

# HSS - 4th Semester - Cepstrum

A precise guide to make a wise choice



# List of New Courses.

1. The Short Story
2. Visual Culture in Colonial South Asia.
3. Cognitive Psychology
4. Macro Economics.

# Indian Constitution

**About Instructor :** The instructor is excellent at teaching and also provided the required study material about the subject.

**About the course:** Course is very enjoyable if you have inclination towards politics. Till midsems, course is about formulation of constitution and after that it is about the political parties in India.

**Grading Scheme:** Midsem(35%) + Endsem(45%)

- Descriptive exam.

Assignment - 1 (10%) - Book Review.

Assignment - 2 (10%) - News Article.

**Points to consider:** Attendance is not compulsory but attending classes helps us to score better in exams.

# Topics in Bilingualism

**About Instructor :** The professor tries to make the course interesting but only people who are interested join the discussions.

**About the course:** Although the course states no prerequisites but it will be helpful if you had done the Language Culture course in the 3rd Sem. The class discussions were not particularly interesting.

**Grading Scheme:** Midsem (40%)+ Endsem (60%)

**Points to consider:** Attendance was not compulsory. Slides will be given. Many research papers will also be given to read. This time grading was lenient and 9 out of 41 scored AA. Can score decent grades by mugging up before the exams.

# Introduction to Archeology

**About Instructor :** The instructor is good at teaching, provides the required study material about the subject and also gives a good insight about the exam paper (important question and also tells you how to present your answer ). She is little strict in attendance and discipline (like silence in the class, phones shouldn't ring )

**About the course:** The course was good, the course includes details of few ancient civilizations, archaeological techniques The Course also includes you have a couple of documentary videos about few civilizations. this course is suggestible if you are not preferring HSS to be a burden to you.

# Introduction to Archeology

## **Grading Scheme:**

Midsem(50%) + Endsem(50%) - Descriptive exam.

**No Quiz.**

## **Points to consider:**

Attendance is not compulsory but attending classes helps us to score better in exams and severe lack of attendance might lead to an F.

# Introduction to Linguistics

- The course is very interesting and quite different from other HSS electives.
- It is related to production and perception of speech sounds in any language and its interpretation in a language.
- The content is pretty easy and short.
- She gives lecture notes during class but all course materials are pre-uploaded on moodle.
- The notes/course materials are not so friendly but plenty of resources available on internet to study.
- In exams, questions are of type simple one-two sentences answer.
- The instructor is very friendly and grading is good.
- Grading : The usual 50-30-20 breakup but can change upon request.

# Game theory and Economics

**About Instructor :** The instructor is excellent at teaching and the textbook contains everything that will be taught in the course.

**About the course:** The course is enjoyable if you have a sharp logical mindset and a decent interest economics. Along with the basics of Nash Equilibrium, a few simplified economic market models and their functioning is introduced here.

**Grading Scheme:** Midsem(40%) + Endsem(50%)  
+  
Quiz- 1 (10%)

**Points to consider:** Attendance is not compulsory but due to the competitive nature of this course, problem practice is required to score well.



# Sociology of Science

**About Instructor :** The instructor is decent at teaching and also provided the required study material for the subject.

**About the course:** Course is about what science is and how society influences scientific development. It also describes the norms and policies practised in science. The various attempts made at national level to raise the scientific status of India are also covered

**Grading Scheme:** Midsem(40%) + Endsem(50%)  
- Descriptive exam.  
Assignment (10%) - Group Presentation.

**Points to consider:** Attendance is not compulsory but attending classes helps to score better in exams as material provided might seem too much to grasp (mainly after midsem).

# Consumer Behaviour

Course details- Intersection of Marketing and Psychology

Application of Psychology to study decision process behind buying a certain brand or product.

Later, we learn how brands can implement tactics & marketing strategies by knowing psychology.

Grading & Attendance - Professor isn't the same.  
So wait for the first class! :P

# Problems in Philosophy

**About Instructor :** The instructor chooses a topic and lets the discussion to take its course from the inputs of the class. He shares articles which are enough to get you through the exams.

**About the course:** As mentioned, the course is flexible. We discuss about different people and their philosophies and also attempt weigh and compare a few of them. The discussion might be a little boring at times but the articles and the topics are always interesting to think about.

**Grading Scheme:** Midsem(30%) + Endsem(50%)  
- Descriptive exam.

Assignment - 1 (10%) - Quiz.

Assignment - 2 (10%) - Writing your own philosophical argument (about any topic of our choosing).

**Points to consider:** Attendance is not compulsory. Reading the articles once is enough to get you good grades.

**“If it doesn't challenge you, it  
doesn't change you”**

*- Fred DeVito*