.K. & R.P. Kataria. 2002. *Law Relating to Protection of Human Rights*. New Delhi: Orient Publishing. B. P. Singh, *Human Rights in India: Problems and Perspectives*, New Delhi: Deep & Deep, 2008. Shanker Sen. 2009. *Tryst with Law Enforcement and Human Rights: four decades in Indian Police*, New Delhi: APH.		
III		**Addressing Human Rights Issues**	8	10
	7	National Human Rights Commission, National Womens Commission	2	
	8	Rights of Women and Children	2	
	9	LGBTQ	2	
	10	Rights of SC/ST	2	
		Sections from References: Madhusudhan B. 2021. *Transgender Rights: Identity And Mobility*, Kalpaz Publications. J. Alberto del Real Alcala, 2017. *Human Rights Issues and Vulnerable Groups,* Bentham Science Publishers. Janetius, S. T., 2012. *Human Rights and Abuse on Elderly People,* Discovery Publishing Pvt.Ltd. Ali Nawaz Zaidi, S. 2010. *Differently Abled People and Human Rights*, New Royal Book Company.		

		Gopal Iyer, K. 2003. *Migrant Labour and Human Rights in India*, Kanishka Publishers.		
IV		**Emerging Trends in Human Rights**	10	15
	11	Environmental Rights	3	
	12	Animal Rights	3	
	13	Right to Information	4	
		Sections from References: Debarati Halder, Shrut S. Brahmbhatt(Edited), 2021. *Advancement of Human Rights in India: Contemporary and Emerging Challenges*, New Delhi: SAGE Publications Pvt. Ltd. Rajesh M. Basru, 2009. *Challenges to Democracy in India*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press. Batbyal, Rakesh 2005. *Communalism in Bengal: From Famine to Noakhali, 1943-47*, New Delhi: Sage Publications. Desai, A.R., 1986. *Violation of Democratic Rights in India*, Vol.1, Popular Prakashan, Bombay. Chandra, Biban. 2009. *Communalism in Modern India.* Har-Anand Publications Pvt Limited.		
V		**Open Ended Module**	9	5
	1	**Case studies** **Real-World Applications.** **Open-Ended Exploration and Assessment:** **Group Assignment:**		

Note: The course is divided into five modules, with four modules together having total 13 fixed units and one open-ended module with a variable number of units. There are total 36 instructional hours for the fixed modules and 9 hours for the open-ended one. Internal assessments (25 marks) are split between the open-ended module (5 marks) and the fixed modules (20 marks). The final exam, however, covers only the 13 units from the fixed modules. The 50 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 :

	PSO1	PSO2	PSO3	PSO4	PSO5	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									

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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%)

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			✓	

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