

John Wilson Education Society's

Wilson College (Autonomous)

Chowpatty, Mumbai-400007

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Affiliated to the

UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI



**Syllabus for F.Y
Program: BA**

Program Code: WUAPOL

**Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) with effect from
Academic year 2023_2024**

PROGRAM OUTLINE 2023-2024

| YEAR | SEM | COURSE CODE | COURSE TITLE | CREDITS |
|------|-----|-------------|---------------------------|---------|
| FY | II | WAPOLIK121 | Ancient Indian Statecraft | 2 |

PROGRAMME SPECIFIC OUTCOME (PSOs) At the end of the programme, a B. A. Political Science graduate will be able to:

PSO1: To give an overview of various concepts namely: rights, structure, function of government, parliament, judiciary, administration, local self-government and the nature of constitutional process.

PSO2: The graduate will be able to elaborate on essential political theories and concepts. Moreover, they will analyse political phenomena, including international relations and foreign policy.

PSO3: Graduates will also develop communication skills that are backed by extensive research, this will help them write and make better political arguments coherently, logically and persuasively.

PSO4: Whilst unfolding a political mindset, graduates can leverage various forms of media such as short films, documentaries and podcasts to expand their textual and audio-visual content.

PSO5: Articulate concepts by designing and conducting research on political and interdisciplinary topics.

PSO6: A degree in Political Science will help graduates make successful careers in civil services and perform remarkably in other competitive examinations, as well as to strive in the Social Development and Media sector.

PSO7: Through field visits, interactive sessions and various other activities the students will gain hands-on experience thus building a bridge with the theoretical knowledge and framework.

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PSO8: Students will develop an understanding in the contemporary political mechanism, through the evolving of State, the role of economy, society, culture and political and non-political organizations.

PREAMBLE

Wilson College has implemented NEP 2020 in this academic year of 2023-24. The exercise of restructuring the syllabus for FYBA as per NEP guidelines and framework was undertaken. Under this structure, the Department of Political Science will offer –

Major and Minor – Paper I: Political Theory
Semester I: Introduction to Political Theory
Semester II: Political Concepts and Values

Paper II: Politics in India
Semester I: Indian Political Structure
Semester II: Political Process in India

SEC – Political Communication and Leadership
Semester I: Political Communication
Semester II: Political Leadership

VEC – Introduction to Values of the Indian Constitution
OE – General Introduction to Law
Semester I: Fundamentals of Law
Semester II: Dimensions of the Indian Legal Framework

IKS – Ancient Indian Statecraft

This course provides an in-depth exploration of the values enshrined in the Indian Constitution. The principal objective of this two-credit course is to familiarize students with a comprehensive understanding of the foundational principles and ideals that shape India's democratic governance. The course is accordingly divided into three modules to provide students with a holistic understanding of the subject matter. The course thus aims to develop students' analytical thinking and understanding of constitutional values.

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| PROGRAM(s): F.Y.B. A | | SEMESTER: II | | | |
| Course: Ancient Indian Statecraft | | Course Code: WAPOLIK121 | | | |
| Teaching Scheme | | | | | Evaluation Scheme |
| Lectures (Hours per week) | Practical (Hours per week) | Tutorial (Hours per week) | Credit | Continuous Internal Assessment | Semester End Examination |
| 2 | NA | NA | 2 | 60 | NA |
| <p>Learning Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To explain the key concepts, terminologies, and historical events related to ancient Indian statecraft. 2. To evaluate the historical context and significance of Kautilya's Arthashastra. 3. To know the key pillars and administrative structure of the statecraft. 4. To outline the use of diplomacy and strategic alliances in safeguarding the interests of ancient Indian states. | | | | | |
| <p>Course Outcomes:</p> <p>At the end of the course, the learner will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To develop an overview of the political, administrative and governmental practices of ancient Indian statecraft. 2. To examine the role of leadership, law and governance in the ancient Indian state. 3. To investigate the diplomatic and foreign policy practices of ancient Indian kingdoms. | | | | | |

WILSON COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), SYLLABUS FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE**DETAILED SYLLABUS**

| Course Code – WAPOL IK121 | Unit | Ancient Indian Statecraft | Lectures |
|----------------------------------|-------------|--|--------------------|
| I | | Introduction to Ancient Indian Polity | 06 lectures |
| | 1.1 | Forms and Types of Government | 03 |
| | 1.2 | Popular Assemblies: Samiti, Sabha, and Vidhata | 03 |
| II | | Arthashashtra and the State | 12 lectures |
| | 2.1 | State and King | 06 |
| | 2.2 | Law and Justice | 06 |
| III | | Kautilyan Administration | 12 lectures |
| | 3.1 | Internal Administration | 06 |
| | 3.2 | Foreign Policy and Defense | 06 |



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- ❖ Book and Film/Documentary
- ❖ YouTube videos
- ❖ Research Articles, Newsletters, etc
- ❖ Discussions and Debates
- ❖ Presentation

References:

- Bisht, M. (2020). *Kautilya's Arthashastra: Philosophy of Strategy*. Routledge.
- Chousalkar, A. S. (2018). *Revisiting the Political Thought of Ancient India*. Sage Publication Pvt Ltd.
- Kautilya. (2016). *The Arthashashtra*. Penguin Books Limited.
- Law, N. N. (1960). *Aspects of Ancient Indian Polity*. Orient Longmans.
- Mehta, U., & Thakkar, U. (1980). *Kautilya and His Arthashashtra*. S. Chand.

Modality of Assessment

Will be based on 2 assignments each of 30 marks, total of 60 marks.

| Sr. No. | Evaluation Type | Marks |
|---------|---|-----------|
| 1 | Assignment/ Case study/ presentation/ project | 30 |
| | Total | 60 |

