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Programme: Minor Elective		Year: B.A. First	Semester: I/II
Subject: Political Science			
Course Code:		Course Title: Introduction to the Indian Constitution	
Course outcomes: This course is designed to provide an overview of the supreme law of the Indian land; the Constitution of India. It will help the students to be familiar with ideals, institutions and processes of the Indian Constitution.			
Credits: 4		Minor Elective	
Max. Marks:		Min. Passing Marks:	
Total No. of Lectures-Tutorials-Practical (in hours per week) 4-0-0			
Unit	Topics		No. of Lectures
I	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Making of the Indian Constitution• Sources of the Indian Constitution• Salient features of the Indian Constitution• Indian Constitution: Philosophy and ideals• Indian Constitution as an instrument of Social Change		12
II	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fundamental Rights and Fundamental Duties• Directive Principles of State Policy• Fundamental Rights versus Directive Principles of State Policy• Amendment to fundamental rights and its related cases		12
III	Institutions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Union Executive - President, Council of Ministers, Prime Minister• Union Legislature- Lok Sabha & Rajya Sabha• Judiciary: Supreme Court, High Court• Judicial Review and Judicial Activism		12

IV	Constitutional & Statutory Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election Commission • Finance Commission • Comptroller & Auditor General of India • National Commission for Scheduled Castes • National Human Rights Commission • National Commission for Women 	12
V	Processes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law Making and Constitutional Amendment Process • Budget Making Process • E- Governance and Citizens' Empowerment • Social media: Emerging Determinant of Indian Politics 	12
Suggested Readings: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Granville Austin, <i>The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation</i>, Oxford University Press (English & Hindi). 2- Granville Austin, <i>Working a Democratic Constitution: The Indian Experience</i>, Oxford University Press. 3- Subhash Kashyap, <i>Indian Constitution</i> (English & Hindi) National Book Trust. 4- D.D. Basu, <i>An Introduction to the Constitution of India</i> (English & Hindi) Lexis Nexis. 5- M. Laxmikanth, <i>Indian Polity</i> (English & Hindi) MacGraw Hill Education (India) Pvt. Ltd. 6- B. L. Fadia, <i>Indian Government and Politics</i> (English & Hindi) Sahitya Bhawan Publication. 7- A. S. Narang, <i>Indian Government and Politics</i> (English & Hindi) Gitanjali Publishing house. 		
This course can be opted as a minor elective by the students of all faculties.		