



L.J. SCHOOL OF PLANNING

MASTERS OF URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING

SEMESTER-3

COURSE TITLE	POLITICS AND PLANNING
COURSE CODE	040070305
COURSE CREDITS	2
NUMBER OF SESSIONS	18
COURSE TYPE	Core
COURSE OFFERED IN	Sem III
DEPARTMENT	L.J. School of Planning
COURSE FACULTY	Dr. C.N. RAY

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed for Communications and Planning engages students in the practical issues of political delivery and real politics influencing planning. The areas of political communication, political leadership, strategy, crisis management, political branding, and public relations are all the leading vocational aspects of a developed academic understanding of politics at both domestic and geo-political level. India is the largest democracy having over 1800 active registered political parties who constantly require policy-relevant, engaged thinkers in the political arena.

Politics is not merely about power play but sophisticated politics involves communication, strategy and shaping of the political agenda and public discourse. Whether it is a political leader motivating people to follow, a government seeking allies for a policy in the international arena, a campaigner mobilizing supporters, or a high-paid consultant explaining a client's policy to legislators, all political ideas ultimately depend on them being communicated to an intended audience, with precision, efficiency and above all credibility.

Evaluation criteria:

The evaluation is based on two distinct components, viz. assignments from Modules 1, 2, 3 and 4 and an end-Semester written examination/review covering all Modules.

Type Weightage (%)

Test I Oral presentation on review of selected topic - 20%

Test II Review paper - 30% (20% submission + 10% class participation)

Test III Written Examination - 50%

Pedagogical approach:

Classroom lectures, case studies discussion on Urban development and management, strategies, tools, organizations involved, implementation of various programmes, assignments and presentation by students related to the review of Real estate, land parcels, information systems, urban reforms, urban policies and programmes.

COURSE CONTENTS			
Module	Topic	Lectures	Hours
1.	Unit 1: Evolution of Politics influencing the Planning in India over the time	3	6
2.	Unit 2: Devolution of Local Government Need for decentralization and devolution of powers from state governments to local government; District Planning Committees and Metropolitan Planning Committees; Current position of implementation of 73rd and 74th amendment acts.	3	6
3.	Unit 3: Coproduction: Role of the Third Sector Shift from government to governance; Context of governance for greater involvement of the private sector; Ideas of good governance; Public private partnerships; Role of global players such as the World Bank, IMF, Asian Development Bank, the private sector, INGOs, NGOs, CBOs.	6	12
4.	Unit 4: Case studies- International and National case studies showcasing the success and failure cases of politics in planning.	6	12
	Total	18	36

Text Books and References:

1. Baud, I., and Wit, J. (2008) New Forms of Urban Governance in India: Shifts, Models, Networks and Contestations. New Delhi: Sage.