

S. S. JAIN SUBODH P.G. COLLEGE, JAIPUR
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Value Added Course
Undergraduate Programme
IV Semester

2025-26

Electoral Literacy

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DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

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Credits: 2

Maximum Marks: 50

CIA: 15

EOSE: 35

Examination will be of one hour.

Question paper will have multiple choice questions (35 in number)

Each question will be of 1 mark each.

Examination will be conducted on OMR sheet

Classes per week: 2

Objectives of the Course: This course aims to educate students on the electoral process in India, the importance of civic engagement, and how to make informed voting decisions. Students will: 9. Understand the historical context and evolution of the electoral system in India. 10. Learn the structure and function of the Indian government and electoral bodies. 11. Analyze the importance of voter registration and participation. 12. Develop critical thinking skills to evaluate candidates and policies in India. 13. Gain knowledge about different electoral systems and practices worldwide, with a focus on India.

Course Outcomes: (As per the directions of UGC Framework for UG Programmes)

1. Cultivate a sense of responsibility amongst students towards active and informed participation in the Democratic process.
2. Encourage continuous learning and engagement with political and electoral issues in India.
3. Understand and articulate the steps involved in voter registration in India.
4. Identify barriers to voter participation and propose strategies to overcome them.
5. Understand the importance of free and fair elections and identify common threats to election integrity.

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Syllabus

Unit I

Constitution of India : Philosophy of the Constitution of India, Theories of Representation, Role of Elections in democracy, Reservation of constituencies, Free and fair elections, Universal franchise and right to contest Independent Election.

Unit II

History of Elections in India : Historical development of the electoral system in India, Key milestones in the evolution of voting rights in India, Excerpts from historical texts on Indian voting rights and suffrage movements, Role of Media in Elections, Need for electoral reforms.

Unit III

Election system in India : Structure of Government and Electoral Bodies in India ,Types of Political Parties, Structure of local, state, and central governments in India, Structure and functions of the Election Commission of India, Role and functions of the Election Commission of India, Voter Registration and Participation in India.

Unit IV

Voter Education: Voter Education: An Undermined Necessity, Voter registration processes and requirements in India, Barriers to voter participation in India, Strategies to increase participation in election process: Should Voting be made Mandatory by the State? Online Voting: the way forward.

PRACTICAL WORK: Case studies of recent political campaigns in India, Group project on creating a mock political campaign, Workshop on how to register to vote in India.

Suggested Books/ References /Web links (if available)

Essential Readings/ Online Resources

1. "India After Gandhi: The History of the World's Largest Democracy" by Ramachandra Guha
2. "The Verdict: Decoding India's Elections" by Prannoy Roy and Dorab R. Sopariwala.
3. Election Commission of India's reports on recent elections.
4. International reports on Indian elections by organizations like NDI and IFES.
5. Reports on voter registration statistics and challenges in India.
6. "The Indian Constitution" by P.M. Bakshi.
7. "Electoral Reforms in India" by J.C. Johari.
8. "Voter Education and Electoral Participation" by Election Commission of India.
9. "Indian Politics and Governance" by Subrata K. Mitra.

Online resources:

- (<https://eci.gov.in>)
- <https://www.nvsp.in>

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