

Department of Political Science, BBAU

Course Title: Human Rights

Course code: PS-404

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Semester-II

Credits: 4

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Course description

This course is an effort to make students familiarize with the emerging concept of human rights. The course is divided into three units. The first unit touches upon the basics of human rights and deals with its evolution, meaning and other related concepts. Second unit touches upon various issues of human rights and the steps taken for their protection. Finally the third unit deals with the changing nature of human rights in the changing era of globalization.

Course Objective

1. To make students acquainted with the discipline of Human Rights
2. To Develop among them an understanding about different perspective of Human Rights
3. To make students familiar with recent trends in Human Rights
4. Familiarize them about various Contemporary issue pertaining to Human Rights

Method of Evaluation

Class Presentation: 10% Weightage

Mid-Semester Examination: 20% Weightage

End-Sem Examination: 70% Weightage

Course contents

Unit 1: Understanding Human Rights

- I. Concept of Human Rights- Historical Development
- II. The Western and Non-Western Perspective of Human Rights
- III. Challenges to Human Rights- Universalism vs. Cultural Relativism

Essential Readings:

Mckinnon, Chapter one

Catriona: Issues in Political Theory (Oxford: Oxford University, Press)

Unit 2: Human Rights in India: Issues and Institutions

- I. National Human Rights Commission
- II. State Human Rights Commission

Human Rights of the Vulnerable Sections of India

- I. S.C & S.T.
- II. Women
- III. Children

Essential Readings:

Baxi, Upendra: “ The future of Human Rights oxford University Press

Baxi, Upendra: “Human Rights in a Post-Human world oxford University Press

Unit 4: Human Rights in the Twenty- First Century

Essential readings:

Baxi, Upendra: “ The future of Human Rights oxford University Press

Baxi, Upendra: “Human Rights in a Post-Human world oxford University Press

Suggested Reading:

Micheline R. Ishay., The History of Human Rights

Dr. O.P Agrawal,. Human Rights (Manav Adhikar_ In Hindi)

Leah Levin,. Human Rights

Andrew Claphar: Human Rights: A very Short Introduction, Oxford University Press

Mckinnon, Contemporary Issues in Political Theory Oxford University, Press

Baxi, Upendra *The future of Human Rights* (New Delhi: Oxford University Press)

Baxi, Upendra, *Human Rights in a Post-Human world* (Oxford: Oxford University Press)

Donnelly, Jack, *Universal Human Rights in theory and Practice*