

Course Title: Constitutional Values and Citizenship in India

Programme	Under Graduate
Semester	
Course Status	Value added Course
Credits	2
Course Code	
Course Title	Constitutional Values and Citizenship in India
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Course Overview:

This course provides an in-depth understanding of the constitutional principles, values, and rights that form the foundation of India's democratic system. It explores the rights and responsibilities of citizens, the role of the constitution in shaping the nation's governance, and the significance of active citizenship in a diverse and pluralistic society. Through interactive discussions, case studies, and real-life examples, students will gain insights into the democratic ethos and the importance of upholding constitutional values in their roles as responsible citizens.

Course Objectives:

1. To introduce students to the key constitutional values and principles in India's democracy.
2. To analyze the role of the constitution in shaping the governance and legal framework of the country.
3. To understand the rights and responsibilities of citizens as enshrined in the constitution.
4. To explore the challenges and opportunities for active citizenship in a diverse society.
5. To promote critical thinking, debate, and dialogue on contemporary constitutional issues.

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Course Evaluation and Grading Criteria	Marks
End Semester Examination	50
Method of conducting the Course Class participation and engagement in discussions and debates, written assignments on constitutional values - Group presentations on case studies related to citizenship issues etc .	
Total	50

Unit -1: Preamble and Constitutional Values

- a. Idea of India: Constitutional Assembly Debates
- b. Republican Democracy and Socialist Values
- c. Idea of Secular State and Religious pluralism
- d. Indian Constitutionalism: Continuity and Changes

Unit 2: Rights, Liberty, Equality and Justice

- a. Fundamental Rights and Duties
- b. Liberty and Freedom of Expression: State vs Individual Rights
- c. Concept of Equality and Justice in Indian Constitution
- d. Political Economy and Question of Social Justice

Unit 3: Rule of Laws and Citizenship in India

- a. Rule of Laws and Role of Judiciary in upholding Indian Democracy
- b. Idea of Civil, Customary and Criminal Laws in India
- c. Idea of Citizenship: Legal and Ethical bases, and Citizen's activism
- d. Citizenship and Social division: Gender and marginalised Groups

Recommended Readings