

UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS
M.A. DEGREE PROGRAMME IN HISTORICAL STUDIES
SYLLABUS WITH EFFECT FROM 2023-2024

FIRST YEAR – SEMESTER- II

Course code	403S2A	STUDIES IN HUMAN RIGHTS	L	T	P	E
Core/Elective /Supportive	Elective		4	0	0	3
Pre-requisite	The course provides required skills for understanding human rights. Focuses on international and national laws guaranteeing human dignity.		Syllabus Version		2023-2024	
Course Objectives:						
The main objectives of this course are to:						
<p>Understand the concept of Human rights</p> <p>Highlight the role of International and national Human rights Organizations</p> <p>Assess the various statutory Commissions for Human Rights</p> <p>Apply constitutional guarantees to various deprived communities in India.</p>						
Expected Course Outcomes:						
On the successful completion of the course, student will be able to:						
1	Recall or remember concept of Human rights.					K1
2	Understand the traditional rights and practices of Indian people.					K2
3	Highlight the role of Government and Non-governmental Organisations					K3
4	Investigate the various aspects of Human rights					K4
5	Assess the methods to impart knowledge into people about Human rights.					K5
K1 - Remember; K2 – Understand; K3 - Apply; K4 - Analyze; K5 - Evaluate;						
Unit: 1	Concept Of Human Rights				14 hours	
Definition of Human rights: Nature and scope, Content–Theories of Human Rights –Philosophical - Historical - Sociological Perspectives						
Unit: 2	United Nations Charter				14 hours	
UNO and Human Rights -Universal Declaration of Human Rights – International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights –International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights						
Unit: 3	Non-Governmental Organisations				14 hours	
Non-Governmental Organisations - Amnesty international – Human Rights Helsinki Declaration – International Human Rights and Courts.						
Unit:4	Protection For Marginalized				14 hours	
Contemporary Challenges: Child and Women’s Rights – Bonded Labour – Problem of Refugees – Capital punishment – Rights of prisoners of war						

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Unit:5	Human Rights In Indian Constitution	14 hours
Fundamental Rights in the Indian Constitution – Directive Principles of State Policy–fundamental Duties–National Human Rights Commission. National Human Rights Commission of India and State Human Rights Commissions in India– their functions–Problems and Solutions		
	Total Lecture hours	70 hours
Text Book(s)		
1	Leah Levin, Human Rights, NBT, 1998	
2	V.R. Krishna Iyer, Dialectics and Dynamics of Human Rights in India (Tagore Law Lectures)	
3	C.J. Nirmal, Human Rights in India	
4	Upendra Baxi, The Right to be human, 1987.	
5	Upendra Baxi, The Crisis of the Indian Legal System, Vikas, 1982.	
6	Desai, A.R. (ed), Violations of Democratic Rights in India, Bombay, 1986.	

Mapping with Programme Outcomes										
COs	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	PO7	PO8	PO9	PO10
CO1	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
CO3	S	S	S	S	S	S	M	S	S	S
CO3	S	S	S	M	S	S	S	S	S	L
CO4	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
CO5	S	M	S	S	S	S	S	S	M	S

*S-Strong; M-Medium; L-Low