



St. Xavier's College – Autonomous
Mumbai
Syllabus
For 4th Semester Courses in
Political Science
(October 2017 onwards)

Title– Fundamentals of the Indian Constitution

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. To make the students aware of their constitutional rights and duties.
2. To understand the functioning of the Indian government.
3. To examine the functioning of Judicial Institutions and significance of PILs.
4. To develop a critical understandings and better perspectives in the realm of Indian Political System.

Number of lectures: 45

- Unit 1: Salient Features of the Indian Constitution [15 Lectures]
1.1.Origin and features of the constitution
- Unit 2: The Union Executive [15 Lectures]
2.1 The President
2.2 Qualifications for election as President
2.3 Procedure for impeachment of the President
2.4 Powers of the President
2.5 Constitutional limitations on Presidents' powers
- Unit 3: Prime Minister and Council of Ministers [15 Lectures]
3.1. Election of Prime Minister
3.2. Appointment of Ministers Powers,
3.3. functions and role of the cabinet
3.4. Special position of the Prime Minister in the Council of Ministers
- Unit 4: The Judiciary [15 Lectures]
4.1. Organisation of the Judiciary(High Court, Supreme Court)
4.2. Judicial activism-Public Interest Litigation

List of Suggested Readings:

Austin, Granville: *The Indian Constitution : cornerstone of a nation*. New Delhi. Oxford University Press, 1999.

Austin, Granville: *Working a democratic constitution : a history of the Indian experience*. New Delhi. Oxford University Press, 1999

Basu, Durga Das: *Introduction to the Constitution of India*. (22nd ed.) Gurgaon. Lexis Nexis , 2015.

Noorani, A. G.: *Constitutional questions in India: The President, Parliament and the States*. New Delhi. Oxford University Press, 2000