

**DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE -11 (DSC-11)**  
**Kinship and Polity**

**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 (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical / Practice		
Kinship and Polity	04	03	Nil	01	Class XII pass	NIL

(Teaching hours required: Theory, 45 hours; Practical, 30 hours)

**Course objective**

This course seeks to impart basic anthropological knowledge on themes in the studies of kinship, Family and Marriage, and various political systems.

**Learning Outcomes**

The students will be able to:

- demonstrate understanding of key anthropological debates and approaches to kinship studies.
- differentiate between different kinds of marriage rules and family types.
- elucidate analysis of power in different forms of political systems.

**Syllabus:**

**Unit 1 (10 Hours)**

Approaches to the study of Kinship; Descent, Alliance and cultural Theories; Kinship Usages, Terminologies; Redefining Kinship

**Unit 2 (11 Hours)**

Marriage and Family : Problems of definition; Approaches to the study of Family; Domestic Group and Household

**Unit 3 (12 Hours)**

Descent and Political Systems; Approaches to the study of Political Anthropology; Power, Authority and Legitimacy; State and stateless societies

**Unit 4 (12 Hours)**

Nation, Nation State and Citizenship; Customary Laws; Social Movements

### **Practical (30 hours)**

1. Collect and analyse genealogies of a person and find out the inter-generational changes in terms of age at marriage, education qualification, household, occupation and migration pattern.
2. Conduct an in-depth interview to find out the changing marriage practices and family types.
3. Case study of any current political instance/event in social media to understand how people imagine the state, and are involved in power relations

### **References**

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### **Teaching Learning Process**

Lectures and Discussions, Seminars and Presentations, Practical Classes

### **Assessment Methods**

Examination schemes and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi from time to time.

### **Keywords:**

Kinship, Marriage, Family, Politics, Customary Law