

As Per NEP 2020

University of Mumbai



Syllabus for Basket of OE

Faculty of Humanities

Board of Studies in Politics

Second Year Programme

Semester

III

Title of Paper

Credits

I) Understanding Elections in India

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From the Academic Year

2025-26

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Sr. No.	Heading	Particulars
1	Description the course : Including but Not limited to :	Elections are an integral part of democracy. India is one of the largest democracies in the world hence an understanding of the electoral system, election machinery and electoral process is a vital significance.
2	Vertical :	Open Elective
3	Type :	Theory / Practical
4	Credit:	2 credits (1 credit = 15 Hours for Theory in a semester)
5	Hours Allotted :	30 Hours
6	Marks Allotted:	50 Marks
7	Course Objectives: 1. To define the role of elections in a democracy in a more creative manner 2. To explore the institutions and the practices involved in the election process 3. To look into career opportunities in the electioneering process of India	
8	Course Outcomes: At the end of the Course the students will be: 1. Able to develop an understanding of elections in India 2. Able to comprehend democratic institutions and their need 3. Able to see the role of the people and civil society in the working of the government	
9	Modules:-	
	Module 1: Introduction	
	1.1 Election Commission of India 1.2 Representation of People's Act 1.3 Elections: Nature and Challenge	
	Module 2: Electoral Process	
	2.1 Election Campaigning 2.2 Election Funding 2.3 Electoral Reforms	

	Module 3: Electoral Participation and major stakeholders	
	3.1	Political Parties
	3.2	Civil Society
	3.3	Media and Public Opinion
10	Text Books: N.A.	
11	Reference Books: 1. Ahuja, M. L.: Electoral Politics and General Elections in India 1952-1998, Mittal Publications, Delhi, 1998. 2. Alam, Javeed: Who wants Democracy, Orient Longman, Hyderabad, 2004. 3. Calmon, Leslie. J.: Toward Empowerment of Woman and Politics in India, Westview Press, Boulder, 1992. 4. Dikshit, R. D. (Ed): Geography of Elections, The Indian Context, Rawat Publications, New Delhi, 1995. 5. Election Commission of India: Statistical reports on General Elections, India Year Books. 6. Ellhu, Katz and Yael, Warshel (Ed): Election Studies: What's their use? Westview Press, Boulder, 2000. 6. Rana, M. S.: India Votes: Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabha Elections : 1999, 2000, Poll Analysis, Election Data, Party Manifestos, B.R. Publishing, Delhi.	
12	Internal Continuous Assessment: 40%	External, Semester End Examination 60% Individual Passing in Internal and External Examination
13	Continuous Evaluation through:	Quiz, Class Tests, presentation, project, role play, creative writing, assignment.(at least 3)
14	Format of Question Paper: for the final examination	

QUESTION PAPER PATTERN (External and Internal)

(A) External / Semester End Examination

Marks: 30 Time:1 Hour

Three questions of 15 marks each.

Students have to attempt any two questions.

Equitable distribution to each module.

Question three, short notes, any three out of four.(5 marks each).

(B) Continuous Internal Evaluation

Sr. No.	Particular	Marks
1	Classroom Presentations/ Assignments/Quiz/ Internal Test/on any topic from the syllabus	10
2	Essay Submission/ Book review/ Project/ Field Visit Report / Educational Activity Report	10

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