



UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

Discipline	POLITICAL SCIENCE				
Course Code	UK1MDCPOS101				
Course Title	Gandhian Thought and Peace Studies				
Type of Course	MDC				
Semester	1				
Academic Level	100-199				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	3	3 hours	-	-	3
Pre-requisites	1. 2.				
Course Summary	This course provides a comprehensive exploration of Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy, emphasizing concepts such as nonviolence, Satyagraha, and Sarvodaya in the context of peace building and conflict resolution. Through theoretical study, practical application, and case analyses, students gain insights into Gandhi's approach to fostering peace and social justice in both historical and contemporary contexts.				

Detailed Syllabus:

I	Gandhian Philosophy of Peace		9
	1	Ahimsa	
	2	Satyagraha	
	3	Sarvodaya	
II	Peace Studies: Concepts and Frameworks		9
	4	Introduction to peace studies Peace building vs. peacemaking Conflict resolution approaches: Positive peace vs. negative peace	
	5	International Peace Systems	
III	Gandhi's Approach to Peace building and Conflict Resolution		9
	6	Gandhian perspective on peace building and conflict resolution	
	7	Resolving conflicts through dialogue, negotiation, and reconciliation	
	8	Case study: Gandhian influence on peace movements worldwide	
IV	Gandhism in Contemporary Contexts		9
	0	Application of Gandhian principles in modern conflicts	
	10	Gandhian influences on global leaders and movements	
	11	Relevance of Gandhian economic principles to combat growing inequality	
V	Seminar on Gandhian Thought and Peace Studies		9



	12	The instructor can divide students into different groups and ask them to make presentations on the importance of Gandhian thought in peace studies. The content of the presentations can later be submitted as an assignment.	
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Essential Readings

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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO Addressed
CO-1	Recall, analyse and critically evaluate key principles of Gandhian thought and peace studies, including concepts such as Ahimsa, Satyagraha, and Sarvodaya.	U, An, E	PSO1
CO-2	Understand analyse and critically evaluate studies related with peace building. Analyse and evaluate Conflict resolution approaches: Positive peace vs. negative peace and evaluate the significance of International Peace Systems.	U An E	PSO4
CO-3	Analyse and evaluate relevance and implications of Gandhian philosophy in addressing contemporary issues of conflict, violence, and social injustice apply Gandhian principles and methods to practical scenarios, analyzing conflicts, and proposing strategies for peaceful resolution and social transformation.	An E	PSO6
CO-4	Critically analyse ,apply and evaluate the effectiveness and limitations of Gandhian approaches to peace building and conflict resolution, considering diverse perspectives and real-world case studies.	Ap An E, C	PSO8
CO-5	Design and implement projects that integrate Gandhian principles into initiatives aimed at promoting peace, justice, and sustainable development in their communities or globally.	C	PSO6

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Note: 1 or 2 COs/module

Name of the Course: Gandhian Political Thought

Credits: 3:0:0 (Lecture: Tutorial: Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
CO-1	Recall ,analyse and critically evaluate key principles of Gandhian thought and peace studies, including concepts such as	PO5/PSO1	U An E	F	L	-



	Ahimsa, Satyagraha, and Sarvodaya.					
CO-2	Conflict resolution approaches: Positive peace vs. negative peace and evaluate the significance of Internet Understand analyse and critically evaluate studies related with peace building. Analyse and valuational Peace Systems.	PO3/PSO4	U An E	P	L	-

CO-3	Apply and evaluate the significance of Gandhian principles and methods to practical scenarios, analyzing conflicts, and proposing strategies for peaceful resolution and social transformation.	PO2/PSO6	Ap E	C	L	-
CO-4	Critically analyse, apply and evaluate the effectiveness and limitations of Gandhian approaches to peacebuilding and conflict resolution, considering diverse perspectives and real-world case studies. democratic processes.	PO6/PSO8	Ap E An, C	C	L	-
CO-5	Design and implement projects that integrate Gandhian principles into initiatives aimed at promoting peace, justice, and sustainable development in their communities or globally.	PO4/PSO6	C	M	L	-

F-Factual, C- Conceptual, P-Procedural, M-Metacognitive



Mapping of COs with PSOs and POs

	PSO 1	PSO 2	PSO 3	PSO 4	PSO 5	PSO 6	PSO 7	PSO 8	PSO 9	PSO 10	PO 1	PO 2	PO 3	PO 4	PO 5	PO 6
CO 1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
CO 2	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
CO 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
CO 4	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
CO 5	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-

Correlation Levels:

Level	Correlation
-	Nil
1	Slightly / Low
2	Moderate / Medium
3	Substantial / High

Assessment Rubrics:

- Quiz / Assignment/ Quiz/ Discussion / Seminar
- Midterm Exam
- Programming Assignments
- Final Exam

Mapping of COs to Assessment Rubrics:

	Internal Exam	Assignment	Project Evaluation	End Semester Examinations
CO1	✓	✓	-	✓
CO2	✓	✓	-	✓
CO3	✓	✓	-	✓
CO4	✓	✓	-	✓

