

KU4VACPOL204: HUMAN RIGHTS

Semester	Course Type	Course Level	Course Code		Credits	Total Hours
4	VAC	200-299	KU4VACPOL204		3	45
Learning Approach (Hours/ Week)			Marks Distribution			Duration of ESE (Hours)
Lecture	Practical/ Internship	Tutorial	CE	ESE	Total	
3	-	1	25	50	75	1.5

Course Description:

This course examines human rights, aiming to grasp their meaning, how they've evolved over time, and why they're important today. The course explores the ideas behind human rights, look at how organizations protect them, and discuss the rights of different groups like migrants, LGBTQ+ individuals, older and disabled people, and women and children. The focus of the course is helping learners understand and value human rights.

Course Prerequisite: NIL

Course Outcomes:

CO No.	Expected Outcome	Learning Domains
1	Understand and differentiate between rights and human rights.	U
2	Analyze the evolution and ideological basis of human rights.	An
3	Evaluate the effectiveness of institutional and non-institutional mechanisms in promoting human rights.	E
4	Critically examine group rights, including rights of migrants, sexual minorities, elderly, disabled, women, and children.	An
5	Synthesize a comprehensive understanding of human rights and articulate informed perspectives on contemporary debates surrounding human rights.	C

***Remember (R), Understand (U), Apply (A), Analyse (An), Evaluate (E), Create (C)**

Mapping of Course Outcomes to PSOs

	PSO 1	PSO 2	PSO 3	PSO 4	PSO 5	PSO 6	PSO 7
CO 1		✓					
CO 2				✓			
CO 3						✓	
CO 4				✓			
CO 5							✓

COURSE CONTENTS

Contents for Classroom Transaction:

MODULE	UNIT	DESCRIPTION	HOURS
1	Understanding Human Rights		12
	1	Meaning and Definition, Characteristics and Significance.	
	2	Rights Vs Human Rights, and Debate on the status of the human rights	
	3	Evolution of the Human Rights	
	4	Three Generations of Rights	
2	United Nations and Human Rights		
	1	Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Genesis and Features	
	2	Human Rights Commission: History, Structure, Powers and Functions.	
	3	International Criminal Court: History, Structures, Powers and Functions.	
	4	Other UN Mechanisms: ICCPR & ICSECR	

3	Non- Institutional Mechanisms		12
	1	Amnesty International	
	2	Human Rights Action Centre	
	3	Human Rights Watch	
	4	Human Rights without Frontiers (HRWF)	
4	Group Rights		12
	1	Rights Migrants & Refugees	
	2	Socially Marginalised: Dalits & Adivasis	
	3	Rights of Old and Disabled	
	4	Rights of Women, Children & LGBT	

5	Teacher Specific Module		5
	1. Visit nearest old age home, understand their issues, critically evaluate policies taken by the government, and prepare a report with suggestions to improve their conditions.		

Essential Readings

1. Renteln, Alison Dundes. (1990). International Human Rights: Universalism versus Relativism. California: Sage publication.
2. Clapham, Andrew. (2007). Human Rights: A very short introduction. Oxford: Oxford University press.
3. Gauba, O.P. (2021). An Introduction to Political Theory. New Delhi: National Paperbacks.
4. Rhona K.M. Smith. (2022). International Human Rights Law. Oxford: Oxford University press.
5. Donnelly, Jack. (2013). International Human rights. Colorado: Westview Press.
6. Mapp, Sussan C. (2014). Human Rights and Social Justice in a global perspective: An introduction to International Social Work. Newyork: Oxford University Press.
7. Goodhart, Miachael. (2020). Human rights: Politics and Practice. Oxford University Press.

Suggested Readings:

1. Alston, P., & Mégret, F. (1992). The United Nations and Human Rights: A Critical Appraisal. OUP.
2. Brown, G. (2016). The Universal Declaration of Human Rights in the 21st Century: A Living Document in a Changing World. Global Citizenship Commission. Open Book.
3. Chakrabarty, B., & Pandey, R. K. (2008). Indian Government and Politics. Sage.
4. Donnelly, J. (2019). The Concept of Human Rights. Routledge.
5. Evans, T. (2019). International Human Rights Law. Oxford University Press.
6. Freeman, M. (2011). Human Rights: An Interdisciplinary Approach. Polity Press.

7. Halme-tuomisaari, M., & Slotte, P. (Eds.). (2015). Revisiting the Origins of Human Rights. Cambridge University Press.
8. Ishay, M. (2008). The History of Human Rights: From Ancient Times to the Globalization Era. University of California Press.
9. International Journal of Human Rights. Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group.
10. Journal of Human Rights. Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group.
11. Moyn, S. (2014). Human Rights and the Uses of History. Verso Books.
12. Quataert, J., & Wildenthal, L. (2019). The Routledge History of Human Rights. Routledge.

Assessment Rubrics:

Evaluation Type		Marks
End Semester Evaluation		50
Continuous Evaluation		25
a)	Test Paper- 1	10
b)	Test Paper-2/Quiz	5
c)	Assignment/Seminar/Book/Article Review/Field Report/Viva Voce/ Group Discussion (Any of the two)	10
Total		75