
Compulsory Paper Semester- II M.A. Part-I (Political Science)

PO-C4 : Public policy

Objectives: The purpose of this course is to provide students an understanding of the basic concepts, theories and process of public policy. The course also seeks to help students understand policy processes and actors involved in it by studying specific policies. It attempts to help students understand and analyze policy making in practical context.

1. Public Policy

- a. Concept, Nature and Scope
- b. Evolution of the discipline

2. Approaches to the Study of Public Policy

- a. Group Approach
- b. Incremental Approach
- c. Rational Choice Approach
- d. Policy Networks Approach

3. Public Policy Making

- a. Process: Agenda, Policy Formulation, Adoption
- b. Institutions and Actors

4. Public Policy Implementation

- a. Implementation and Evaluation
- b. Institutions and Actors

5. Globalization and Public Policy

- a. Global Policy Process
- b. Role of Transnational Actors
- c. Impact of Globalization on policy-making

6. Policy Analysis in India

- a. Education- Right to Education
- b. Health- National Rural Health Mission (NRHM)

Readings:

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3. Dye Thomas, 2008, *Understanding Public Policy*, Singapore, Pearson Education
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7. Rathod P.B., 2005, *Framework of Public Policy: The Discipline and its Dimensions*, New Delhi; Commonwealth.
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9. Dreze Jean and Amartya Sen, 2002, *India: Development and Participation*, New Delhi; Oxford University Press.