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Department of Political Science

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Ethical Values, directly related to the Undergraduate Course of Political Science

Environmental Ethics:

The students of Political Science (Honours and Programme) will develop a sense of environmental ethics, comprising diverse questions about what we ought to do with respect to caring for our environment and why. Students will learn to focus on their duties to non-humans (Nature, Environment and Animal) and expanding their conception of the moral community. Fourth Semester includes a paper called 'Global Politics and Issues since 1945' which focuses on increasingly urgent environmental issues such as climate change, global warming and depletion of natural resources. There's also a paper called 'Dilemmas in Politics' under the DSE course, which could enable students to take an ethical approach to environmental problems and encourage them to focus more on interaction between human and the natural world. Students will be sensitized towards various environmental and ecological issues thereby considering their responsibilities to secure ecosystems, stop deforestation and restrain practices that are accelerating environmental disruption.

Women Empowerment:

The students will become quite sensitive to the 'Gender' issues that prevail everywhere. Students will realize the importance of fostering opportunities for women who have historically been denied access to power and the ability to represent their own realities and redress the harmful effects of patriarchal social structure. Third Semester includes a paper called 'Indian Political Thought (Modern)' which discusses the view of progressive thinkers like Pandita Ramabai, Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Vivekananda who vehemently advocated the cause of women's empowerment on society 'Western Political Thought (Modern)' is a paper covered in 5th Semester which includes the views of feminists like Mary Wollstonecraft and Alexandra Kollontai focusing on the history of women's struggle in the western world. After the completion of the course, students will automatically become aware of the various forms of violence and discrimination faced by women in on aspects of life and therefore realize the importance of putting an end to sexism and oppression and achieving full women empowerment in law and in practice.

Professional Ethics:

Students will also get an idea about the various career paths and opportunities after studying political science. Students will get an overview of different sectors where they could work after graduating in Political Science. Students could work as political journalists, strategist's media relations and public relations, positions. The paper called Public Policy and Indian Administration course in the 4th Semester would enrich students' knowledge about the civil and administrative services in India, role of UPSC and SPSC in the recruitment and training of civil servants and various aspects of minister's civil servant relationship. This course would orient students towards the administrative services which is one of the most lucrative jobs in the country. The paper also focuses on employment programmes like MNREGA which are instructed in providing employment to both rural and urban youth.

Sustainable Development:

The ethics on environment and sustainable development are inter-related. Students will learn about the concept of sustainable development focusing on meeting the needs of the present generation without compromising on the ability of the future generations to meet these needs. Students will learn the importance of conservation of exhaustible resources along with the need of search for alternatives. Students will also realize the acknowledging sustainability in three domains: economy, environment and society. They will also get an idea about poverty, warfare, and environmental damage thus realizing the importance of their role as global citizens. Students will understand their connections with other humans; students will become aware about their ethical responsibility in ensuring sustainable development and better future for all.

Human Values:

If politics attracts men and women of integrity competence and passion for public good, then the society is safe and integrity is maintained. Students will understand the importance of human values like honesty, equality and social justice in maintaining a corruption free and egalitarian society. Concepts like liberty, equality, justice, authoritarianism etc. have been explained in detail in the very first paper called “Understanding political Theory: Concepts” (1st Semester). The paper called “Western Political Thought (Ancient and Modern)” focuses on Stoic and Roman political thought emphasizing the concepts of natural equality and global citizenship. The idea of a good idealistic life is also explained to the students through the philosophies of Plato and Aristotle. Importance of virtues like non-violence, humanity, truthfulness is taught to the students through the philosophies of Mahatma Gandhi and Rabindranath Tagore. The paper called “Dilemmas in Politics” covers contemporary issues like Feminism and environmental challenges. Students are made to think about burning problems like patriarchal oppression and environmental damage. This is how they develop values like equal respect for both the genders and also respect for the environment. Fourth Semester covers a paper called “Public Administration: Theories and Concepts” which talks in details about the bureaucracy. Students will learn about the importance of an efficient and workable bureaucracy to achieve political development. Students will also learn the importance of bringing out the ethical and moral values in their day to day lives and unite against the unethical and illegal practices prevailing in society.

So the Under Graduate course of Political Science teachers, the students to get acquainted with the most essential five ethics namely Environmental Ethics, Women Empowerment, Professional Ethics, Sustainable Development and Human Values.