

Generic Elective (GE)
Semester-VII

Political Science-Fundamental Rights, Duties and Directive Principles of State Policy

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		
Fundamental rights, duties and directive principle of state policy GE-14	4	3	1	-	NA	NA

Course Objectives

This course aims to provide students with a foundational understanding of the constitutional framework of Fundamental Rights in ensuring (Justice, liberty and freedom), Duties and their relevance in contemporary society and Directive Principles of State Policy, their role in promoting justice and socio-economic transformation, and the evolving judicial and legislative interpretations that shape India's democratic governance.

Course Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Understand the foundational structure and philosophy of the Indian Constitution through the Preamble and Basic Features.
2. Critically analyze the scope, nature, and limitations of Fundamental Rights, and evaluate related constitutional debates and remedies.
3. Examine the significance and classifications of Directive Principles of State Policy and their relationship with Fundamental Rights through judicial interpretations.
4. Comprehend the origin, nature, and importance of Fundamental Duties, and their role in promoting civic sense and constitutional obligations.

Syllabus of GE-14

Unit 1: Introduction to the Indian Constitution

- a) Preamble and its significance
- b) Basic features of the Constitution and Basic structure Debate

Unit 2: Fundamental Rights (Part III)

- a) Meaning, features, and types of Fundamental Rights
- b) Constitutional debates on fundamental rights
- c) Constitutional Remedies
- d) Limitations of Fundamental Rights

Unit 3: Directive Principles of State Policy (Part IV)

- a) Concept, classification, and significance
- b) Economic and social rights, Gandhian and liberal principles
- c) Relationship between Fundamental Rights and DPSPs
- d) Judicial recognition and implementation and Landmark judgments and PIL

Unit 4: Fundamental Duties (Part IVA)

- a) Origin and incorporation (42nd Amendment)
- b) Nature and significance of Fundamental Duties
- c) Judicial recognition and implementation
- d) Civic sense and constitutional obligations

Suggested Readings

Unit 1.1

Austin, Granville. *The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation*. Oxford University Press, 1966.

Sai Deepak, J. *India That is Bharat: Coloniality, Civilisation, Constitution*. Bloomsbury India, 2021.

“We, the People.” *Economic and Political Weekly*, vol. 55, no. 4, 2020.

Unit 1.2

Khosla, Madhav. *The Indian Constitution*. Oxford University Press, 2012.

Sinha, Nandini. “Basic Structure and Constitutional Morality.” *Economic and Political Weekly*, vol. 58, no. 27, 2023.

Seervai, H.M. *Constitutional Law of India: A Critical Commentary*, Vol. I. Universal Law Publishing, latest edition.

Unit 2.1

Bhatia, Gautam. *Offend, Shock, or Disturb: Free Speech under the Indian Constitution*. Oxford University Press, 2016.

Kashyap, Subhash C. *Our Constitution: An Introduction to India’s Constitution and Constitutional Law*. National Book Trust, 2013.

Khosla, Madhav. *The Indian Constitution*. Oxford University Press, 2012.

Basu, Durga Das. *Introduction to the Constitution of India*. LexisNexis Butterworths, 2020.