

**SYLLABI AND SCHEME OF
EXAMINATIONS
FOR
MULTIDISCIPLINARY COURSES
FOR UNDER GRADUATE
PROGRAMS (SINGLE MAJOR /
MULTIDISCIPLINARY
PROGRAMS)**

(Based on Curriculum and Credit Framework for UG Programs under NEP)



**WITH EFFECT FROM
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**MAHARSHI DAYANAND UNIVERSITY
ROHTAK (HARYANA)**

**SYLLABI AND SCHEME OF EXAMINATIONS FOR MULTIDISCIPLINARY COURSES FOR
UNDER GRADUATE SINGLE MAJOR/MULTIDISCIPLINARY PROGRAMS/ SINGLE MAJOR
PROGRAM AFTER 2nd SEMESTER OF MULTIDISCIPLINARY PROGRAM**

Name of the Department	Nomenclature of Multidisciplinary Course (MDC) @ 3 credits	Course Code	Credits Distribution			Total Credits	Workload			Total Workload	Marks				Total Marks
			L	T	P		L	T	P		Theory		Practical		
											Internal	External	Internal	External	
Political Science	Indian Constitution: Key Debates	24POLX01MD01	3	-	-	3	3	-	-	3	25	50	-	-	75
Political Science	Nationalism in India	24POLX02MD01	3	-	-	3	3	-	-	3	25	50	-	-	75
Political Science	Democracy and Human Rights in India	24POLX03MD01	3	-	-	3	3	-	-	3	25	50	-	-	75

L: Lecture; T: Tutorial; P: Practical

Note:

A student has to opt for three Multidisciplinary Courses in first three semesters from the pool of the courses offered in the disciplines other than those of Major disciplines and Minor disciplines and the one not studied at 10+2 or equivalent level.

Syllabi for MULTIDISCIPLINARY COURSES

Semester I

Session: 2024-25

Name of Program	B.A. Multidisciplinary	Program Code	UMBA4
Name of the Course	Indian Constitution: Key Debates	Course Code	24POLX01MD01
Hours per Week	3	Credits	3
Maximum Marks	75	Time of Examinations	3

Note:

Examiner will set nine questions and the candidates will be required to attempt five questions in all. Question number one will be compulsory containing short answer type questions from all units. Further, examiner will set two questions from each unit and the candidates will be required to attempt one question from each Unit. All questions will carry equal marks.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO) are:

CLO 1: To make students familiar about the fundamental concepts related to the Indian constitution.

CLO 2: To create understanding about values and provisions behind the formation of India constitution i.e. UCC, federalism and amendments process etc.

CLO 3: To develop an understanding about the democratic values behind the Indian constitution, provisions related to emergency or laws related to the security and order of India.

Unit 1:

Citizenship, Uniform Civil Code

Unit 2:

Language Question, Religious Freedom (and Minority Rights)

Unit 3:

Asymmetrical Federalism, Constitutional Amendment

Unit 4:

Emergency Provisions and Preventive Detention Laws

References:**recommended readings**

Constituent Assembly Debates (Proceedings), Volumes I- XII, available at <http://164.100.47.194/LoksabhaHindi/cadebatefiles/cadebates.html>

1. Citizenship

Primary Text: Part II, The Constitution of India

Constituent Assembly Debates (Proceedings), On Citizenship, 10 August 1949 to 12 August 1949, Vol. IX, pp. 343-349, 353-357, 398-401 (Lok Sabha Secretariat, New Delhi, 4th edition, 2003). URL: <http://loksabhaph.nic.in/writereaddata/cadebatefiles/vol9.html>

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2. Religious Freedom (and Minority Rights)

Primary Text: Art 25- 30, The Constitution of India
Constituent Assembly Debates (Proceedings), On Religious Conversion, 1st May 1947, Vol III (<http://164.100.47.194/loksabha/writereaddata/cadebatefiles/C01051947.html>) and 6th December 1948, Vol. VII (<http://164.100.47.194/Loksabha/Debates/cadebatefiles/C06121948.html>)
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ShibaniKinkarChaube, 2000, End of the Indian Problem II- Minority Rights, in Constituent Assembly of India: Springboard of Revolution, Manohar

3. Uniform Civil Code

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NiveditaMenon, 2014, A Uniform Civil Code in India: The State of the Debate in 2014. Feminist Studies 40(2), 480-486. doi:10.1353/fem.2014.0025.

4. Asymmetrical Federalism

Primary Texts: Article 370- 371 (J), Part XXI, The Constitution of India,
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Constitution of India Constituent Assembly Debates (Proceedings), On Special Status to Jammu and Kashmir, 17th October 1949, Vol. X. URL: <http://164.100.47.194/loksabha/writereaddata/cadebatefiles/C17101949.html>
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Rekha Saxena, 2021, Constitutional Asymmetry in Indian Federalism, Economic and Political Weekly, Vol. 56, Issue No. 34.
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Ashwani Kumar, 2019, The Constitutional Legitimacy of Abrogating Article 370, Economic and Political Weekly, Vol. 54, Issue No. 38

5. Emergency Provisions and Preventive Detention Laws

Primary Text: Articles 352, 353, 356, 358, 359, Part XVIII, The Constitution of India
Constituent Assembly Debates (Proceedings) on Draft Article 15-A, Personal Liberty and Procedure Established by Law (Article 22), September 15 and 16, 1949, Volume IX (<http://164.100.47.194/loksabha/writereaddata/cadebatefiles/vol9.html>)
Venkat Iyer, 2000, Emergency Law in India: the Background and the Development of the Law, in States of Emergency, the Indian Experience, Butterworths.
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Arvind Narrain, 2022, Roots of the Emergency: Preventive Detention, in India's Undeclared Emergency, Context, Westland Publications.

6. Constitutional Amendment

Primary Text: Art 368, Part XX, The Constitution of India. Constituent Assembly Debates (Proceedings), Excerpts on Amendment Procedure in B R Ambedkar's Final Speech on 25th November 1949 URL:

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7. Language Question

Primary Text: Art 343- 351, Part XVII, The Constitution of India.

Granville Austin, 1966, Language and the Constitution- The Half-Hearted Compromise, in Indian Constitution, Cornerstone of a Nation, OUP.

Paramjit S Judge, 2021, Fifteen Years that Never Ended: The Language Debate in Making of Modern India, Rawat

Paramjit S Judge, 2021, Language Issue in Constituent Assembly Debates, Economic and Political Weekly, Vol. 56, Issue No. 14

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Syllabi for MULTIDISCIPLINARY COURSES

Semester II

Session: 2024-25

Name of Program	B.A. Multidisciplinary	Program Code	UMBA4
Name of the Course	Nationalism in India	Course Code	24POLX02MD01
Hours per Week	3	Credits	3
Maximum Marks	75	Time of Examinations	3
Note: Examiner will set nine questions and the candidates will be required to attempt five questions in all. Question number one will be compulsory containing short answer type questions from all units. Further, examiner will set two questions from each unit and the candidates will be required to attempt one question from each Unit. All questions will carry equal marks.			
Course Learning Outcomes (CLO) are to: CLO 1: Develop an understanding about the nationalist movement in India, factors behind it, phases and impacts. CLO 2: Build an perceptive about the different types of nationalist movements' i.e. swadeshi, revolutionaries, religious and social etc. CLO 3: Create and understanding about the sensitive issues related to the riots, partition related issues, its aftermaths and situation of independent India.			
UNIT – I Reformism and Anti-Reformism in the Nineteenth Century: Major Social and Religious Movements in 19th century			
Unit 2: Nationalist Politics and Expansion of its Social Base Phases of Nationalist Movement: Liberal Constitutionalists; Swadeshi; Revolutionaries, Socialists and Communists; Beginning of Constitutionalism in India			
Unit 3: Gandhi and Mass Mobilisation: Non-Cooperation Movement, Civil Disobedience Movement, and Quit India Movement			
Unit 4: Partition, Independence and Integration of states Communalism in Indian Politics, The Two-Nation Theory and Partition, Independence and Integration of Indian States			
References: Essential/recommended readings: Reformism and Anti-Reformism in the Nineteenth Century: S. Bandopadhyay (2004) From Plassey to Partition: A History of Modern India, New Delhi: Orient Longman, pp.139-158, 234-276. A. Sen (2007) 'The idea of Social Reform and its Critique among Hindus of Nineteenth Century India', in S. Bhattacharya (ed.) Development of Modern Indian Thought and the Social Sciences, Vol. X. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.			

Nationalist Politics and Expansion of its Social Base:

S. Bandopadhyay (2004) From Plassey to Partition: A History of Modern India. New Delhi: Orient Longman, pp. 279-311.

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P. Chatterjee (1993) 'The Nation and its Pasts', in P. Chatterjee, The Nation and its Fragments: Colonial and Postcolonial Histories. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 76- 115.

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A. Jalal, and S. Bose (1997) Modern South Asia: History, Culture, and Political Economy. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 135-156.

A. Nandy (2005) RashtravadbanamDeshbhaktiTranslated by A. Dubey, New Delhi: Vani Prakashan. pp. 23-33. (The original essay in English is from A. Nandy (1994) New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 1-8.)

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Semester III

Session: 2025-26

Name of Program	B.A. Multidisciplinary	Program Code	UMBA4
Name of the Course	Democracy and Human Rights in India	Course Code	24POLX03MD01
Hours per Week	3	Credits	3
Maximum Marks	75	Time of Examinations	3
Note: Examiner will set nine questions and the candidates will be required to attempt five questions in all. Question number one will be compulsory containing short answer type questions from all units. Further, examiner will set two questions from each unit and the candidates will be required to attempt one question from each Unit. All questions will carry equal marks.			
Course Learning Outcomes (CLO) are to: CLO 1: Create and understanding about the fundamental concepts and ideas behind the term “Human rights”. CLO 2: Familiarize the students about the journey of human rights, first world and third world perceptions of human rights, and the legal and constitutional provisions given in the Indian constitution. CLO 3: Build and understanding about the movements related to the protection of human rights, role of civil society, media, NGOs, public and commissions (Central/state).			
Unit 1: The Concept of Human Rights a) Global & Third World Context b) Indian Context			
Unit 2: Human Rights and Constitutional - Legal Framework in India, Issues and Challenges (a) Fundamental Rights (b) Directive Principles of State Policy (c) Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 (d) Contemporary issues			
Unit 3: Civil Society and Human Rights Media, Public Opinion and Human Rights			
Unit 4: New Social Movements and NGO's NHRC			
References: Reports: Human Rights in India- The Updated Amnesty International Reports, Delhi, Vistaar . Human Rights in India: Status Report 2012.			

Social Justice: Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribes, other backward classes, Minorities in Eleventh Five Year Plan 2007-12, Government of India.
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