

University of Mumbai



No. UG/ 83 of 2021

CIRCULAR:-

Attention of the Principals of the Affiliated Colleges and Directors of the recognized Institutions in Faculty of Humanities.

They are hereby informed that the recommendations made by the Board of Studies in **Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar International Research Centre** at its online meeting held on 17th July, 2020 vide item No. 3 and subsequently approved by the Board of Deans at its meeting held on 20th July, 2020 vide item No. 34 have been accepted by the Academic Council at its meeting held on 23rd July, 2020 vide item No. 4.92 and subsequently approved by the Management Council at its online meeting held on 28th August, 2020 vide item No. 2 and that in accordance therewith, in exercise of the powers conferred upon the Management Council under Section 74(4) of the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016 (Mah. Act No. VI of 2017) the Ordinance 6598 & 6599 Regulations 9344 & 9345 and the syllabus of **M.A. in Social Policy** has been introduced and the same have been brought into force with effect from the academic year **2020-21**. (The said course might be introduced from the academic year 2021-2022 in the wake of prolonged Covid-19 pandemic situation in the country and subsequent delay in the commencement of the new academic year) accordingly. (The same is available on the University's website www.mu.ac.in).

MUMBAI - 400 032
25th January, 2021
To,

(Dr. B.N. Gaikwad)
I/c. REGISTRAR

The Principals of the affiliated Colleges and Directors of the recognized Institutions in Faculty of Humanities. (Circular No. UG/334 of 2017-18 dated 9th January, 2018.)

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25th January, 2021

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- 1) The Dean Faculty of Humanities,
- 2) The Chairman, Board of Studies in Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar International Research Centre,
- 3) The Director, Board of Examinations and Evaluation,
- 4) The Director, Board of Students Development,
- 5) The Co-ordinator, University Computerization Centre,

(Dr. B.N. Gaikwad)
I/c. REGISTRAR

Copy to :-

- 1. The Deputy Registrar, Academic Authorities Meetings and Services (AAMS),**
- 2. The Deputy Registrar, College Affiliations & Development Department (CAD),**
- 3. The Deputy Registrar, (Admissions, Enrolment, Eligibility and Migration Department (AEM),**
- 4. The Deputy Registrar, Research Administration & Promotion Cell (RAPC),**
- 5. The Deputy Registrar, Executive Authorities Section (EA),**
- 6. The Deputy Registrar, PRO, Fort, (Publication Section),**
- 7. The Deputy Registrar, (Special Cell),**
- 8. The Deputy Registrar, Fort/ Vidyanagari Administration Department (FAD) (VAD), Record Section,**
- 9. The Director, Institute of Distance and Open Learning (IDOL Admin), Vidyanagari,**

They are requested to treat this as action taken report on the concerned resolution adopted by the Academic Council referred to in the above circular and that on separate Action Taken Report will be sent in this connection.

- 1. P.A to Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor,**
- 2. P.A Pro-Vice-Chancellor,**
- 3. P.A to Registrar,**
- 4. All Deans of all Faculties,**
- 5. P.A to Finance & Account Officers, (F.& A.O),**
- 6. P.A to Director, Board of Examinations and Evaluation,**
- 7. P.A to Director, Innovation, Incubation and Linkages,**
- 8. P.A to Director, Board of Lifelong Learning and Extension (BLLE),**
- 9. The Director, Dept. of Information and Communication Technology (DICT) (CCF & UCC), Vidyanagari,**
- 10. The Director of Board of Student Development,**
- 11. The Director, Department of Students Welfare (DSD),**
- 12. All Deputy Registrar, Examination House,**
- 13. The Deputy Registrars, Finance & Accounts Section,**
- 14. The Assistant Registrar, Administrative sub-Campus Thane,**
- 15. The Assistant Registrar, School of Engg. & Applied Sciences, Kalyan,**
- 16. The Assistant Registrar, Ratnagiri sub-centre, Ratnagiri,**
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- 21. The Secretary MUASA**

for information.

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Item No.-4.92

UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI



Syllabus of M.A in Social Policy

(As per the Choice Based Credit System)
(To be introduced from Academic Year 2020-21)

University of Mumbai
Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar International Research Centre For Social Justice

MA in Social Policy

Title of the Course O.6598	: MA in Social Policy
Eligibility for the course O.6599	: Graduation in any faculty
Duration of the Course R. 9345	: Two Year (Full Time)
Intake Capacity R.9344	: 40 (Forty)
Fee Structure	: To be determined by the University (suggestion Same as MA Public Policy Indian Students : Rs. 34,405 Foreign Students: As per the university regulations for SAARC and other countries)
Standard of Passing	: A candidate must obtain 50% of the full marks in all the semesters as prescribed by the university standards and any other circular published from time to time.

Draft Syllabus for MA Social Policy

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar in his “On the 25th November, 1949 Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar while presenting the Constitution of India cautioned the State in the following words “We are going to enter into a life of contradictions. In politics we will have equality and in social and economic life we will have inequality”.

The course essentially trains the student to view policy process in a different perspective altogether. The emphasis of the academics in India is more on Public Policy, which is essentially driven by economic considerations. However, in India it is important to understand that the basic edifice of the society is based on social indicators. What India needs at this point of time is a more broader base of (social) policy more than a public policy. Hence, it becomes pertinent to understand the society, and accordingly work towards a policy that suits and is beneficial to the larger spectrum of the social groups. This course attempts to train the student in understanding the perspectives of future equitable society.

Objectives of the programme:

MA in social policy aims to engage with disadvantaged and vulnerable social groups.

To train the pupils in key concepts in the field of social policy, including the welfare state, distributive justice, affirmative action, interest groups, social movements, institutions, and culture and ideology, gain practice using Political Science and Sociology’s theoretical toolkit (power, networks, institutions, and culture) to analyze the development, implementation, and effects of social policy explore how the broader social context shapes policy success and failure, drawing implications for policymakers .

Structure of the course:

1. The credit-based semester system shall be a full-time, two year, four semester course.
2. A student shall have to acquire 96 credits to qualify for the degree of MPP, 48 of which shall be obtained from core courses while the other 48 shall be obtained from electives.
3. Each semester is roughly of fifteen weeks duration.

Master’s Dissertation: During the second year of study, students will work on a dissertation under the guidance of a faculty member. In Semester IV the learner will

submit the thesis of a minimum 12,000 words. However it is expected that the candidate must start exploring the subjects/themes in their first semester itself and finalize their research topic before the first semester end. It is expected that the student write a brief proposal of their study and get it approved by the beginning of the second semester, conduct the field survey or other data as may be required and submit the final dissertation in the fourth semester. Following the presentation and viva-voice examination, shall the student be evaluated.

Internship: Students with little or no prior experience in the areas of the study will be strongly encouraged to opt for internship. The internship will allow students to apply their knowledge to significant problems in the public, private, or non-profit sectors and thus develop hands-on skills. The internship will also enable students to reflect on their career direction and thus make a more informed selection of second-year electives. It will assist students in establishing networks that will enhance chances of securing employment after graduation.

Pedagogy: The course will draw on teaching from across the University, from the Department of Politics, Economics, Sociology to Philosophy as well as from policy professionals from the public, private and voluntary sectors. Teaching will be through traditional lectures, case studies and student seminars. Course material is to be given at the beginning of the semester and students will be expected to read as prescribed and come prepared to class.

How to Apply: The Application form available in the Department Office of the Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar International Research Centre for Social Justice has to be filled. The following documents will have to be submitted:

1. Certified copies of Marksheets of all years of graduation (two copies)
2. Ration Card photocopy (proof of address)
3. Gap certificate.
4. Photographs (two)

Students from universities other than University of Mumbai will have to:

1. Fill up the form for Eligibility in the Eligibility Section housed in Ground floor Dr. Ambedkar Bhavan (Administrative Wing on University of Mumbai, Kalina Campus),

2. Two Sets of following Marksheets: • SSC, • HSC, • First to Final Year of Graduation
3. Photographs (5)

Semester-I

1. Dr. Ambedkar and Social Policy
2. Theories of Social Policy-I
3. Methods of Social Policy Research-I: Qualitative Research
4. Methods of Social Policy Research-II Quantitative Research

Semester-II

1. Dr. Ambedkar and Economic Policies
2. Planning, Financing and Implementing Welfare Policies
3. Theories of Social Policy-II
4. Methods of Social Research-II
5. Comparative Social Policy

Semester-III

1. Consequences and Outcomes of Social Policy in India
2. Differentiation Society
3. Elective- I
4. Elective-II

Indicative Electives

- a) Globalisation and Social Policy
- b) New thinking about social welfare
- c) Social Programmes and their achievements
- d) Gender and Social Policy
- e) Education policy
- f) Employment

Semester-IV Electives

1. Perspectives on neoliberalism and critique of Political Economy
2. Culture, Society and Communication
3. Elective-I
4. Elective-II

Indicative Electives

- a) Inequality and Exclusion
- b) Governance Issues and the success of Policy
- c) Health Policy
- d) Caste assertions (Marathas, Jats, Pattidars)
- e) Agriculture policy

f) Poverty

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Justifications for the new courses under the Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar International Research Centre, University of Mumbai sought by the Hon'ble Chancellors Office under Section 74(4) of the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016.

Introduction:

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, the chief architect of the Constitution of India, is one of the most illustrious alumni of the university of Mumbai. His contribution not only as a student but also as a teacher in Sydhenam College, Principal of Government Law College and the Member of the Senate to the University of Mumbai is immense. It is needless to say what he has contributed to the social and political life of country.

The Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar International Research Centre is one of the demand that has originated from the society to give a respectable place in academics to Dr. Babasaheb Ambekdar not in terms of naming the chair or a building in his name but to have a centre of higher learning and research on Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar.

This year we will be entering into 100 years of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar's admission to London School of Economics. The London School of Economics has offered a collaboration with the Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar International Research Centre, University of Mumbai. They have promised that one scholar will be visiting London School of Economics every year. A joint Conference on Dr. Ambedkar and a Public Lecture in Mumbai. Apart from this a student delegation will be hosted by LSE every year.

Following these developments the University of Mumbai has instituted Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar International Research Centre to study Dr. Ambedkar. The Centre has proposed four MA Programmes namely,

1. MA in Ambedkar Studies (4.91)
2. MA in Buddhist Studies (4.93)
3. MA in Development Policy. (4.94)
4. MA in Social Policy (4.92)

Each of these courses are well thought keeping under consideration the current academic developments in India and in leading universities. There is a serious attempt to also look at the employability and high-end research in Ambedkar thoughts.

1. Necessity of starting this course is that the economic planning is not the right indicator of development. Social measurements are the most important indicators of social development especially like in the country like India. Social indicators are gaining a lot of importance in the country today, these indicators in terms of a policy are necessary to be understood. Hence the necessity of the course.
2. MA in social policy is a course that is a need of an hour. Many foreign universities are gradually shifting from Public Policy to Social Policy. Some of the leading universities in United Kingdom like the London School of Economics, Oxford University, Edinburgh and more than 10 universities in the United States. Apart from this the course is offered in Scandinavian countries.

Some papers are being offered in the institutes like the Tata Institute of Social Science and other universities. University of Mumbai will be the first university in the country to offer MA in social policy. Department of Civics and Politics already is engaged in teaching MA in Public Policy, if we attempt to take this course forward, we will be among the very few universities who will be offering both the courses.

3. These courses are not yet offered. The university plans to begin the courses from the next academic year 2021. The university is due to invite applications for various courses in the university. It may also call for applications for Development Studies.
4. The course is self-financed. Teachers to teach this course are available in various departments as this being an interdisciplinary course.
5. A detailed syllabus and the papers proposed in all the semesters is passed by the academic council of the University and the same has been sent to your good office. Since it is an intensive MA Programme, thus four semesters are mandatory as per the UGC. Hence, the course content or duration cannot be compressed. The course is

designed with the needs of New Education Policy in terms of internship and training component as an integral part of the course.

6. At the moment we would like to keep the intake capacity to forty students only. Depending upon the popularity of course we intend to increase to 60 seats only.

7. Employability of the course is immense. All the social sectors are asking for social audit/social impact of the policy and so forth. Many international banks are hiring research scholars who could give social policy recommendations to various projects. International organisations are also focusing on social policy initiatives. All the indicators of Sustainable Development Goals 2030 are embedded in the social policy.