

GENERIC ELECTIVES (GE-4): Philosophy, Politics, Economics

Credit distribution, Eligibility and Pre-requisites of the Course

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Philosophy, Politics, Economics GE 4	4	3	1	0	Class XII	NIL

Learning Objectives

- Basic concepts of justice, and various theories about justice. Issues regarding human nature and its relation to politics will be discussed in the course.
- Recent reflections on equality and its extent in society and how it is to be measured will also be imparted.
- The idea is to acquaint, and make salient contemporary reflections on various issues like justice, property, and equality.

Learning Objectives

- To equip students with good working knowledge of concepts in philosophy, politics, and economics and how they interact with each other.]
- This will make students appreciate the interconnections between the subjects, and also develop interdisciplinary thinking.

UNIT 1: JUSTICE (PHILOSOPHY)

(9 hours)

1. The Concept of Justice
2. Distinctions of Justice
3. Scope of Justice

Essential/Recommended Readings:

Miller, David. *Justice*, Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy

Unit 2: THEORIES OF JUSTICE

(9 hours)

1. Utilitarianism and Justice
2. Contractarianism and Justice
3. Egalitarianism and Justice\

Essential/Recommended Readings

Miller, David. *Justice*, Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy

UNIT 3: STATE OF NATURE

(15 hours)

1. Property

2. Ends of Political Society and Government
3. Causes, Generation and Definition of Commonwealth
4. Rights of Sovereigns by Institution
5. Slavery
6. The Social Pact

Essential/Recommended Readings:

Locke, John. *Treatise of Civil Government* (Chapters V & IX), ed. C.L. Sherman, New York, D. Appleton- Century, 1937 (Topics 1 & 2)

Hobbes, Thomas. *Leviathan*, (Part II, Chapters XVII & XVIII), ed. C.B. Macpherson, London, Penguin Classics, 1985 (Topics 3 & 4)

Rousseau, Jean-Jacques. *The Social Contract* (Book Chapters IV & VI), tr., revised and ed. C. Frankel, New York, Hafner Publishing Co., 1947 (Topics 5 & 6)

UNIT 4: PHILOSOPHY AND ECONOMICS

(12 hours)

Essential/Recommended Readings

Karl Marx. "From preface to a contribution to the critique of political economy" ,Daniel Hausman (ed) *Philosophy of Economics*, :Cambridge University Press, 2008, pp119-128

Amartya Sen. *Development as Freedom*, New York:Alfred A.Knopf,2000,Pp. 3-12

Piketty, Thomas. *A Brief History of Equality*, translated by Steven Rendall(Chapter 1: “The Movement Towards Equality” and Chapter 2: “The Slow Deconcentration of Power and Property”), Harvard University Press, 2022.

Suggestive Readings

Pojman, Louis P. & Westmoreland, Robert (eds.) (1997). *Equality: Selected Readings*. OUP, USA

Rawls, John (2007). *Lectures on the History of Political Philosophy*. Belknap Press of Harvard University Press.

Reiss, Julian (2013). *Philosophy of Economics: A Contemporary Introduction*. Routledge.

Rousseau, Jean-Jacques (1997). *The Social Contract and Other Later Political Writings*. Cambridge University Press.

Sandel, Michael J. (ed.) (2009). *Justice: What's the Right Thing to Do?*. Farrar, Straus and Giroux.

Note: Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi, from time to time.