

# MASTER OF ARTS IN HUMAN RIGHTS

## COURSE STRUCTURE

### FIRST YEAR

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**FIRST YEAR**

**PAPER I - INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN RIGHTS**

Historical Background and Framework

- (i) Human Rights Prior to 1945
- (ii) UN Charter and Human Rights
- (iii) International Court of Justice and Human Rights

Meaning and Definition of Human Rights

Nature, Importance and Characteristics of Human Rights

Basis and Sources of Human Rights

Legal and Philosophical Conceptions of Human Rights

- (i) Nature Law and Nature Rights
- (ii) Legal Rights
  - (a) Constitutional
  - (b) Fundamental
- (iii) Ancient Indian Concept of Duty

Kinds of Rights

- (i) First Generation Rights
  - (a) Civil
  - (b) Political
- (ii) Second Generation Rights
  - (a) Economic
  - (b) Social
  - (c) Cultural
- (iii) Third Generation of Rights
  - (a) People's Rights
  - (b) Group Rights

Other Major Rights Issues

- (i) Right to Self-Determination
- (ii) Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- (iii) Right to Development

- (iv) Elimination of All Forms of Religious Intolerance
- (v) Human Rights and Scientific and technological Development
- (vi) The Rights of the Child
- (vii) Protection of Migrant Workers
- (viii) Protection of Indigenous Populations
- (ix) Rights of Aliens

Human Rights and Human duties

The Individual and Human Rights

The Responsibilities of Individuals

State Responsibility

Relationship between Rights, Obligations and Duties in Relation to State and Society

National and International Insights into Human Rights

United Nations Initiatives in the Field of Human Rights

Human Rights in Criminal Justice

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**PAPER II - CONCEPTS, THEORIES AND PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN RIGHTS**

Concepts of Human Rights

- (i) Catalogue of Substantive Human Rights
- (ii) Categories of Substantive Human Rights
- (iii) Alteration between Two Sets of Rights
- (iv) Alternative Frame of Value

Theories of Rights

- (i) Natural Rights Theory
- (ii) Legal/Positive Theory
- (iii) Sociological theory of Rights
- (iv) Ideological theory of Rights
- (v) Cultural Theory of Rights

Principles of Human Rights

- (i) Western Principles
- (ii) Non-Western Principles

Role of Law

- (i) Concept, Origin and Importance
- (ii) Patterns of Rule of Law Societies
- (iii) Relation of Human Rights and Good Governance

Civil Political Rights

- (i) Rights to life
- (ii) Rights to Liberty and Security of Individual
- (iii) Right to Privacy, Right to Respect
  - (a) Interception to Mail
  - (b) Telephone Tapping
- (iv) Rights to Dignity, Personality and Name
- (v) Right to Die
- (vi) Freedom of Movement and Residence, Freedom to Leave Country, Right to seek Asylum, Right to Nationality
- (vii) Freedom to Thought and Expression
- (viii) Right to Equality and Non –discrimination
- (ix) Right to Minorities

- (x) Freedom of Conscience and Religion
- (xi) Right against Inhuman and Degrading Treatment
- (xii) Rights of Accused persons, Treatment of Prisoners
- (xiii) Administration of Juvenile Justice
- (xiv) Right to property, Right to Own Property, Deprivation of Property

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**PAPER III - CULTURE, WISDOM, TRADITION, RELIGION AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

Culture and Human Rights

- (i) Privacy
- (ii) Redistribution
- (iii) Alliance
- (iv) Cultural Diversity Issue

Intercultural Background and Indigenous Wisdom  
Indian (Hindu) Tradition and Western Imagination  
Social Movements and Human Rights in India  
Islam and Religious Pluralism  
Concept of Human Rights in Buddhism

Concept of Human Rights in Hindu Philosophy

- (i) Hindus Ideas
- (ii) Hindu Concept of Right
- (iii) Caste System

Concept of Human Rights in Islam

- (i) Concepts of Rights
- (ii) Concepts of Duties

Concept of Human Rights in Christianity

- (i) Concept of Rights
- (ii) Concept of Duties

Concept of Human Rights in Sikkism

Concept of Human Rights in other Religions

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**PAPER IV - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

International Relations and Human Rights.

- (i) Diplomacy
- (ii) Law
- (iii) Trade

Realization of Civil and Political Rights

Human and Civil Rights in Third World

- (i) Democracy
- (ii) Developmental Rights
- (iii) Economic, Cultural, Social, Civil and Political Rights

Role of People's Movements, Community Organisations and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)

Democracy and Human Rights

- (i) Law Enforcement
- (ii) Police-Community Partnership
- (iii) Police Training
- (iv) Community Policing

Rights of peoples and Nationals to Self-Determination

- (i) Decolonisation
  - (a) International Trusteeship System
  - (b) Declaration on Decolonisation
  - (c) Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories
  - (d) Liberation Movements
  - (e) Assistance
- (ii) Permanent Sovereignty
- (iii) Racist Regimes
- (iv) Territorial Integrity

National Freedom Struggle and Constitutional Development

- (i) French Revolution and Declaration of Rights of Man and Citizen, 1789.
- (ii) American Independence and Bill of Rights
- (iii) Bill of Rights in United Kingdom
- (iv) Human Rights in Pre-Independent India
  - (a) Swaraj Bill (1895)
  - (b) Congress Resolutions at Bombay (1918) on "Declaration of Rights of the people of India"
  - (c) Motilal Nehru Report (1928)
  - (d) Congress Resolution on Karachi (1931)
  - (e) Sapru Committee Report (1944-45)
  - (f) Objective Resolution in Constituent Assembly (1946-47)

Liberal Democratic Practice  
Capitalism and Socialism  
Successionist Movements  
Wars of National Liberation

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**PAPER V - HUMAN RIGHTS IN GLOBAL AND REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES**

State of Human Rights in Contemporary World

A Third World Perspective on Human Rights

(i) Equatorial Guinea

(ii) Uganda

State of Human Rights in South Asia

Assistance to Governments in their Efforts to Ensure the Realisation of Human Rights

Country Situations with Respect to Human Rights

(i) El Salvador

(ii) Chile

(iii) Afghanistan

(iv) South Africa

(v) Israel and Occupied Territory

(vi) Romania

(vii) Guatemala

(viii) Haiti

(ix) Cuba

(x) Panama

(xi) Cyprus

(xii) Albania

(xiii) Iraq

(xiv) Bolivia

(xv) Democratic Kampuchea

(xvi) Iran

(xvii) Malawi

(xviii) Nicaragua

(xix) Poland

(xx) Kosovo

(xxi) Rwanda

(xxii) China

(xxiii) Sri Lanka

(xxiv) Pakistan

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**PAPER VI - PROTECTION, PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND  
PREVENTION OF ITS VIOLATIONS**

United Nations Initiatives for Protection of Human Rights  
United Nations Initiatives for Promotion of Human Rights  
United Nations on Human Rights Violations and Acts of Genocide  
Complaints of Violations of Human Rights  
Putting and End to Violations of Human Rights  
The Fight Against Torture  
Involuntary Disappearances  
Immigration, Asylum and Anti-Foreigner Violence  
Protection of and Assistance to Vulnerable Groups of Persons  
Ethnocide  
Advancement of Women  
Violence Against – Women  
Promoting the Human Rights to Children  
Disabled Persons  
Refugees  
Activities of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights  
Advisory Services and Technical Co-operation  
Addressing Human Rights Challenges in the Field  
Social Justice  
(i) Basic and Fundamental Principles  
(ii) Advancement of the Principles  
(iii) Impediments in Advancement of the Principles

Activities of the Commission on Human Rights and its Subsidiary Bodies  
International Human Rights Treaty System

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**PAPER VII - STATE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN INDIA**

State of Human Rights in Ancient India

State of Human Rights in Muslim India

State of Human Rights in British India

Human Rights during Partition(1946-47)

Indian Constitution and Human Rights

- (i) Fundamental Rights and Duties
- (ii) Directive Principles of State Policy
  - (a) Equality Clauses
  - (b) Right to Freedom
  - (c) Right Against Exploitation
  - (d) Right to Freedom of Religion
  - (e) Cultural and Educational Rights
  - (f) Rights to Property

Rights of Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (Sts)/Dalits

Rights of Minorities

Rights of Women

- (i) Dowry Deaths

Crimes and Criminal Laws

Criminal Justice Administration

Human Rights in Pre-Trial Detention

National Standards on Pre-Trial Detention

Prisoners and Human Rights

Terrorism/Insurgency Movements

Indian Police: Values, Personality Development, Understanding of Human Behavior and

Practical Law Enforcement

Police Atrocities

Police Violations

- (i) Encounter Deaths
- (ii) Custodial Deaths
- (iii) Communal Rights
- (iv) Torture
- (v) Third Degree Methods

Prevention and Cure of Human Rights Violations by Indian Police

Towards Human Rights Friendly Police

Repressive Laws

- (a) PDA
- (b) NSA
- (c) MISA

(d) TADA

(e) Emergency Laws

Indian Army and Human Rights

National Standards against Torture and Custodial Death

National Standards on Protection of Juveniles

Children and Human Rights

Female Foeticide

Infanticide

Child Murder

Contemporary Indian Problems and Human Rights

(i) Reservation for Scs and Sts and Mandal Commission

(ii) Uniform Civil Code vis-à-vis Personal Law

(iii) Right of Self-determination

(iv) Liberation or Independence to Ethnic Minority

(v) Liberation or Independence to Linguistic Minority

(vi) Liberation or Independence to Religious Minority

(vii) Problems of Jammu & Kashmir

(viii) Problems of Punjab

(ix) Problems of Assam (North-East)

(x) Problems of Bihar

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**PAPER VIII - RETHINKING AND REDESIGNING HUMAN RIGHTS**

Current Human Rights Discourse

Positioning Human Rights in Contemporary Global Conjuncture

Rethinking Human Rights

- (i) Personal Security
- (ii) National Security
- (iii) Security for Whom
- (iv) Security Against What
- (v) Security by What Means
- (vi) Security Beyond the State

Renewing the United Nation System Itself

- (i) Problems with Existing System
- (ii) The High Commissioner
- (iii) Ombudsman for the United Nation System
- (iv) Orientations
- (v) The Three Voices of Existing Human Rights Practical Discourse
- (vi) Philosophical Basis
- (vii) Global Capitalism as a Case of Original Contaminatin
- (viii) Normativity

From Human Rights to the Rights to be Human

Rights to be Loved and Right to Learn

Visions of Good Society

- (i) Peace and Harmony
- (ii) Material Well-being
- (iii) Justice and Equality
- (iv) Community Life
- (v) Rationality

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**PAPER IX - ROLE OF JUDICIARY, PUBLIC INTEREST  
LITIGATIONS AND MEDIA**

Independence of Judiciary

International Criminal Court

Criminal Justice Administration

Judiciary in India and Scope for Public Interest Litigations(PILS)

National Human Rights Commission

National Commission on Minorities

National Commission on SCs and STs

National Commission on Women

Mass Media and Human Rights Education

Philosophy of Human Rights Role of Indian Judiciary

Role of Judiciary in Protecting Human Rights

Judicial Activism in the Field of

- (i) Protection of Women
- (ii) Protection of Children
- (iii) Protection of Environment
- (iv) Protection of Disabled
- (v) Protection of Prisoners

Leading Cases of Judicial Activism

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**PAPER – X - HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION, TEACHING AND TRAINING**

Promoting Respect for and Observance of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedom.

- (i) Awareness and Public Information
- (ii) Studies of Aspects of Human Rights
- (iii) Year Book on Human Rights
- (iv) Advisory Services
- (v) National Human Rights Institutions
- (vi) Regional Arrangements
- (vii) Rights and Responsibilities
  - (a) Individuals
  - (b) Groups
  - (c) Organs of Society
- (viii) Community Participation
- (ix) Effective Enjoyment of Human Rights
- (x) United Nations Human Rights Education Decade
- (xi) Teaching
  - (a) Innovations
  - (b) Imperatives
  - (c) Suggestions
- (xii) Training
  - (a) Content
  - (b) Design

Democracy and Human Rights Education

Socialism, Secularism and Human Rights Education

Human Rights Education for All National Strategy on Human Rights Education.

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**PAPER – XI - HUMAN RIGHTS , PEACE AND NON VIOLENCE**

Peace as the Idea of Social Needs

50 Years of UN

Peace and Human Rights in UN Agenda

UN Resolution on an Agenda for Peace

The Instinct of Conflict. The Disappearing Boundaries Between Internal and External Conflicts

Contemporary Global Conflict

Global Survey of High and Low Intensity Conflicts and Disputes

Protection of Human Rights in Armed Conflicts

Human Rights and Ethnic Conflict Management

Nuclear War and Human Rights

Preventive Diplomacy and Peace Making

The Future of Human Rights in World Politics

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