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SECOND SEMESTER 2020-21
COURSE HANDOUT

Date: 18.01.2021

In addition to part I (General Handout for all courses appended to the Time table) this portion gives further specific details regarding the course.

Course No : GS F233
Course Title : PUBLIC POLICY
Instructor-in-Charge : Dr. Veena R
Instructor(s) : NIL
Tutorial/Practical Instructors: NIL

1. Course Description: Public Policy is a course specifically designed for familiarizing the undergraduate students of BITS towards appreciating the nature and scope of Public Policy. In addition, policy making, execution, monitoring and evaluation processes are explored in an interactive manner. Through this course, students get the chance to develop adequate knowledge about Public Policy as an academic discipline. This course gives them the opportunity to learn various definitions, approaches and theoretical concepts of Public Policy.

2. Scope and Objective of the Course: This course covers theories, processes and techniques of public policy making, policy analysis and power related issues. The objective of the course is to make the students aware of the art and craft of policy making and analysis. Students will get a chance to understand these aspects through real life case studies where public policy interventions take place.

3. Text Books: Sapru, R.K, Public Policy: Art & Craft of Policy Analysis.

4. Reference Books: Journal papers, videos and newspaper reports will be given as supplementary reference/reading materials. Students should be prepared to think out of the box for maximizing their learning curve.

5. Course Plan:

Module No.	Lecture Session	Reference	Learning outcomes
1	Nature, Scope and Significance of Public Policy (1-6)	TB p.20-41	By the end of this module, students will be able to understand the nature, scope and significance of Public Policy as a scientific activity.
2	Contextualizing Policy Analysis (7-11)	TB p.42-55	By the end of the module students will be able to appreciate role of various demographic, sociological and political factors influencing the



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			processes of Public Policy making and analysis.
3	Policy Approaches and Models (12-20)	TB p. 56-79	By the end of this module, students will learn to identify and critically assess policy approaches, as well as appreciate the institutional and political strategies for using policy studies.
4	Structure of Power in Public Policy Making Process; Power and Non-officials; Policy-making Power within the Executive (21-30)	TB p.158-224	By the end of the module students will be able to analyze the everyday impact of policies on human activities, and vice-versa.
5	Case studies from contemporary Indian Public Administration context; Health, Education, Employment and other national/international policies will be discussed (31-41)	Reference material (journal papers, videos and news clippings)	By the end of this module, students will be able to understand and analyze, evaluate the public policies of India and will be able to develop prospective solutions for contemporary policy-based issues; students will be able to analyze various contemporary public policies being made in India and elsewhere.

6. Evaluation Scheme:

Component	Duration	Weightage (%)	Date & Time	Nature of component (Close Book/ Open Book)
Mid-Semester Test	90 Min.	30	1 March-6 March	Open book
Comprehensive Examination	3 h	40	12 May FN	Open book
Self-Study Assignment (SSA) First Draft	NA	10	25 February	Open book
SSA Final Draft	NA	15	12 April	Open book
SSA Presentation	NA	5	Dates will be announced later	Open Book



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7. Chamber Consultation Hour: Wednesday 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

8. Notices: All notices concerning the course will be displayed on the concerned teaching platform

9. Make-up Policy: Make-up is permitted only in the case of genuine unforeseen or unavoidable personal or professional exigencies. **No make-up requests are entertained regarding internal components.**

10. Note (if any): In the case of SSA, deadline must be adhered to. Extension will be permitted only for genuine cases. Plagiarism of any kind is strictly punishable as per the institute's rules and regulations

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