

Name of the Department: Political Science

OEC: UNDERSTANDING GANDHI

Course Title: UNDERSTANDING GANDHI	Course code: 21BAOEPS
Total Contact Hours: 42	Course Credits: 03
Internal Assessment Marks: 40	Duration of SEE: 03 Hours
Semester End Examination Marks: 60	

Course Outcomes (CO's): The course objective is to bring to the attention of the younger generation the core elements of Gandhian thought and Gandhi's approach to the key issues of contemporary India. This paper covers a wide range of issues including politics, economics, social reconstruction, religion and issues of sustainable development which provides insight into the idea of what Gandhi propagated as a political thinker. His ideas of Hindu-Muslim relations or critique of modern society, Swadeshi etc., makes Gandhi relevant to the current political discourses.

Learning Outcome:

At the end of the course the students shall -

1. Be able to explain the idea of truth and non-violence which is the foundation of Gandhian Philosophy.
2. Know the position of Gandhi on issues like Hindu- Muslim relations, gender question, cow protection, caste and untouchability questions.
3. Answer his reason for his choice of Swadeshi and his critique of modern Civilization.

OEC -3.2 : UNDERSTANDING GANDHI

Unit	Contents of Course -3.2	42Hours
1	Chapter -1 Background Influences: Historical: South Africa, Intellectual: Thoreau, Ruskin and Tolstoy. Chapter-2 Gandhian Experiments: Satyagraha, Non-Violence, Truth.	9 Hours
2	Chapter- 3 Movements led by Gandhi- Champaran, Bardoli, Khilafat, Non- Cooperation, Salt Satayagraha. Chapter-4 Social Movements- Ahmedabad Mill Strike, Vaikom Satyagraha, Forest, Health and Naturopathy, Sustainable Development.	9 Hours

3	<p>Chapter-5 Gandhi as a Leader: Gandhi as a model, Gandhian Methodology: Prayer, Consensus Building and Fasting.</p> <p>Chapter-6 Gandhian Views on Politics: Role of Ethics, Morality, Religion and Service.</p>	8 Hours
4	<p>Chapter-7 Gandhi's critique on English Parliament, Gandhi on Nation and Nationalism.</p> <p>Chapter-8 Gandhi on Swadeshi and Swaraj, Critique on Modern Civilization, Modern Education and Machines.</p>	8 Hours
5	<p>Chapter-9 Gandhi on Violence (Doctrine of the Sword) Gandhi and Sins, Gandhi's views on Women and Sustainable Development.</p> <p>Chapter-10 Gandhi as Political Strategist, Gandhi's Views on Hindu-Muslim Relation, Cow Protection, Untouchability and Caste Question.</p>	8Hours

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Exercise:

- Students shall have a group reading of Gandhiji's texts like Hindswarj, My Experiment with truth, Sarvodaya, etc,
- Shall conduct the group discussion on the significance of Satyagraha, Sustainable Development, Swadeshi, etc.
- By reviewing literature on Gandhian critiques students can discuss the strengths and weakness of Gandhian Philosophy and his relevance in 21st century.

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