COURSE STRUCTURE

SEMESTER I

Core Courses
1. History and its Theory
2. Evolution of Ideas and Institutions in Ancient India
3. Maratha Polity

Optional courses (any 1)
1. Cultural History of Maharashtra
2. Social Background of Dalit Movement in Maharashtra
3. History and Philosophy of Science and Technology (Developments in the West)

SEMESTER II

Core Courses
4. History and its Practice
5. Evolution of Ideas and Institutions in Medieval India
6. Socio-economic History of the Marathas

Optional courses (any 1)
5. Marathas in 17th and 18th century Power Politics
6. Nature of Dalit Movement in Maharashtra
7. Economic History of Medieval India
8. History of Science and Technology in India
**Semester I: Core Paper No. 1**

**Course Title: History and its Theory**

**Objectives**
The paper is designed to provide adequate conceptual base, bring better understanding of history and its forces, help interrogate existing paradigms and challenge the outdated, help in developing critique, help research in terms of formulating hypotheses and develop broad frames of interaction with other social sciences and attain certain level of interdisciplinary approach.

**Course Content**
1. History: Definition, nature, functions, concepts
2. Modes of interaction with Humanities and Social Sciences
3. History and its theories
   a) Greco-Roman
   b) Ancient Indian
   c) Medieval (i) Church & (ii) Arab
   d) The Enlightenment
4. Emergence of Modern theories of history
   a) Romanticist theory
   b) School of Scientific History (Ranke)
   c) Materialist Theory of history
5. Structuralism and Post-structuralism
   a) Concepts
   b) Impact on History
6. Post modernism
   a) Concept
   b) Impact on History
   c) Challenges
Select Readings

English


Encyclopaedia of Social Sciences.

Marathi


Semester I: Core Paper No. 2

Course Title: Evolution of Ideas and Institutions in Ancient India

Objectives
The course intends to provide an understanding of the social, economic and institutional bases of Ancient India. It is based on the premise that an understanding of Ancient Indian history is crucial to understand Indian history as a whole.

Course content

1. Defining Ancient India
2. Nature of sources
   a) Archaeology and the study of ancient Indian history
   b) Literary sources
   c) Sanskrit sources: religious, non-religious, court
   d) Foreign accounts
   e) Sangam literature
3. The nature of pre-historic societies
   a) Prehistoric sites in India (special reference to Neolithic sites in the Peninsula)
   b) The Indus Valley civilization: town planning, spread, decline, the Aryan debate
4. Vedic and post Vedic societies
   a) Lineage society
   b) The emergence of caste based societies, marginalization and subordination
   c) Social protest and the emergence of new social and religious forms
5. State formation
   a) Evolution of the institution of kingship
   b) The Saptanga theory of state, its changes
   c) Mahajanapadas
   d) The Mauryan State
   e) The Gupta Empire
6. Post-Mauryan developments
   a) The emergence of states in the Deccan – the Satavahanas
   b) The concept of the Kaliyuga
7. Developments in the South
a) Nature of society as depicted in the Sangam literature
b) Urbanisation and trade in the south

Select Readings

**English**


Jha, D.N., *Early India A Concise History*, Manohar


Thapar, R., *From Lineage to State*, Oxford India Paperbacks, 1990


**Marathi**

Jha, D.N., *Prachin Bharat* (in Hindi and Marathi)


Semester I: Core Paper No.3.

Course Title: Maratha Polity

Objectives
The purpose of the course is to study the administrative system of the Marathas in an analytical way, to acquaint the student with the nature of Maratha Polity, to understand basic components of the Maratha administrative structure, to enable the student to understand the basic concepts of the Maratha polity.

Course content
1. Defining the term ‘Maratha Polity’
2. Nature of Sources
   a) Literary
   b) Foreign
   c) Archival
   d) Miscellaneous
3. Maratha State
   a) Formation of the Maratha State
   b) Nature
4. Administrative Structure
   a) Administrative Structure of the Deccani Kingdoms: a brief survey
   b) Principles underlying Maratha Polity
   c) Central: the institution of kingship, theory, problem of legitimacy, Ashta Pradhan Mandal
   d) Provincial and Village: administrative units
5. Socio-Political Power Structure
   a) Religion
   b) Watan
   c) Caste
   d) Gota
6. Fiscal Administration
   a) Public income
   b) Public expenditure
7. Administration of Justice
a) Sources of law
b) Judicial structure – central, provincial
c) Political judicial institutions – majlis, panchayat
d) Traditional judicial institutions – Gotasabha, Brahmasabha, Jatisabha
e) Judicial procedure
f) Crime and punishment
g) Police

8. Military system
   a) Infantry
   b) Cavalry
   c) Navy

Select Readings

English
Chandra, Satish, *Medieval India (Society, the jagirdari crisis and the village)*, Macmillan India Ltd., Madras, 1992.
Mahajan, T.T., *Maratha Administration in the 18th century*
Sen, S.N., *Military System of the Marathas*

Marathi
Joshi, S.N. and Bhingare, L.M. (ed.), *Adnyapatra ani Rajniti*, Pune, 1960
Semester I: Optional Paper No. 1

Course Title: Cultural History of Maharashtra

Objectives:
To introduce the student to regional history within a broad framework of Indian culture; to enable the student to understand the internal dynamics of Marathi culture.

Course content
1. Defining the term 'culture’
2. Maharashtra as a cultural region
   a) Physical and geographical features
   b) Origin of Marathi people
   c) Nomenclature of Maharashtra
   d) Origin of Marathi language
3. Maharashtra Dharma
   a) Meaning
   b) Different views
4. Movements and cults: philosophy and teaching
   a) Nath
   b) Mahanubhav
   c) Varkari
   d) Ramdasi
   e) Datta
   f) Sufi
   g) Shakti
5. Literature
   a) Bhakti
   b) Bakhar
   c) Panditi
   d) Shahiri
   e) Folk
6. Interaction with Islamic Culture
   a) Language
   b) Literary forms
   c) Socio-cultural practices
7. Art and Architecture
   a) Art: Visual and Performing Art
   b) Architecture: Religious, Secular, Military

Select Reading

English
Joshi, S.N., Shivaji and Facets of Marathi Culture, Sage Publications India.
Mate, M.S., Maratha Architecture, University of Pune, Pune, 1959

Marathi
Gosavi, R.R., Maharashtratil Panch Bhakti Sampradaya
Karve, Iravati, Marathi Sanskruti.
Panse, M.G., Yadava Kalin Maharashtra
Sahastrabuddhe, P.G., Maharashtra Sanskruti, Continental, Pune, 1979
Sardar, G.B., Sant Vangmayachi Samajik Phalashruti, 1970
Tulpule, S.G., Panch Santa Kavi, Pune, 1948
Course Title: Social Background of Dalit Movement in Maharashtra

Objectives:
This paper is designed to highlight a relatively neglected part of social history; it is an attempt to provide voice to the history of the oppressed. It defines and provides understanding of various concepts, further explains the caste system and evil practices like untouchability and its rigidification in ancient and medieval times. It lays emphasis on the earlier forms of protest by Buddhism, Jainism and later by Bhakti movement, in the medieval period especially in Maharashtra, which lays the foundation for social awareness and renaissance of the 18th and 19th centuries.

Course content

1. Emergence of caste system: a Brief survey
2. Defining the term ‘Dalit’ and ‘Dalit consciousness’
3. Historical Background of protest
   a) Buddhism
   b) Jainism
4. Efforts of Medieval Saints: Bhakti Movement
5. Marathi Sants
   a) Dnyaneshwar
   b) Eknath
   c) Tukaram
   d) Chokhamela and others
6. Pre-Ambedkar socio-religious reform movements
   a) Gopal Baba Wangkar
   b) Shivaram Janba Kamble
   c) Kisan Fagusi Bansode
   d) Brahmo Samaj
   e) Arya Samaj
   f) Ramakrishna Mission
   g) Prarthana Samaj
   h) Mahatma Phule and Satyashodhak Samaj
   i) Other reformers
Select Readings

English
Keer, Dhananjaya, Mahatma Jyotiba Phule, Popular Prakashan,
Desai, Sudha, Social Life under the Peshwas
Chentha-rasseoy, T.H. P, Ambedkar in Indian History.
Political thoughts of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar

Marathi
Atre, Truimbak Narayan, Gav-Gada, Mumbai, 1959
Dandge, Manorama, Prachin wa Madhyayugin Bharatacha Itihas, Amaravati, 2004
Gawali, P.A., Peshwekalin Samaj wa Jaticha Sangharsh, Kolhapur, 1982
Gawali, P.A., Peshwekalin Gulamgiri wa Asprishyata, Kolhapur, 1990
Kausalyayan, Bhadant Anand, Manusmriti Ka Jalani Geli?, Nagpur
Keer, Dhananjay, Mahatma Jyotiba Phule: amchya Samaj Krantiche Janak, Mumbai, 1975
Khairmode, Changdev Bhagvanrao, Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedakr Charitra, Vols. 1-9, Mumbai
Kosare, H.L., Vidarbhatil Dalit Chalvalisha Itihas, Nagpur, 1984
Moon, Vasant, Madhyaprant Varhadatil Ambedkarpurva Dalit Chalwal
Nawalkar, H.N., Shivaram Janba Kamble, Pune, 1930
Semester I: Optional Paper No. 3

Course Title: History and Philosophy of Science and Technology
(Developments in the West)

Objectives

The course is specially designed to introduce the student to scientific achievements in various periods of history in the western world; to understand the relationship between science and various forms of technology; to create awareness of the interaction between science and society and the manner in which the spread of scientific knowledge moulded the pattern of human life and thought.

Course content

1. What is Science
   a) Definition of Science and Technology, Scientific Method
   b) Philosophy of Science

2. Science and Technology in Ancient Civilizations
   a) Egypt
   b) Mesopotamia
   c) Greece
   d) Rome
   e) China

3. Medieval Period
   a) Dark Ages in Europe
   b) Church and Science
   c) Renaissance Science: Leonardo da Vinci

4. The Copernican Revolution in Astronomy

5. Birth of Modern Science
   a) The Galilean Revolution’
   b) Newton

6. Growth of Technology
   The Industrial Revolution

7. Darwinism and its Impact

8. Nature of scientific progress in the 20th century

9. Impact of Science and Technology: intellectual, social and economic
Select Readings


Butterfield, H., *The Origins of Modern Science (1300-1800)*


Farrington, B., *Greek Science: Thales to Aristotle*.


Jeans, James, *The Growth of Physical Science*.

Larsen, Egon, *A History of Invention*.

Mason, S.F., *Main Currents of Scientific Thought*

Russell, B., *The Impact of Science on Society*.

Sarton, G., *A History of Science*.


Taylor, Sherwood, *A Short History of Science*
**Semester I: Optional Paper No. 4**

**Course Title: U.S.A.: From Isolation to Hegemony (1865-1989)**

**Objectives**

To make the student aware of the background, scope and various trends in U.S. Foreign Policy with a view to interpreting and analysing it and examining its effect on world politics.

**Course content**

1. A Brief Survey of U.S. foreign policy, 1789-1900
   a) USA and Latin America
   b) USA and Japan
   c) USA and China
2. US Foreign Policy, 1901-1914
3. USA and World War I
   a) Fourteen points of Woodrow Wilson
   b) Paris Peace Conference
4. From Isolation to Intervention, 1919-1945
   a) USA and League of Nations
   b) Washington Conference
   c) US Foreign Policy during World Depression
   d) Pearl Harbour
   e) USA and World War II
5. Formation of U.N.O.: Role of the U.S.A.
6. US Foreign Policy during Cold War
7. US Foreign Policy after the end of Cold War

**Select Readings**

**English**


**Marathi**

Bhaure, N.G., and Devpujari, *Amerikeche Itihas*.
Kothekar, Shanta, *Amerikechya Sangharajyacha Itihas*, Nagpur
SEMESTER II

Semester II: Core Paper No. 4

Course Title: History and its Practice

Objectives
The paper is designed to provide adequate conceptual base, bring better understanding of history and its forces, help interrogate existing paradigms and challenge the outdated, help in developing critique, help research in terms of formulating hypotheses and develop broad frames of interaction with other social sciences and attain certain level of Interdisciplinary approach.

Course content
1. Research Methodology
   (i) Preliminary Operations
       (a) Choice of Subject
       (b) Preparation of Outline
   (ii) Analytical Operations
       (a) Heuristics
       (b) Hermeneutics
   (iii) Synthetic Operations
       (a) Determining Particular facts
       (b) Grouping of Facts
       (c) Constructive Reasoning
   (iv) Concluding Operations
       (a) Valid Generalization
       (b) Exposition
       (c) Footnotes
       (d) Bibliography
2. Uses of History: Constructions and representations of India’s past by various schools of Historiography
3. Indian concept of history
4. Recent developments: Myth, memory and folklore in historical understanding

Select Readings
**English**


*Encyclopaedia of Social Sciences*

*History and Theory: Studies in the Philosophy of History* (Journal), Wesleyan University, USA.

**Marathi**


Deo, Prabhakar, *Itihas: Eka Shastra*

Kothekar, Shanta, *Itihas: Tattva ani Vyavahar*

Semester II: Core Paper No. 5

Course Title: Evolution of Ideas and Institutions in Medieval India

Objectives

The course examines the nature of medieval Indian society, economy, state formations, and the main religious currents of the time. It is seen as a continuation of the course on ancient India. It is also seen to be crucial to an understanding of the nature of society, and the problems of the challenge to that society, through colonialism, at a later stage.

Course content

1. Defining medieval India
   a) The Transition to the Medieval
   b) ‘Medievalism’,
   c) Historiography of the study of Medieval India

2. Nature of Sources: Perceptions, Limitations, Range
   a) Persian sources
      i. Literary
      ii. Court Chronicles
      iii. Archival
   b) Regional language sources
   c) Non-Indian sources: Travellers’ accounts, factory records

3. The state in medieval India: perceptions and practice
   a) Modern theories of the medieval state: Theocracy, Autocracy, Feudal, Segmentary, Patrimonial-Bureaucratic
   b) Medieval Theories of the State: Farabi, Ghazzali, Shukracharya, Barani, Abul Fazl, Ramachandrapant Amatya

4. Medieval Indian society
   a) Social Mobility and Stratification in medieval India
   b) The emergence of new classes
   c) Administrative, agrarian and mercantile classes in medieval India
   d) Bhakti and social change

5. Religious ideas and institutions
   a) Bhakti movement
b) Sufism

c) Towards a composite culture

6. Political and social formations in the south
   a) The Cholas
   b) Vijayanagar

7. Economic institutions
   a) Agrarian systems, north and south India
   b) Trade, internal and external
   c) Currency

8. The 18th century in India.

Select Readings

English


Alavi, Seema (ed.), *The Eighteenth Century in India*, OUP, New Delhi, 2002.


Marshall, P.J. (ed.), The Eighteenth Century in Indian History: Evolution or Revolution?, OUP, New Delhi, 2003

Mukhia, H., Perspectives on Medieval India, Delhi, 1994.


Marathi


Semester II: Core Paper No. 6  

Course Title: Socio-Economic History of the Marathas

Objectives

The purpose of the course is to study socio-economic history of the Marathas in an analytical way, to acquaint the student with the components of social structure and their functions, to understand the relationship between religion, caste, customs, traditions, class in 17th and 18th century Maratha Society, to enable the student to understand aspects of economic life, to trace the determinants of changes in social and economic life.

Course Content

1. Defining socio-economic history
   a) Historiography of Socio-economic History.

2. Nature of Sources
   a) Literary
   b) Foreign
   c) Archival
   d) Miscellaneous

3. Village community
   a) Residents of the village – watandars, mirasdars, balutedars, uparis
   b) Balutedari system

4. Social institutions
   a) Varna and caste
   b) Tribes
   c) Communities
   d) Marriage’
   e) Family

5. Social Stratification and mobility

6. Fairs and Festivals

7. Education
   a) Educational institutions
   b) Primary education
   c) Higher education

8. Economic Life
a) Agriculture and Agrarian system: Types of land
b) Assessment of land
c) Land tenures

9. Trade, Industries and handicraft
   a) Centres of trade
   b) Trade routes
   c) Major and minor industries

10. Currency and Banking
    a) Types of coins
    b) Banking houses

Select Readings

English


Desai, Sudha, *Social life in Maharashtra under the Peshwas*, Bombay, 1980


Marathi


Semester II: Optional Paper No. 5

Course Title: Marathas in 17th and 18th Century Power Politics

Objectives
The course intends to study the role played by the Marathas in the context of India, the changing nature of Maratha State, to understand and analyse the Maratha expansionism and its significance in various spheres.

Course Content
1. Bases of Maratha political power
2. 18th century debate
3. Changing nature of Maratha State
   a) Constituents – Chhatrapati, Peshwa, Sanranjamdars
   b) Theories
4. Maratha Confederacy
   a) Concept
   b) Nature
5. Maratha Expansionism
   I. Conquest and Stay
      a) Malwa
      b) Bundelkhand
      c) North Karnataka
      d) Gujarat
   II. Sphere of Influence
      a) Bengal and Orissa
      b) Antarveda
6. Political ideology of the Marathas
   a) Maharashtra Dharma
   b) Swarajya
   c) Watan
   d) Saranjam
7. Incorporation of Maratha State into colonial state
**Select Readings**

Alavi, Seema (ed.), *The Eighteenth Century in India*, OUP, New Delhi, 2002


Gordon, Stewart, *Marathas, Marauders and State Formation in the 18th century*

Kadam, V.S., *Maratha Confederacy*

Marshall, P.J. (ed.), *The Eighteenth Century in Indian History: Evolution or Revolution?*, OUP, New Delhi, 2003


**Marathi**


Sardesai G.S. *Marathi Riyasat: Purva, Madhya, and Uttar vibhag*, Popular, Bombay, 1988
Course Title: Nature of Dalit Movement in Maharashtra

Objectives
The paper intends to provide an understanding of the changing position of Dalit at conceptual and practical level of social transformation, from 19th century till today. This paper also lays emphasis on Ambedkarian Movement, which marks an evolutionary phase in Dalit emancipation. It highlights the constitutional rights for safeguarding the interests of the oppressed. It takes into account Dalit literature, which provides space for understanding of Dalit consciousness and adds new dimensions in understanding ‘Dalit’.

Course content
1. Early 20th century Dalit Movement
   a) Rajarshi Shahu Maharaj
   b) Vitthal Ramji Shinde
2. Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar’s Ideology
   a) Social
   b) Economic
   c) Political
   d) Religious
3. Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar’s Movement
   a) Bahishkrit Hitakarni Sabha
   b) Mahad Satyagraha
   c) Simon Commission
   d) Round Table Conference and Poona Pact
   e) Kalaram Mandir Satyagraha
   f) Independent Labour Party
   g) All India Scheduled Caste Federation
   h) Dr. Ambedkar and the British Government
4. Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar and Constitution of India
   a) Role of Dr. Ambedkar in the making of the Indian Constitution
   b) Safeguards for Lower Castes
   c) Issue of the Hindu Code Bill
5. Movement of Conversion to Buddhism (1956)
6. Nature of Post-Ambedkarian Movement
7. Dalit Consciousness and other Modes of Expression: a brief review
   a) Dalit Literature
   b) Press
   c) Ambedkari Jalase
   d) Dalit Rangbhumi
   e) Other Modes of Expression.

Select Readings

**English**

Robb, Peter (ed.), *Dalit Movement and the meaning of Labour in India*, Oxford University Press.

**Marathi**

Ganavir, Ratnakar, *Dr. Ambedkar Vicharadhan*, Bhusaval, 1982
Keer, Dhananjay, *Dr. Babaheb Ambedkar*, Mumbai, 1984
Khairmode, Changdev Bhagwanrao, *Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar Charitra*, Vols. 1-9, Mumbai
Kharat, P. O., *Dalit Katha, Ugam ani Vikas*, 1992
Kharat, Shankarrao, *Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkarancha Dharmantar*, 1966
Phadke, Bhalchandra, *Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar*, Pune, 1985
Vaidya, Prabhakar, *Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar ani Tyancha Dhamma*, Mumbai, 1989
Semester II: Optional Paper No. 07.

Course Title: Economic History of Medieval India

Objectives
The paper is designed to help understand the nature, structure and potential of Medieval Indian economy.

Course Content:

1. Defining economic history
2. Agrarian systems
   a) Early medieval systems: land grants
   b) Agrarian systems of the sultanate: land revenue policies, the iqta system
   c) Mughal land revenue systems
   d) Jagirdari system, the zamindars
   e) Taxation policies, commercialisation of agriculture, methods for increasing revenue.
3. Trade
   a) Intra-regional, inter-regional, external trade
   b) Trade routes
   c) Banjaras and internal trade
   d) The south Indian guilds
   e) Impact of the Europeans
   f) Currency and banking
   g) Hundis
   h) Urbanisation
4. Industries
   a) Textile Industry
   b) Dyeing industry
   c) Saltpetre industry
5. 18th century transitions.
   a) Core and periphery
   b) Prosperity and decline
   c) Towards regional economic systems
Select Readings

English

Marathi
Semester II: Optional Paper No. 08

Course Title: History of Science and Technology in India

Objectives
To acquaint the student with the scientific progress made by Indians through the ages, to analyse the nature of Indian science and technology and its social implications and to assess the role of scientific progress in the process of modernisation of India.

Course content
1. Technology in the Indus Civilization
2. Science and Scientific Thought in Ancient India
   a) Astronomy
   b) Mathematics
   c) Medicine
3. Science and Technology in Medieval India
   Contributions of Sawai Jaisinh of Jaipur
4. Impact of Western Science and Technology in India
5. Scientific Institutions in British India
6. Science policy under the British
7. Science Policy of Independent India till 1964
   a) Jawaharlal Nehru’s contribution
   b) Scientific institutions for the promotion of science
8. Indian Science and Technology : Recent Developments (Brief Review).

Select Readings:
Roy, A and Bagchi, S.K. (eds.), Technology in Ancient and Medieval India, Delhi, 1986.