

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Category I

BA (Hons.) History

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE -1 (DSC-1) – : History of India – II: c.4th century BCE to 750 CE

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		
History of India – II c. 4th Century BCE to 750 CE DSC 1	4	3	1	0	12th Pass	Should have studied History of India -I (From the beginning to fourth century BCE)

Learning Objectives

The Learning Objectives of this course are as follows:

This course is about the early historical and the early medieval periods of Indian history. It explores the transition from the early historical to the early medieval phase highlighting major changes that shaped the character of Indian civilization. The course tries to delineate the important developments in the arena of economy, society, religion and culture. The purpose of this course is to familiarise students with the ways in which historians work with sources of various kinds and reconstruct our past.

Learning outcomes

After completing this course, the students will be able to

- Discuss the ways in which historians have questioned the characterization of the Mauryan state.
- Delineate changes in agriculture, technology, craft-production, urban development, trade and use of currency.
- Analyse critically the changes in the varna/caste systems and the changing nature of gender relations and property rights.
- Write and undertake projects related to religious developments, art, architecture, and forms of patronage.

SYLLABUS OF DSC-1

Unit I: Development of Political Structures (c. 4th century BCE to c. 300 CE) (12 Hours)

1. The Mauryan empire; the nature of dhamma
2. Post-Mauryan polities with special reference to the Kushanas and the Satavahanas
3. Tamilakam

Unit II: Economy and society (c. 4th century BCE to c. 300 CE) (16 Hours)

1. Expansion of agrarian economy and production relations
2. Urban growth: north India, central India, the Deccan and south India; craft production; trade interactions across the Indian sub-continent and beyond
3. Social stratification: varna; jati; untouchability; gender; marriage and property relations

Unit III: Polity, Economy and Society (c. 4th century to 750 CE) (16 Hours)

1. The nature of polities
2. Agrarian developments, land grants and peasantry
3. Urban patterns; trade and currency
4. Society: the proliferation of jatis: changing norms of marriage and inheritance

Unit IV: Religion and Cultural developments (c. 4th century BCE – 750 CE) (16 Hours)

1. Theistic Traditions
2. Art and architecture; forms of patronage (Sculptures, Stupas, Rock Cut Caves, and Temples)

Practical component (if any) - NIL**Essential/recommended readings**

Unit I. This unit would enable students to trace the history of changing political developments from the Mauryan to post-Mauryan states.

- Allchin, F. R. (et al.) (1995). *The Archaeology of Early Historic South Asia: The Emergence of Cities and States*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (Chapter 10).
- Karashima, N. (ed.) (2000). *A Concise History of South India: Issues and Interpretations*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press. (Chapter 2).
- Patrick Olivelle. (2012). 'Asoka's Inscriptions as Text and Ideology' by in *Reimagining Asoka Memory and History*, (ed.) Patrick Olivelle, Janice Leoshko, and Himanshu Prabha Ray, pp. 158-183.
- Sharma, R.S. (1996). *Aspects of Political Ideas and Institutions in Ancient India*. Delhi: Motilal Banarsidas. (Chapters XVIII, XIX, XXIII) (Also available in Hindi).
- Singh, Upinder. (2008). *A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India: From the Stone Age to the 12th Century*. Delhi: Pearson Longman. (Chapters 6, 7 and 8) (Also available in Hindi).
- Thapar, Romila. (2012). *Asoka and the Decline of the Mauryas*. Delhi: Oxford University Press. (Also available in Hindi).
- Early India: From the Origins to AD 1300. Delhi: Penguin. (Also available in Hindi).

Unit II. This unit will apprise students of the socio-economic developments with particular attention to agrarian relations and production as well as varna, jati, gender relations.

- Chakravarti, Ranabir. (2016). *Exploring Early India up to c. AD 1300*, Delhi: Primus, 3rd edition. (Chapter 5). (Also available in Hindi).
- Chakravarti, Uma. (2018). *Gendering Caste: Through a Feminist Lens*, SAGE Publications Pvt Ltd, 1st edition, (Chapter 3 and 4).
- Champakalakshmi, R. (1996). *Trade, Ideology and Urbanization: South India 300BC to AD 1300*. Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp 14-36.
- Jaiswal, Suvira. (1998). *Caste: Origin, Function and Dimensions of Change*, Delhi: Manohar. (Chapter 2.) (Also available in Hindi).
- Jha, Vivekanand. (1997). *Caste, 'Untouchability and Social Justice: Early North Indian Perspective'*. Social Scientist, 25, pp. 19-30.
- Ray, H.P. (1986). *Monastery and Guild: Commerce under the Satavahanas*. Delhi: Oxford University Press.

- Sahu, B. P. (ed). (1997). Land system and Rural society in Early India, Delhi: Manohar. (Introduction.).
- Shah, Shalini (2012). The Making of Womanhood: Gender Relations in The Mahabharata, Delhi: Manohar. (Chapters 2 and 4). (Also available in Hindi, Granthshilpi, 2016).
- Singh, Upinder. (2008). A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India: From the Stone Age to the 12th Century. Delhi: Pearson Longman. (Chapters 6 and 8). (Also available in Hindi).

Unit III. This unit introduces students to the varied perspectives with regard to the nature of polities, agrarian expansion as well as social and urban processes.

- Chakravarti, Ranabir. (2016). Exploring Early India up to c. AD 1300, Delhi: Primus, 3rd edition. (Chapter 6 and 7). (Also available in Hindi).
- Chattpadhyaya, B. D. (1994). The Making of Early Medieval India. Delhi: Ox-ford University Press. (Introduction.)
- Roy, Kumkum. (2010). 'Gender Relations during the First Millennium, An Overview', in The Power of Gender & the Gender of Power: Explorations in Early Indian History. Delhi: Oxford University Press. (Chapter 10).
- Sharma, R. S. (1990). Sudras in Ancient India: A Social History of the Lower Order Down to circa. A. D. 600. Delhi: Motilal Banarsidas. (Chapters 7 and 8.) (Also available in Hindi).
- (1980). Indian Feudalism. Madras: Macmillan. (Chapter 1.) (Also available in Hindi).
- Singh, Upinder. (2008). A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India: From the Stone Age to the 12th Century. Delhi: Pearson Longman. (Chapters 9 and 10.) (Also available in Hindi).

Unit IV. This unit traces the religious and cultural developments in the period of study with regard to Puranic Hinduism. It also aims at familiarising students with developments in the fields of art, architecture and changing forms of patronage.

- Brockington, J.L. (1997). The Sacred Thread: A Short History of Hinduism. Delhi: Ox-ford University Press, 2nd edition.
- Huntington, S. (1985). The Art of Ancient India: Buddhist, Hindu, Jain. New Delhi: Weather Hill.
- Miller, B.S. (1992). The Powers of Art: Patronage in Indian Culture. Delhi: Ox-ford University Press.
- Nath, Vijay, (2001). 'From 'Brahmanism' to 'Hinduism': Negotiating the Myth of the Great Tradition', Social Scientist, Vol. 29, pp. 19-50.
- Shrimali, K. M. (2017). Prachin Bhartiya Dharmon ka Itihas. Delhi: Granth Shilpi.
- Singh, Upinder. (2008). A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India: From the Stone Age to the 12th Century. Delhi: Pearson Longman. (Chapters 7, 8, 9 & 10) (Also available in Hindi).

Suggestive readings

- Agrawal, V.S. (2004). Studies in Indian Art, Varanasi: Vishwavidyalaya Prakashan.
- Alcock, Susan E. (et. al.) (2001). Empires: Perspectives from Archaeology and History, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (Chapter 6, pp. 155- 178).
- Basham, A.L. (1954). The Wonder that was India: A survey of the history and culture of the Indian subcontinent before the coming of the Muslims. Calcutta: Rupa.

- Bhattacharji, Sukumari. (1970). *The Indian Theogony*, Cambridge University Press.
- Chakrabarti, Kunal. (2001) *Religious Process: The Puranas and the Making of a Region-al Tradition*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- Chakrabarti, Kunal & Sinha, Kanad. (2019). *State, Power and Legitimacy the Gup-ta Kingdom*, New Delhi: Primus.
- Chattpadhyaya, B.D. (2003). *Studying Early India: Archaeology, Texts, and Historical Issues*. Delhi: Permanent Black. (Chapter 3.)
- Desai, D. (2013). *Art and Icon: Essays on Early Indian Art*. Delhi: Aryan Books International.
- Dehejia, V. (2005). *Discourse In Early Buddhist Art: Visual Narratives of India*, New Delhi: Munshiram Manoharlal Publishers Pvt. Ltd. 5th edition.
- Dhar, Parul P. (ed.). (2006). *Indian Art: Changing Perspectives*. Delhi: D. K. Printworld P Ltd. and National Museum. (Introduction).
- Flood, Gavin. (2003). *The Blackwell Companion to Hinduism*, Blackwell Publishing Ltd.
- Gethin, Rupert. (1998). *The Foundations of Buddhism*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Gurukkal, Rajan. (2010). *Social Formations of Early South India*. Delhi: Oxford University Press. (Chapters 6 and 7).
- Gupta, S.P. and Asthana, Shashi Prabha. (2004). *Elements of Indian art*, Delhi: DK Printworld, 2nd edition. (Chapter 1 and 2).
- Habib, Irfan and Faiz Habib. (2012). *Atlas of Ancient Indian History*. Delhi: Ox-ford University Press.
- Harle, J. C. (1986). *The Art and Architecture of the Indian Subcontinent*, New York: Viking Penguin.
- Jaini, P. (1979). *The Jaina Path of Purification*. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- Jaiswal, Suvira. (1981). *The Origin and Development of Vaisnavism: Vaisnavism from 200 BC to AD 500*. Delhi: Munshiram Manoharlal Publishers Pvt. Ltd. (Chapters 3, 6 7, and Conclusion) (Also available in Hindi).
- Jha, D.N. (2020). *Ancient India in Historical Outline*, 4th Revised Edition, New Delhi: Manohar Publishers & Distributors. (Chapter 7 and 8.) (Also available in Hindi).
- Jha, D.N. (ed.) (2003). *The Feudal Order: State, Society and Ideology in Early Medieval India*. New Delhi: Manohar Publishers and Distributors.
- Kosambi, D. D. (1956). *An Introduction to the Study of Indian History*. Bombay: Popular Prakashan. (Also available in Hindi).
- Lahiri, Nayanjot. (2015). *Ashoka in Ancient India*. Delhi: Permanent Black.
- Majumdar, R.C. (1970). *The Classical Age*. Bombay: Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (3rd edition). (Also available in Hindi).
- Mitter, Partha. (2011). *Indian Art*, Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- Mukherjee, B.N. (1989). *Rise and Fall of the Kushana Empire*. Calcutta: Firma K.L. Mukhopadhyay.
- Olivelle, P. (ed.) (2006). *Between the Empires: Society in India 300 BCE to 400 CE*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Olivelle, P., J. Leoshko and H.P. Ray. (eds.) (2012). *Reimagining Asoka: Memory and History*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- Pandey, G. C. (1990). *Bauddha Dharma ke Vikas ka Itihas*. Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh Hindi Sansthan, 3rd edition.
- Pollock, Sheldon. (2007). *The Language of the Gods in the World of Men: Sanskrit, Culture, and Power in Premodern India*, Delhi: Permanent Black.

- Raychaudhuri, H.C. 1996. Political History of Ancient India (With a Commentary by B.N. Mukherjee). New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- Ray, H.P. (1994). The Winds of Change: Buddhism and the Maritime Links of Early South Asia. Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- Roy, Kumkum. (ed.) (2001). Women in Early Indian Societies. Delhi: Manohar. (Introduction and pp. 113-122.)
- Sahu, B. P. (2015). Society and Culture in Post-Mauryan India: c. 200 BC- AD 300. Delhi: Tulika.
- Sharma, R.S. (1996). Aspects of Political Ideas and Institutions in Ancient India, Delhi: Motilal Banarsidas. (Chapters XXI and XXIII (III) (Also available in Hindi)
- ---- (1987). Urban Decay in India c.300- c.1000. Delhi: Munshiram Manohar-lal. (Also available in Hindi).
- Shrimali, K.M. (2007). The Age of Iron and the Religious Revolution. Delhi: Tulika.
- ---1991 'Cash nexus on western Coast C 850-1250: A Study of the Shilaharas' in AK Jha's Ed. Coinage, Trade and Economy, 3rd International Colloquium of the Indian Institute of Research in Numismatic Studies, Nasik, pp 178-93.
- Shrimali, K. M ed (1988). Essays in Indian Art, Religion and Society, (Indian History Congress Golden Jubilee Year Publication Ser. Vol 1). Delhi: Munshiram Manoharlal Publishers.
- Singh, Upinder. (2016). The Idea of Ancient India: Essays on Religion, Politics, and Archaeology. Delhi: Sage.
- --- (2011) Rethinking Early Medieval India: A Reader. Edited by Delhi: Ox-ford University. (Introduction)
- Thapar, Romila. (1998). Recent Perspectives of Early Indian History. Bombay: Popular Prakashan.
- --- (1987). Mauryas Revisited. Kolkata: K. P. Baghchi. (Also available in Hindi).

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DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE – 2 (DSC-2): Social Formations and Cultural Patterns of the Medieval World – II

Credit distribution, Eligibility and Prerequisites of the Course

Course title & Code DSC 2	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Social Formations and Cultural Patterns of the Medieval World – II	4	3	1	0	12th Pass	Should have studied Social Formations and Cultural Patterns of the Ancient World – I

Learning Objectives

The Course seeks to develop a historical understanding of the major developments in some parts of the Ancient and Medieval world. These include the process of colonisation undertaken by the Greek city-states (polis) and by Rome and the far-reaching political experiments undertaken here. The Course provides a scope for understanding the subject of slavery in its varied dimensions in the Ancient world and this in turn prepares the students to understand historically the concepts of freedom and bondage as also the larger process of ordering and reordering of society through coercion, consent and revolts. We discuss the Medieval world in the Course by analysing the nature of European ‘feudal’ society and economy of the 8th to the 14th centuries. As different sections of society forged newer military and economic ties, the medieval institutions, particularly the Church, played an important role in the confirmation of these ties. The European social world was shaped into an intricate structure comprising powerful institutions like monarchy and the Church. The Course provides a scope to understand the medieval economy of Western Europe, particularly through its agrarian dimensions and relatively newer labour systems like serfdom. And finally, the Course allows an undergraduate student to reflect on questions related to the emergence and spread of Islam. An enquiry into the role of Islam in the transformation of a tribal identity to a Caliphal State in West Asia from the 7th to 9th centuries deepens the understanding of the long-term historical processes.

Learning outcomes

Upon completion of this course the student shall be able to:

- Identify the main historical developments in Ancient Greece and Rome.
- Gain an understanding of the restructuring of state and society from tribe-based polities to
- those based on territorial identity and citizenship.
- Trace the emergence and institutionalisation of social hierarchies and marginalisation of dissent.
- Explain the trends in the medieval economy.
- Analyse the rise of Islam and the move towards state formation in West Asia.

- Understand the role of religion and other cultural practices in community organisation.

SYLLABUS OF DSC- 2

Unit 1: Ancient Greece and Rome: (20 Hours)

1. Evolution of the 'polis' and changing political formations in Ancient Greece: Athens
2. and Sparta.
3. Rome from the Republic to Principate (c. 500 BCE- 200 CE)
 - a. Conflict of the Orders: Imperial expansion and social tensions in the Republic
4. Slavery in Ancient Greece and Rome
5. Crisis of the Roman Empire

Unit II: Feudal societies in medieval Europe (8th – 14 centuries) (20 Hours)

1. The emergence of Feudal states: Church, State and Society
2. Growth of the Medieval economy- Patterns and Processes: 8th - 11th centuries
3. Transition in the feudal economy from 11th – 14th centuries- (i) Agriculture: changes in serfdom and seigneurie (ii) Growth of towns and trade and their impact (iii) Onset of 'feudal crisis' in 13th and 14th centuries[S1]

Unit III: Early Islamic Societies in West Asia: Transition from tribe to state (20 Hours)

1. Pre-Islamic tribal society in Arabia and Rise of Islam
2. State formation: The Caliphate – Rashidun, Ummayads and early Abbasids (c.632 CE to c. 800CE)

Practical component (if any) - NIL

Essential/recommended readings

1. **Unit 1:** This Unit will be disaggregated and taught in sequence, first Greece then Rome. In the context of Greece, it will provide an understanding of the changing cultural, social, economic and political trends in Ancient Greece. It will then focus on Roman military expansion and its impact on social conflict, institutionalisation of slavery, and the crisis of the Roman Empire.
 - Anderson, P. (1988). *Passages from Antiquity to Feudalism*. London and New York: Verso, (Greece) Part One/I/ Chapters 1, 2, pp. 18-44; (Rome) Part One/I/ Chapters 1, 4 (pp. 18-28 and 53-103).
 - Finley, M.I. (1963/1991). *The Ancient Greeks*, London: Penguin (1991 reprint), Chapters 1-4, pp.15-94.
 - Finley, M.I. (1973). "Masters and Slaves," in M.I. Finley, *The Ancient Economy*. Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, pp. 62-94.
 - Green, P. (1973). *A Concise History of Ancient Greece to the close of Classical era*, London: Thames and Hudson Ltd., Chapters 1-5, pp. 9-172.
 - Scarre, C. and B. Fagan. (2008). *Ancient Civilisations*. New Jersey: Pearson, (on Greece) Chapters 9, 10, pp. 223-277; (on Rome) Chapter 11, pp. 278-303.
 - Bradley, K. (1994). *Slavery and Society at Rome*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, Chapter 2, pp. 10-30.
 - Brunt, P.A. (1966). "The Roman Mob," *Past and Present*, No. 35, Dec. 1966, pp. 3-27
 - Hopkins, K. (1978). *Conquerors and Slaves*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1978, Chapter 2, pp. 99-132.

- Joshel, S. R. (2010). *Slavery in the Roman World*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, Chapters 1, 2 and 5, pp.18-76 and 161-214.
- फ़ारूकी, अ. 2015). पाचीन और मध्यकालीन सामार जक संरचनाएँ और संस् र तया, र लिली: मानक पकाशन.
- कोरोवकन, फोडिंगर. (2019). पाचीन र वश इत्हास का परचय, Medha Publishing House.

Unit II: This Unit will provide a detailed understanding of European feudalism and shifts in medieval society and economy.

- Anderson, P. (1988). *Passages from Antiquity to Feudalism*. London and New York: Verso, Part One/II/ Chapters 1, 2, 3 (pp. 107-142), Part Two/I/Chapters 1, 4 (pp. 147-153, 182-196).
- Bloch M. (1973). “The Seigneurie down to the crisis of the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries”, Chapter 3 in Marc Bloch, *French Rural History: An Essay on its Basic Characteristics*. Berkeley: University of California, pp. 64-101.
- Cipolla, C. (Ed.) (1972). *The Fontana Economic History of Europe Volume I, The Middle Ages*, Collins/Fontana Books, Chapter 2, pp. 71-98; Chapter 4, pp. 143-174; Chapter 5, pp. 175-220.
- Duby, G. (1978). *The Early Growth of the European Economy: Warriors and Peasants from the Seventh to the Twelfth century*, Cornell: Cornell University Press, 1978, Chapter 6, pp. 157-180.
- Georges Duby, (1977). “Lineage, Nobility and Knighthood: the Macconnais in the twelfth century – a revision”, “Youth in Aristocratic Society”, in *Chivalrous Society*, trans. Cynthia Postan. Berkeley: University of California Press, pp. 59-80, 112-122
- Hilton, R.H. (1976). “Introduction” in R.H. Hilton, *Peasants, Knights and Heretics: Studies in Medieval English Social History*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 1-10.
- IGNOU Study Material in Hindi, MAH, पाचीन और मध्ययुगीन समाज, MHI-01 बॉक 6, ‘सामंतवादि’ यरू नट
- 20, 21, 22, 23. (website: www.egyankosh.ac.in)
<http://www.egyankosh.ac.in/handle/123456789/44611>
- Le Goff, J. (2000). “Introduction” and “Medieval Western Europe” in *History of Humanity: Scientific and Cultural Development*, Volume IV, From the Seventh to the Sixteenth Century, UNESCO, pp. 207-220.
- Merrington, J. (1978) “Town and Country in the Transition to Capitalism”, in R.H. Hilton (Ed.), *The Transition from Feudalism to Capitalism*. London: Verso, 1978, Aakar, Delhi, 2006.
- फ़ारूकी, अ. (2015). पाचीन और मध्यकालीन सामार जक संरचनाएँ और संस्कृ तया, . र लिली: मानक पकाशन.
- बलोक, म. (2002). ‘सामंती समाज’, भाग-1, नई: गंर्थशली

Unit III: This Unit will enable students to engage with the question of emergence and spread of Islam and its impact on the shaping of political authority in West Asia.

1. Berkey, J. (2002). *The Formation of Islam. Religion and Society in the Near East, 600– 1800*.

2. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, Chapters 5-12, pp.55-123.
3. Bosworth, C. E. (2000). "The Formation of Early Islamic Polity and Society: General Characteristics" in History of Humanity: Scientific and Cultural Development, Volume IV, From the Seventh to the Sixteenth Century, UNESCO, pp. 271-273.
4. Crone, P. (1999). "The Rise of Islam in the World." in Francis Robinson and Ira M. Lapidus (Ed.), The Cambridge Illustrated History of the Islamic World, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 2-31.
5. Duri, A.A. (2000). "The Rise of Islam," in History of Humanity: Scientific and Cultural Development, Volume IV, From the Seventh to the Sixteenth Century, UNESCO, pp. 264- 267.
6. Lapidus, I.M. (1988/2002). A History of Islamic Societies, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (2002edn.), Chapters 1-5, pp. 10-77.
7. इंजीर नयर, A. A. (2018). इसाम का जन और राजकमल पकाशन
8. फ़ारूकी, अ. (2015). पाचीन और मध्यकालीन सामाजिक संरचनाएँ और संस्कृत तथ्यों, रिलीज़ मानक पकाशन.

Suggestive readings (if any)

- Bloch, M. (1961). Feudal Society Vol. I, Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Bloch, M. (1966). "The Rise of Dependent Cultivation and Seigniorial Institutions." in
- M.M. Postan (Ed.), The Cambridge Economic History of Europe, Volume 1. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Boardman, J., J. Griffin, O. Murray (Eds.) (2001). The Oxford History of Greece and the Hellenistic World. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Brunt, P.A. (1971). Social Conflicts in the Roman Republic. London: Chatty and Windus.
- Dobb, M. (1950) Studies in the Development of Capitalism, London: Routledge and Kegan Paul.
- Donner, F.M. (2010). Muhammad and the Believers at the Origins of Islam. Harvard: Harvard University Press.
- Donner, F.M. ed. (2016). The Expansion of the Early Islamic State, London and New York: Routledge.
- Duby, G. (1978). The Early Growth of the European Economy: Warriors and Peasants from the Seventh to the Twelfth century. Cornell: Cornell University Press.
- Ehrenberg, V. (1990). From Solon to Socrates: Greek History and Civilisation during the 5th and the 6th centuries BC, London: Routledge, Chapters 1-4, and 6-7, pp. 1-97, 154-265.
- Finley, M.I. (1980). Ancient Slavery Modern Ideology. London: Chatto and Windus.
- Finley, M.I. (1983). Politics in the Ancient World. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Hilton, R. (1973). Bond Men Made Free: Medieval Peasant Movements and the English Rising of 1381. London: Routledge.
- Hodgson, M.G.S. (1974). The Venture of Islam, Volume 1: The Classical Age of Islam, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, pp. 101-314; and pp. 444-472.
- Kumar, R. (2018). Ancient and Medieval World: From Evolution of Humans to the Crisis of Feudalism, New Delhi: Sage.

- Le Goff, J. (1992) Medieval Civilisation, 400-1500, (translated by Julia Barrow), Oxford UK & Cambridge USA: Blackwell.
- Matthews, J. (2006) “Roman Law and Roman History” in D. S. Potter (Ed.), A Companion to the Roman Empire, USA, UK, Australia: Blackwell Publishing, pp. 477-491.
- Potter, D. S. (Ed.), (2006). A Companion to the Roman Empire, USA, UK, Australia: Blackwell Publishing.
- Serjeant, R.B. (1990). “Meccan Trade and the Rise of Islam: Misconceptions and flawed polemics,” Journal of the American Oriental Society, Vol. 110, No. 3 (Jul-Sep., 1990), pp. 472-486.
- Temin, P. (2004), “The Labor Market of the Early Roman Empire,” Journal of Interdisciplinary History, Vol.34, No. 4, pp. 513-538.
- Watt, W.M. (1970/2000). “Muhammad” in P.M. Holt, A.K.S. Lambton, B. Lewis (Eds.), The Cambridge History of Islam, Volume IA, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, Part I, Chapter 2, pp. 30-56.
- Wood, E. M. (1988/2015), Peasant-Citizen and Slave: The Foundations of Athenian Democracy, London, New York: Verso
- कोरोवकन, फोडिंगर. (2019). पाचीन र वश इत्तहास का परचय, Medha Publishing House.
- गोयल, S. R. (2011). र वश की पाचीन सभताएँ, बनारस: र वर्षविलय पकाशन.
- राय, U.N. (2017). र वश सभता का इत्तहास. र लिली: राजकमल पकाशन

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DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE– 3 (DSC-3): History of the USA: Reconstruction to New Age Politics

Credit distribution, Eligibility and Pre-requisites of the Course

Course title & Code DSC 3	Credits 4	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria 12th Pass	Pre-requisite of the course (if any) Should have studied History of the USA: Independence to Civil War
		Lecture 3	Tutorial 1	Practical/Practice 0		
History of the USA: Reconstruction to New Age Politics						

Learning Objectives

The course attempts to understand the changing political culture of the USA in the aftermath of the Civil War. The focus is not only to delineate the changes brought in during the phase of Reconstruction followed by the growth and expansion of industrialization and urbanization process with its inherent contradictions and complexities that had an impact on the gender roles giving way to the Feminist Movement and assisted in the mobilization of the African-Americans gravitating towards the beginnings of the Civil Rights Movement. The course links the consolidation of American capitalism with the crystallization of American imperialism and its eventual emergence as a global power.

Learning outcomes

Upon the completion of this course the student shall be able to:

- Explain the reasons for the implementation of ‘Radical’ Reconstruction and the causes for its limited success
- Analyze the growth of capitalism in the USA
- Discern the history of Populist and Progressive Movements
- Describe the nature of the Women’s Liberation Movement and its changing contours from the nineteenth to twentieth centuries
- Trace the significance of the African-American Movement and how it eventually assisted in the emergence of Civil Rights Movement under Martin Luther King Jr.

SYLLABUS OF DSC-3

Unit I: Reconstruction (12 Hours)

1. The Makings of Radical Reconstruction; Rise of New Social Groups in the South, Carpetbaggers, Scalawags, Ku Klux Klan and Free Blacks

Unit II: The Gilded Age - Economic, Social Divide and Reform (16 Hours)

1. Growth of Capitalism – Big Business; Competition, Consolidation, Monopolism
2. The Populist Challenge: Agrarian Crisis and Discontent

3. The Politics of Progressivism: Movement, Manifestations under Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson

Unit III: Gender Roles and the Rise of African-American Movement (16 Hours)

1. Cult of Womanhood in the nineteenth century: The White (Case study of Lowell Textile Mill Women Workers), Black and Indigenous Women
2. The Emergence of Black Leadership: Booker T. Washington; W.E.B. DuBois, NAACP
3. The Rise of the Civil Rights Movement: Martin Luther King Jr.

Unit IV: USA in the World Politics (16 Hours)

1. Imperialistic Ambition and Power: The Spanish-American War; Role of USA in East Asia and Latin America
2. USA in the First and Second World Wars

Practical component (if any) - NIL

Essential/recommended readings

Unit I: The Unit examines the reasons for the Radical Congressmen taking over the Reconstruction process and how the establishment of radical governments in the Southern states led to the rise of new social groups and the resultant consequences thereof.

- Boyer, P.S., H. Sitkoff et al. *The Enduring Vision: A History of the American People*. Vol.
- II. 5thedn. Massachusetts: Houghton Mifflin Company, 2003.
- Foner, E. *Reconstruction: America's Unfinished Revolution, 1863-1877*. New York: Harper Perennial, 2002.
- Foner, E. 'The New View of Reconstruction'. *American Heritage*, Vol. 34, Issue 6, October-November 1983.

Unit II: This Unit delves into the three most important aspects of American history. The rise of Big Businesses their methods and techniques to capture and monopolize markets and the impact these sweeping economic changes had on American society eventually led to the rise of two most significant movements, the Populist movement at the agrarian level and the Progressive movement at the urban and industrial level.

- Hicks, J.D. *The Populist Revolt: A History of the Farmers' Alliance and the Peoples Party*. Connecticut: Greenwood Press, 1981.
- Boyer, P.S., H. Sitkoff et al. *The Enduring Vision: A History of the American People*. Vol.
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- Foner, E. *Give Me Liberty! An American History*. Vol. II. New York: W.W. Norton & Co. 2ndedn. 2007.
- Grob, G.N. and G.A. Billias. *Interpretations of American History: Patterns and Perspectives*. Vol. II. New York: The Free Press, 2000.
- Mann, A. *The Progressive Era: Liberal Renaissance or Liberal Failure*. New York: Holt, Rinehart & Winston, 1963. (Peter Smith Publication, Online Open Library, 2016).
- McMath, R. & E. Foner (ed.). *American Populism: A Social History, 1877-1898*. New York: Hill & Wang, 1993.

Unit III: This Unit takes into account the accepted patriarchal notions of being an 'accepted' woman in 19th century America and how they were established and resisted by the White,

Indigenous and Black women. The unit also explores the roles of two important leaders in the emergence of the African-American movement and reasons for the rise of Civil Rights Movement with the major role played by Martin Luther King Jr.

- Dublin, T. Women at Work: The Transformation of Work and Community in Lowell, Massachusetts, 1826-1890. New York: Columbia University Press, 1993.
- Dublin, T. 'Women, Work and Protest in the Early Lowell Mills: The Oppressive Hand of Avarice Would Enslave Us'. Labour History, Vol. 16, No. 1, Winter 1975.
- Foner, E. Americas Black Past: A Reader in Afro-American History. New York: Harper Collins, 1970.
- Higginbotham, E.B. 'African-American Women's History and the Metalanguage of Race'. Signs, Vol. 17, No. 2. Winter 1992.
- Kerber, Linda & J. Sherron De Hart, Women's America: Refocusing the Past. 8th edn. New York: Oxford University Press, 2016.
- Welter, B. 'The Cult of True Womanhood, 1820-1860'. American Quarterly, Vol. 18, No. 2, 1966. (Articles in Journal of Women's History. Vol. 14, No. 1, Spring 2002 to debate Barbara Welter's Article).
- White, J. Black Leadership in America, 1895-1968. Studies in Modern History. London & New York: Longman, 2nd edn, 1990 (Digitized in 2008).

Unit IV: In this Unit importance is given to the understanding of the U.S. into global politics with its own brand of imperialism and its eventual role in the two World Wars

- Boyer, P.S., H. Sitkoff et al. The Enduring Vision: A History of the American People. Vol.
- II. 5thedn. Massachusetts: Houghton Mifflin Company, 2003.
- Carnes, M.C. & J.A. Garraty. The American Nation, A History of the United States. 12thedn. New York: Pearson Longman, 2006.
- Datar K. America Ka Itihas. University of Delhi: Directorate of Hindi Medium Implementation Board, 1997.
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- Bailyn, B., D. Wood, J.L. Thomas et.al. The Great Republic, A History of the American People, Massachusetts: D.C. Heath and Company, 2000.
- Boyer, P.S., H. Sitkoff et al. The Enduring Vision: A History of the American People. Vol.
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- Faragher, J.M., M.J. Buhle et al. Out of Many: A History of the American People. Vol. II. New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 1995.
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- Zinn, H. A People's History of the United States, 1492-Present. New York: Harper Collins, 2003.

Few Selected Films

- 'King' (story of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.) Directed by Abby Mann, 1979.
- 'The Long Walk Home' (two women black and white in 1955 Montgomery, Alabama Bus Boycott) Directed by Richard Pearce, 1990.
- 'Boycott' (African-American boycott of the buses during the Civil Rights Movement) Directed by Clark Johnson, 2001.
- 'The Rosa Parks Story' (a seamstress story in 1955 bus boycott), TV Movie, 2002.
- 'Separate but Equal' (American court case that destroyed legal validity of racial segregation), 1991.
- 'The Colour Purple' (story of a young African-American girl and the problems faced by African-American women during early twentieth century) Directed and Co-produced by Steven Spielberg, 1985.
- 'Selma' (based on 1965 Selma to Montgomery voting rights marches) Directed by Ava DuVernay and Produced by Christian Colson & others, 2014.
- 'Frida' (based on the professional and private life of surrealist Mexican painter Frida Kahlo) Directed by Julie Taymor and produced by Sarah Green & others, 2002.
- 'Lowell Mill Girls' by Colleen G. Casey, YouTube, December 7, 2010.
- 'The Lowell Mill Girls (Student Film)' by Laureen Meyering, YouTube, December 23, 2011.
- 'And That's How We did in the Mill'- Women in the Lowell Textile Mills, Historymemoryculture.org, YouTube, September 2, 2016.

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