

GENERIC ELECTIVES (GE-4) Literature & Human Rights

No. of hours- 60(Theory- 45 hrs.+Tutorials-15 hrs.)

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		
GE-4 Literature & Human Rights	4	3	1	0	Passed Class XII	NIL

Learning Objectives

The Learning Objectives of this course are as follows:

- To consider the relationship between literature and human rights.
- To indicate investments in human rights within literary texts.

Learning outcomes

The Learning Outcomes of this course are as follows:

- By studying this course, students will be able to understand the relevance of human rights in everyday contexts.
- Students will be able to appreciate the importance of human rights in literary and theoretical terms.

SYLLABUS OF GE-4

UNIT – I (15 weeks-1 hour/week)

1. George Orwell: *1984*(1949)

UNIT – II (15 weeks-1 hour/week)

1. Harper Lee: *To Kill a Mockingbird* (1960)

UNIT – III (15 weeks-1 hour/week)

1. *Freedom: Short Stories Celebrating the Universal Declaration of Human Rights*. Amnesty International, 2009.

(i) 'In the Prison of Repose'—Paulo Coelho

(ii) 'Amnesty'—Nadine Gordimer

(iii) 'ABC Antidote'—Ishmael Beah

2. Maya Angelou: 'I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings'[poem]

3. June Millicent Jordan: 'Poem About My Rights'

Practical component (if any) - NIL

Essential/recommended readings- as listed in the units

Suggestive readings:

1. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights
https://www.un.org/en/udhrbook/pdf/udhr_booklet_en_web.pdf
2. Barzilay, Vered Cohen. 'Foreword: The Tremendous Power of Literature', *Freedom: Short Stories Celebrating the Universal Declaration of Human Rights*. Amnesty International, 2009.
3. Hunt, Lynn. *Inventing Human Rights: A History*. W.W. Norton, 2008.
4. Nickel, James W. *Making Sense of Human Rights: Philosophical Reflections on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights*. United Kingdom: University of California Press, 1987.
5. Tierney, Brian. *The Idea of Natural Rights: Studies on Natural Rights, Natural Law, and Church Law, 1150-1625*. United Kingdom: Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2001.
6. Rawls, John. *The Law of Peoples: with "The Idea of Public Reason Revisited"*. United Kingdom: Harvard University Press, 1999.
7. Griffin, James. *On Human Rights*. United Kingdom: OUP, 2009.