

Ahmednagar Jilha Maratha Vidya Prasarak Samaj's

New Arts, Commerce, and Science College

Ahmednagar (Autonomous)

(Affiliated to Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune)



National Education Policy (NEP)

Choice Based Credit System (CBCS)

Programme Framework and Syllabus for

Open Elective: Political Science

खुला वैकल्पिक विषय: मराठी

(For Students of Commerce and Science Faculty)

(वाणिज्य व विज्ञान शाखेतील विद्यार्थ्यांकरिता)

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Introduction of Open Electives (Political Science): For Science and Commerce Faculty

Welcome to "Introduction to Political Science," an open elective course specifically designed for students from science and commerce disciplines. In today's interconnected world, understanding the fundamentals of political science is crucial, regardless of your primary field of study. Politics influences every aspect of society, from the policies that govern scientific research to the economic regulations that shape commerce and trade. This course aims to bridge the gap between your technical or commercial expertise and the political systems that impact your professional and personal life.

Political science explores the theory and practice of politics, including the analysis of political systems, behavior, and culture. By enrolling in this course, you will gain valuable insights into how governments operate, how policies are formulated, and how political decisions affect various sectors, including science and commerce.

"Understanding Current Affairs," is a dynamic and engaging course designed to equip you with the knowledge and skills necessary to navigate the complex and ever-evolving landscape of today's global events. In an era marked by rapid information exchange, constant technological advancements, and intricate geopolitical developments, staying informed about current affairs is more crucial than ever. This course aims to provide you with a comprehensive framework for analyzing and interpreting the news, fostering critical thinking, and understanding the broader context behind the headlines.

Through a multidisciplinary approach, we will explore a wide range of topics, including politics, economics, social issues, science and technology, and international relations. By examining case studies, engaging in discussions, and utilizing diverse media sources, you will develop a nuanced perspective on how current events shape our world and impact our daily lives.

Open Elective/ Generic Elective Framework and Course Distribution:

Subject: Political Science (For Science and Commerce Faculty only)

Sr. No.	Year	Semester	Level	Course Type	Course Code	Title	Credits
1.	I	I	4.5	OE-01	OE-POL-01T	ABC	02
2.	I	II	5.0	OE-01	OE-POL-02T	DEF	02
3.	II	III	5.5	OE-03	OE-POL-03T	MNO	02
4.	II	IV	6.0	OE-04	OE-POL-04T	MNO	02
Total							08

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Syllabus of Open Elective: Political Science

Title of the Course: Understanding Current Affairs I								
Year: I				Semester: I				
Course Type	Course Code	Credit Distribution		Credits	Allotted Hours	Allotted Marks		
		Theory	Practical			CIE	ESE	Total
OE-01	OE-POL-01T	02	00	02	30	15	35	50

Learning Objectives:

1. Develop a habit of staying informed about current events, both national and international.
2. Equip students with the ability to evaluate the reliability and bias of different sources of information.
3. Foster analytical thinking skills to understand the underlying causes, consequences, and implications of current events.
4. Enhance media literacy skills, enabling students to navigate different types of media and discern credible information from misinformation.
5. Foster an understanding of international events and global dynamics.

Course Outcomes (Cos)

1. Analyze patterns and trends in current affairs.
2. Recognize the interconnectedness of various issues.
3. Critical evaluation of policy responses to contemporary challenges.
4. Consider the ethical dimensions of current affairs, including issues of justice, equity, and human rights.
5. Effective written and oral communication skills for discussing and presenting analyses of current affairs.

Detailed Syllabus: Example

Unit I: Introduction to Current Affairs	(15)
a. Course Overview	
b. Media Landscape and Sources	
Unit II: Information Evaluation and Media Literacy	(15)
a. Information Evaluation	
b. Historical Context and Global Awareness	
Unit III: Analytical Thinking and Multidisciplinary Approach	(15)
a. Information Synthesis	
b. Critical Reading Skills and Reflective Thinking	

Suggested Readings/Material:

1. Alain De Botton, 2014, The News: A User's Manual, Pantheon.
2. Timothy Snyder, 2018, The Road to Unfreedom: Russia, Europe, America, Tim Duggan Books
3. Barry O'Brien, 2010, Concise General Knowledge Manual, Cengage Learning
4. Manorama Yearbook
5. Mathrubhumi Yearbook
6. India Yearbook - Publication Division (GOI)
7. Yojana Magazine
8. Kurukshetra Magazine
9. Economic Survey
10. Pratiyogita Darpan Magazine

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Title of the Course: Understanding Current Affairs II								
Year: I				Semester: II				
Course Type	Course Code	Credit Distribution		Credits	Allotted Hours	Allotted Marks		
		Theory	Practical			CIE	ESE	Total
OE-02	OE-POL-02T	02	00	02	30	15	35	50

Learning Objectives:

1. Develop a habit of staying informed about current events, both national and international.
2. Equip students with the ability to evaluate the reliability and bias of different sources of information.
3. Foster analytical thinking skills to understand the underlying causes, consequences, and implications of current events.
4. Enhance media literacy skills, enabling students to navigate different types of media and discern credible information from misinformation.
5. Foster an understanding of international events and global dynamics.

Course Outcomes (Cos)

1. Analyze patterns and trends in current affairs.
2. Recognize the interconnectedness of various issues.
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Detailed Syllabus: Example

- Unit I: **Global Perspective** (15)
- a. Assessment of the credibility and bias of various news sources
 - b. The role of media in shaping public opinion
- Unit II: **Historical Context** (15)
- a. Historical roots of contemporary issues
 - b. Significance and potential future trajectories
- Unit III: **Active Engagement** (15)
- a. Debates,
 - b. Group projects

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