



UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

Discipline	POLITICAL SCIENCE				
Course Code	UK4VACPOS201				
Course Title	Electoral Literacy				
Type of Course	VAC				
Semester	4				
Academic Level	200-299				
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 explores in detail the workings of the Indian electoral system, equipping students with a comprehensive understanding of electoral laws, process and procedures. It provides students the valuable knowledge and practical skills for a meaningful participation in the electoral process of India.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Election System and Electoral Process in India		9
	1	Conceptualizing Elections and Democracy	
	2	Role and Importance of Electoral System and Electoral Process in India	
	3	Significance of Psephology	
II	Election Commission of India		9
	4	Constitutional Provisions	
	5	Powers and Functions	
	6	Chief Electoral Officer and other Election Officials	
	7	State Election Commission	
	8	Electoral Reforms	
III	Citizens and Elections		9
	9	Registration of Voters	
	10	My Vote is my Right/Value of a Vote	
	11	Secrecy of Votes - EVM and VVPAT	
	12	Service Voters - Postal Ballot and ETPB	
	13	Overseas Voters, Tendered Vote and Challenged Vote	
	14	Systematic Voter's Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP)	
IV	Political Parties and Elections		9
	14	Role of Political Parties in Elections	
	15	Election Symbols	
	16	Manifestos of Political Parties	
	17	Election Campaign Strategies	



18	Role of Social media during Elections	
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V	Voter's Education and Electoral Participation		9
		Conduct activities related to Voter's Education and Electoral Participation in association with Election Commission of India and Electoral Literacy Club in the College	

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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Comprehend and analyze the conceptualization of Election System and Electoral Process in India	U, An	PSO2 PSO3



CO-2	Analyze the institutional mechanisms and procedures for ensuring fair and effective election process in India	U, Ap, An,	PSO 3
CO-3	Articulate and integrate a sense of democratic citizenship virtues and active participation in the electoral process by applying	Ap, An, E	PSO7

	the values learned		
CO-4	Asses the role of political parties in elections and illustrate the procedures of elections	An, E, C	PSO7 PSO8
CO-5	Compare the electoral processes of diverse institutions and able to develop novel ideas to enhance citizen's participation in elections.	E, C	PSO 8, PSO10

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

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

CO No.	CO	PO/ PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L) /Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
CO-1	Comprehend and analyze the conceptualization of Election System and Electoral Process in India	PSO2, PSO3 PO1	U, An	F, C	L	-
CO-2	Analyse the institutional mechanisms and procedures for ensuring fair and effective election process in India	PSO3 PO1	U, Ap, An,	C, P	L	-
CO-3	Articulate and integrate a sense of democratic citizenship virtues and active participation in the electoral process by applying	PSO7 PO2	Ap, An, E	C, P	L	-
CO-4	Asses the role of political parties in elections and illustrate the procedures of elections	PSO7, PSO8, PO4	An, E, C	P	L	-
CO-5	Compare the electoral processes of diverse institutions and able to develop novel ideas to enhance citizen's participation in elections.	PSO 8, PSO10 PO4. PO5, PO6	E, C	M	T	P

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

Mapping of COs with PSOs and POs



	PS O 1	PS O 2	PS O 3	PS O 4	PS O 5	PS O 6	PS O 7	PS O 8	PS O 9	P S O 10	P O 1	P O 2	P O 3	P O 4	P O 5	P O 6	P O 7	P O 8
CO 1	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CO 2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CO 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-
CO 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
CO 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	2	2	-	-

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
CO 1	✓	ü		✓
CO 2	✓	ü		✓
CO 3	✓	ü		✓
CO 4	ü	✓		✓
CO 5		✓	✓	

