

St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Ahmedabad
Syllabus of Semester IV of the following departments under the Faculty of Arts
based on Undergraduate Curriculum Framework - 2024 to be implemented
from the Academic Year 2025-26

FACULTY OF ARTS

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

Course	Title	Content	Hours/week	Credit
ECSE-441C	Public Policy and Administration in India	U-1: Foundations of Public Policy and Public Administration U-2: Public Administration and Contemporary Policy Challenges in India	2hrs	2

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CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course Title & Code	Credit Distribution of The Course (Total Credit-04)			Eligibility Criteria	Prerequisite(s) of the Course (if any)
	Lecture	Practical	Experiential Learning		
ECSE-441C: Public Policy and Administration in India	2	0	2	10 + 2 from a recognized board in any stream	

I. Learning Objectives (LO):

LO-1	Understand the concepts, theories, and significance of public policy and public administration in India.
LO-2	Examine the policy-making process and the role of governmental and non-governmental institutions.
LO-3	Analyse the structure and functioning of public administration at the Union, State, and Local levels.
LO-4	Evaluate major public policies, governance reforms, and administrative challenges in contemporary India.
LO-5	Develop analytical skills for assessing public policy outcomes and governance practices.

II. Course Outcomes (CO):

CO-1	Explain the fundamental concepts, theories, and approaches to public policy and public administration.
CO-2	Analyse the stages of policy formulation, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation in India.
CO-3	Examine the role of constitutional and administrative institutions in governance and policymaking.
CO-4	Evaluate the effectiveness of public policies and administrative reforms in addressing socio-economic issues.
CO-5	Apply public policy and administrative concepts to contemporary governance challenges in India.

Unit I: Foundations of Public Policy and Public Administration (15 Hours)

Meaning, Nature, Scope, and Importance of Public Policy; Public Policy: Characteristics, Types, and Approaches; Meaning, Nature, and Scope of Public Administration; Relationship between Public Policy and Public Administration; Theories and Models of Public Policy: Institutional Model, Rational Model, Incremental Model, Systems Model; Public Policy Process: Agenda Setting, Policy Formulation, Policy Adoption, Policy Implementation, Policy Monitoring and Evaluation, Good Governance and Principles of Public Administration; Role of Civil Society, Media, and Citizens in Policy Process

Unit II: Public Administration and Contemporary Policy Challenges in India (15 Hours)

Constitutional Framework of Public Administration in India - Legislature, Executive, and Judiciary in Policy-Making; Union, State, and District Administration; Bureaucracy and Civil Services in India; Local Governance: Panchayati Raj Institutions, Urban Local Bodies, E-Governance and Digital Administration; Public Accountability: Right to Information (RTI), Citizen Charter, Social Audit; Major Public Policies in India: Education Policy, Health Policy, Rural Development Policy, Environmental Policy; Administrative Reforms and Contemporary Governance Challenges; Inclusive Governance and Sustainable Development

III. Teaching Methodology: Apart from the conventional blackboard teaching, other modes of teaching that will be adopted are power points, group discussions, quizzes, class tests. Experiential learning, analysis and discussions will form an important part of studying this paper.

IV. References:

1. Public Policy and Politics in India – Kuldeep Mathur, Oxford University Press.
2. Public Policy: Concepts, Theory and Practice – M. P. Jain.
3. Indian Administration – A. Avasthi and S. R. Maheshwari.
4. Public Administration in India – S. R. Maheshwari.
5. New Horizons of Public Administration – Mohit Bhattacharya.
6. Governance in India – M. Laxmikanth.
7. The Oxford Handbook of Public Policy – Edited by Michael Moran, Martin Rein, and Robert E. Goodin.