

Semester –VI

MDC-MN-5 Public Administration: Concepts, Theories

Course Objectives:

1. Situates Public Administration in its historical context and acquaints students with key concepts of the discipline
2. Facilitates understanding of some leading theories and models
3. Updates on the changing nature of administration in post-globalisation era
4. Introduces various techniques of public policy making and implementation.

Learning Outcomes:

On completion of this course, students will:

1. Have a comprehensive understanding of the conceptual roots of the discipline
2. Understand the ways and means of theorizing.
3. Gain basic understanding of the importance of governing, governance and policy dynamics.

Module I:

1. Meaning, Nature, Scope and Evolution. Private and Public Administration. Socialist Management principles.
2. New Public Administration, Comparative Public Administration, Development Administration, New Public Management.
3. Major concepts of administration: (a) Hierarchy (b) Unity of Command (c) Span of Control (d) Authority (e) Centralization, Decentralization and Delegation (f) Line and Staff.
4. Impact of globalization, liberalization and privatization. 'Governance': evolution since 1990s; basic attributes.

Module II:

5. Views on bureaucracy: Marx; Weber.
6. Ecological approach: Riggsian Model.
7. Administrative Processes: (a) Decision making (b) Communication and Control (c) Leadership (d) Coordination e) Accountability.
8. Public Policy: institutions, actors. Theories and models of policy making. Policy implementation.

Select Readings:

W. Wilson, 'The Study of Administration', in B. Chakrabarty and M. Bhattacharya (eds),

- Administrative Change and Innovation: A Reader.
 N. Henry, Public Administration and the State.
 Mohit Bhattacharya, Public Administration: Structure, Process and Behaviour.
 M. Bhattacharya, Public Administration: Issues and Perspectives.
 A. Avasthi and S. Avasthi, Public Administration.
 M. Bhattacharya, Restructuring Public Administration.
 B. Chakrabarty, Public Administration: From Government to Governance.
 B. Chakrabarty and M. Bhattacharya eds., Public Administration: A Reader.
 B. Chakrabarty and M. Bhattacharya eds., The Governance Discourse.
 K. Mathur, From Government to Governance.
 M.P. Sharma, Public Administration in Theory and Practice.
 Rumki Basu, Public Administration: Concepts and Theories.
 G.H. Frederickson, New Public Administration.
 R. Prasad et al. eds. Administrative Thinkers.
 B. Chakrabarty and P. Chand, Public Policy: Concept, Theory and Practice
 M. Mitchel and R. Goodin, The Oxford Handbook of Public Policy.
 D. Nachmias, Public Policy Evaluation: Approaches and Methods.
 J. M. Shafritz (ed.), International Encyclopaedia of Public Policy and Administration.

MDC-MN-6 World Politics Since 1945

Course Objectives:

1. To impart an in-depth understanding of the key political, economic, and social developments since the end of World War II, keeping in mind the non-Western world.
2. To analyze major international events, institutions, ideologies, globalization, and the emergence of new power configurations.
3. To examine the role of key actors such as nation-states, international organizations, non-state actors, and regional blocs in shaping global governance and political trends.
4. To develop critical thinking and analytical skills for understanding and interpreting complex political phenomena and historical trends vis-à-vis contemporary global issue

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

1. Describe key events and turning points in world politics from 1945 to the present.
2. Explain the ideological, economic and political foundations of the Cold War and its aftermath.
3. Assess the impact of decolonization and the rise of the Third World/Global South in the international political arena.
4. Apply historical and theoretical frameworks to understand contemporary global political dynamics and challenges.

Module I:

1. Cold War and its evolution: Outline; Emergence of Third World: NAM; Pan Africanism; Post-Cold War world: Overview. Globalization: Conceptions and perspectives.
2. Europe in transition: European Union, Brexit (overview).
3. Major institutions of global governance: World Bank, IMF, WTO--- Overview. Major regional organizations: ASEAN, OPEC, SAFTA, SAARC, BRICS. West Asia and the Palestine question.

Module II:

4. India and her neighbours I: Pakistan; Bangladesh.
5. India and her neighbours II: Nepal; Bhutan; Sri Lanka.
6. UNO: background; Major organs--- General Assembly, Security Council and Secretariat (with focus on Secretary General). Role of UNO in peace-keeping, human rights, and development (Millennium Development Goals and Sustainable Development Goals).

Select Readings:

- P. Calvocoressi: World Politics since 1945 (latest edition).
 R. Mansbach and K. Taylor, (2012) Introduction to Global Politics
 J. Baylis and S. Smith (eds), The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations.
 G. Ritzer: Globalization--- A Basic Text.
 J.A. Moore, Jr. and J. Pubantz: The New United Nations.
 S. Juyal and B. Ramesh Babu: The United Nations and World Peace.
 K. Bajpai and H.C. Shukul eds.: Interpreting World Politics.
 J. Baylis and S. Smith: The Globalization of World Politics.
 L.M. Goodriche: The UN in Changing World.
 M.S. Rajan: Essays in Non-Alignment and UN.
 Alvin Y. So: Development and Social Change.
 J. Haynes: Third World Politics.
 Ankie Hoogvelt: Globalization and the Postcolonial World
 N.O. Sullivan ed.: Terrorism, Ideology and Revolution.
 D. Nayyar: Governing Globalization.
 G. Ritzer: Globalization--- A Basic Text.
 S.D. Muni: Responding to Terrorism in South Asia.
 Peter Burnel: Politics in the Developing World.
 B.C. Smith: Understanding Third World Politics.
 Björn Hettne: Development Theory and the Three Worlds.

রাধারমণচক্রবর্তীওসুকল্লাচক্রবর্তী: সমসাময়িকআন্তর্জাতিকসম্পর্ক
 পুরুষোত্তমভট্টাচার্যওঅনিন্দ্যজ্যোতিমজুমদার (সম্পা.): আন্তর্জাতিকসম্পর্কেররূপরেখা
 গৌতমবসু: আন্তর্জাতিকসম্পর্ক: তত্ত্বওবিবর্তন
 অনীকচট্টোপাধ্যায়: ঠাণ্ডাযুদ্ধেরপরআন্তর্জাতিকসম্পর্ক
