

UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS
B.A. DEGREE PROGRAMME IN PHILOSOPHY
 SYLLABUS WITH EFFECT FROM 2023-2024

Core Course - CC X
Introduction to Human Rights

Subject Code	Subject Name	Category	L	T	P	S	Credits	Inst. Hours	Marks		
									CIA	External	Total
309C5B	Introduction to Human Rights	Core	Y	-	-	-	4	5	25	75	100
Pre - requisite	Knowledge of Social Philosophy										

Learning Objectives

LO1	To know all the rights emerged from Human Rights.
LO2	Understand different legislations and acts were passed to protect the human rights
LO3	To know and enable the fundamentals of human rights
LO4	To be aware and protect the people from various violations of human rights
LO5	To understand that human beings have some inalienable basic rights, is appealing and has an important practical function

Units	Course Syllabus
Unit – 1	Introduction to Human Rights: Meaning and Nature of Human Rights - Characteristics and nature of human rights – Philosophical perspectives: Theories of human rights, History of human rights civilization, Human rights movements. Different kind of rights. Six features of Human rights
Unit – 2	Human rights legislation: Universal declaration of Human rights, 1948 – International conventional on Human rights – ICCPR – ICESCR and other movements relating to women and Children. Optional Protocol, Constitution of India – Part IV, Protection of Human rights Act 1983.
Unit – 3	Stages in the development of Human Rights, - Human rights and legal procedures
Unit – 4	Human rights violations: Human violations against women, Children, aged people, refuges, religious minorities, SC/ST's and other suppressed Classes.
Unit – 5	Human rights – Role of Government and Nongovernmental organization: National human rights commission and State human rights commission – The role and structure of United nations human rights commission – Amnesty international, International Red Cross Society- Human Rights Watch, People Watch, PUCL,AIDWA.
	Course out Come:
1.	After completion of this course the students have a potential knowledge to create awareness to the people regarding the importance of Human rights.
2.	Academically the candidate further moves to higher level of studies.
3.	The candidate can serve as a scholar in HR in national and international bodies.
4.	The course attempts to examine the underlying basis of the concept of human rights and critically looks at its content and justification.
5.	The core idea, that all human beings have some inalienable basic rights, is appealing and has an important practical function

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Books for Reading:
1. National Council for Teacher Education, Human Rights and National Values: Self-Learning Module, volumes I-III (New Delhi, 1996).
2. UN Centre for Human Rights, Civil and Political Rights: The Human Rights Committee (Geneva: World Campaign for Human Rights, 1997).
3. UN Centre for Human Rights, Discrimination against Women (Geneva: World Campaign for Human Rights, 1994).
4. Promotion, Protection and Restoration of Human Rights at National and International Levels (New York: UN Publication Division, 1992).
5. UN Centre for Human Rights, Elimination of all Forms of Intolerance and Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief (New York: UN Publication Division, 1989).
Reference Book :
1. Alston, Phillip, The United Nations and Human Rights (London: Clarendon Press, 1995).
2. Amnesty International, Political Kings by Governments (London: Amnesty International, 1983).
3. H.O. Agarwal, International Law and Human Rights (CLP, 2019)
Web Resources
1. https://www.unicef.org/child-rights-convention/what-are-human-rights
2. https://humanrights.gov.au/our-work/education/introduction-human-rights
3. https://www.youthforhumanrights.org

Mapping with Programme Outcomes:

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

Strong (3) Medium (2) Low (1)

Mapping with Programme Specific Outcomes:

	PO 1	PO 2	PO 3	PO 4	PO 5	PO6	PO7	PO8	PO9	PO10
CO 1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
CO 2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
CO 3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
CO 4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
CO 5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Weightage	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Weighted percentage of course contribution to POS	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0

Strong (3) Medium (2) Low (1)