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DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE COURSE – 17: Ethics, Politics and Governance

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 (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/Practice		
Ethics, Politics and Governance DSE-17	4	3	1	-	NA	NA

Learning Objectives

This course dwells on how and why ethical issues lie at the centre of politics and governance. From the issues of distributive justice to choices related to the use of technology, many contemporary political practices demand ethical reasoning for which a more focused and comprehensive engagement between ethics, politics and governance is called for.

Learning outcomes

After taking this course, the learner will be able to appreciate:

- Demonstrate ethical awareness, the ability to do ethical reflection, and the ability to apply ethical principles in decision-making.
- How to use specific capacities and skills to make moral decisions and ethical judgments.

SYLLABUS OF DSE-17

UNIT – I (12 Hours)

The Nature of Ethical Reasoning

- a. What is Ethics
- b. Rationality and Objectivity in Ethics
- c. Ethical in Politics: Consequentialist, Deontological and Virtue Ethics theories

UNIT – II (12 Hours)

Issue

- a. Food Securities, Homelessness and Freedom
- b. Hunger: Capabilities and the Right to Food
- c. International Obligations to Remove Poverty
- d. Corruption in Public and Private Life

UNIT – III (11 Hours)

Free Speech

- a. Values of Free Speech and its Moral Limits
- b. Free Speech and Democracy
- c. Social Media: Enabler or Deceptive?

UNIT – IV (10 Hours)

Ethics of New Emerging technologies

- a. Technology and Neutrality: AI, Big Data Analytics, IOT, Digital Surveillance
- b. Technology and Autonomy: The Dilemma of Control, Manipulation of Choice
- c. Transhumanism
- d. Ethical Conduct of Technology

Essential/recommended readings

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