

M.A. Public Policy and Governance

Semester-wise Course Outline | Two Years, Four Semesters | 82 Credits

SEMESTER I 20 CREDITS NHEQF LEVEL 6				
Description	Code	Course Title	Credit	Level
CORE COURSES	DS-C-101	Development Thought and Its Critics	2	6
	DS-C-102	The Policy Process: Agendas, Decisions and Delivery	2	6
	DS-C-103	Constitution, State and Governing Institutions in India	2	6
	DS-C-104	Economic Reasoning for Public Decisions	2	6
	DS-C-105	Statistical Foundations for Development Analysis	2	6
	DS-C-106	Ethics of Public Action	2	6
	DS-C-107	Adivasi India: Society, Economy and Historical Change	2	6
SKILL-BASED COURSES	DS-S-108	Writing for Scholarship and for Policy	1	6
	DS-S-109	Working with Data: Spreadsheets, R and Stata	1	6
	DS-S-110	Quantitative Reasoning and Mathematical Tools	1	6
	DS-S-111	Mapping Society and Landscape: Applied GIS	1	6
FIELD ATTACHMENT	DS-F-112	Habitation Attachment and Village Study	2	6
VALUE-ADDED COURSE	DS-V-113	Universal Human Values I	15 hrs	6

SEMESTER II 22 CREDITS NHEQF LEVEL 6				
Description	Code	Course Title	Credit	Level
CORE COURSES	DS-C-201	Economics of Poverty, Inequality and Human Development	2	6
	DS-C-202	Public Finance and the Budgetary State	2	6
	DS-C-203	Regression Methods for Policy Research	2	6
	DS-C-204	Designing and Appraising Programme Evaluations	2	6
	DS-C-205	Markets, Regulation and the Developmental State	2	6
	DS-C-206	Law, Land and Livelihood in Scheduled Areas	2	6
ELECTIVE COURSES (any one)	DS-E-207	Advocacy, Campaigns and the Politics of Persuasion	2	6
	DS-E-208	Policy Across Countries: Comparative Perspectives	2	6
	DS-E-209	Energy, Minerals and the Just Transition	2	6
	DS-E-210	Forest Produce, Commons and Rural Enterprise	2	6
	DS-E-211	Schooling, Learning and Residential Education in Tribal Regions	2	6
	DS-E-212	Gender Relations and Development Policy	2	6
	DS-E-213	Displacement, Resettlement and the Right to Rehabilitation	2	6
	DS-E-214	Digital Welfare: Identity, Entitlement and Exclusion	2	6

	DS-E-215	Migration, Informal Labour and Precarity	2	6
	DS-E-216	Small Towns, Climate Risk and Local Adaptation	2	6
SKILL-BASED COURSE	DS-S-217	Working with Indian Official Statistics: Census, NSS, PLFS, NFHS, SECC and HCES	3	6
PRACTICUM	DS-F-218	Governance Clinic: Client-Based Policy Assignment	3	6
INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS	DS-K-219	Indian Philosophical Traditions and Indigenous Knowledge Systems	2	6
VALUE-ADDED COURSE	DS-V-220	Universal Human Values II	15 hrs	6

Electives run subject to a minimum enrolment of eight students and to the availability of faculty. A student who exits at the end of Year 1, having completed 42 credits, shall be awarded a Post Graduate Diploma in Public Policy and Governance at NHEQF Level 6.

SEMESTER III 20 CREDITS NHEQF LEVEL 6.5				
Description	Code	Course Title	Credit	Level
CORE COURSES	DS-C-301	Ethnographic and Qualitative Enquiry for Policy Research	4	6.5
	DS-C-302	Causal Inference and Advanced Econometric Methods	2	6.5
POLICY CONCENTRATION (exactly one track)		Track A. Governance of Scheduled Areas: Rights, Institutions and Self-Rule	9	6.5
	DS-PA-311	– Constitutional Protections and Statutory Rights in Scheduled Areas	3	6.5
	DS-PA-312	– Customary Authority, Gram Sabha and the Practice of Self-Rule	3	6.5
	DS-PA-313	– Appraising Tribal Development Administration	3	6.5
		Track B. Public Health, Social Protection and Livelihood Security	9	6.5
	DS-PB-311	– Health Systems and Health Equity in Underserved Regions	3	6.5
	DS-PB-312	– The Architecture of Social Protection: Food, Work and Income Security	3	6.5
	DS-PB-313	– Livelihoods, Skills and Enterprise in Forest and Agrarian Economies	3	6.5
		Track C. Land, Forest and Water: Natural Resources and Ecological Transition	9	6.5
	DS-PC-311	– Forest Governance and Community Resource Rights	3	6.5
	DS-PC-312	– Land, Mining and the Political Economy of Extraction	3	6.5
	DS-PC-313	– Water, Climate and Ecological Transition in Central India	3	6.5
SKILL-BASED COURSES	DS-S-331	Managing Development Projects: Design, Delivery and Monitoring	3	6.5
	DS-S-332	Critical Reading and the Research Proposal	2	6.5
VALUE-ADDED COURSE	DS-V-333	Universal Human Values III	15 hrs	6.5

A student registers for exactly one track, taken as a linked nine-credit block of three courses. Tracks run subject to a minimum enrolment of eight students, except Track A, which shall run in every academic year.

SEMESTER IV 20 CREDITS NHEQF LEVEL 6.5				
Description	Code	Course Title	Credit	Level
CAPSTONE	DS-D-401	Capstone: Research Dissertation or Policy Assignment	20	6.5
	DS-D-401a	– Research design, ethics clearance and proposal defence	3	6.5
	DS-D-401b	– Fieldwork or data assembly with supervised analysis	9	6.5
	DS-D-401c	– Written dissertation or policy report of 8,000 to 12,000 words	6	6.5
	DS-D-401d	– Viva voce and public presentation	2	6.5

The internal components of the capstone are shown for the guidance of supervisors and examiners; the transcript records a single twenty-credit entry. Total for the programme: $20 + 22 + 20 + 20 = 82$ credits, against a UGC minimum of 80. Value-added courses carry 45 contact hours in all and are recorded on the transcript but excluded from the CGPA.