

**University of Pune**  
**Department of Defence and Strategic Studies**

**Syllabus for M.Phil. in Defence and Strategic Studies**  
**(w.e.f. July 2009)**

**Objective:**

1. To enable the student to have an understanding of the appropriate research skills and techniques for doctoral level academic study.
2. To introduce the students to recent developments in the subject.
3. This is an intermediate degree between the first Post Graduate Degree and a Doctorate degree. It has both, research and course components.

**Eligibility**

1. Second Class Masters Degree in relevant subject
2. Entrance Test conducted by the Department.

**Duration**

1. The duration of this course is a TWO Semesters. Students may complete their Dissertation within an additional period of One Year.
2. The maximum period of registration for the M.Phil. Course shall be THREE years.

**Structure**

This is a Two Semester course, the First Semester consists of Course Work and in the Second Semester (extendable for One More Semester) students are required to complete a Dissertation.

Semester One

Course I: Strategic Studies: Concepts and Theories

Course II: Peace and Conflict studies

Course III: Research Methodology

Semester Two

Dissertation

**Syllabus**

**Course I: Strategic Studies: Concepts and Theories**

Objective: Students are expected to study the following topics and articles to understand the conceptual and theoretical debates in the area of Strategic Studies

Topic 1. Nature of Strategic Studies and its evolution

Readings:

1. John Garnett, Strategic Studies and its Critics
2. Ken Booth The evolution of Strategic Thinking
3. John Chipman The future of Strategic Studies: Beyond even Grand

Topic 2. Role of Military Power

Readings:

1. John Garnett Role of Military Power
2. Michael Howard Military Power and International Order

Topic 3. Deterrence

Readings:

1. Bernard Brodie The Anatomy of Deterrence
2. Phil Williams Deterrence

Topic 4. Disarmament and Arms Control

Readings:

1. Ken Booth Disarmament and Arms Control
2. Inis Claude Disarmament as an Approach to Peace

Topic 5. War: Revolutionary War, Limited War

Readings:

1. John Baylis Revolutionary Warfare
2. John Garnett Limited War
3. Bernard Brodie Limited War
4. Lawrence Freedman Conventional War in the Nuclear Age

These articles may be located in the following books:

1. Peter Paret (ed) Makers of Modern Strategy: From Machiavelli to the Nuclear Age (Oxford, 1986)
2. John Baylis, Ken Booth and John Garnett Contemporary Strategy: Theories and Policies (New York 1975)

(Students would be required to summarize and comment on the above articles. The list would be revised as per requirements)

**Course II: Peace and Conflict Studies**

Objective: The topics listed below constitute the 'applied' dimension of strategic studies. They cover the areas of modern day conflict and also approach to peace.

1. Concept of Security: National and International Security, Comprehensive Security and Human Security.
2. Nuclear Proliferation

3. Terrorism
4. Conflict Management and Conflict Resolution
5. Globalisation
6. Peace Research and Gandhian Studies

(A list of recent writings on the above topics would be identified as reading that would have to be summarized and presented by the students)

### Course III: Research Methodology

#### Objective:

This course is a survey of research methodology in strategic studies / security studies, including techniques and procedures for research design, data collection, data analysis, and data presentation. The objectives of this course are to:

1. Students have a understanding and basic skills in research methods.
2. Research skills sharpen analytical and critical thinking abilities, and help them to move beyond descriptive review and anecdotal argumentation.

#### Course Details:

1. Historical and Descriptive methods, Science and Scientific Methods
2. Research Strategies
3. Research Design and Hypothesis
4. Types, Sources, tools and techniques of Data Collection
5. Content Analysis
6. Data Processing
7. Report Writing

**On completion of, the Course work students would be assigned guides for their dissertation**

#### Dissertation

Students are required to write a dissertation on a topic to be decided in consultation with the Guide.

*(Students are requested to see the University of Pune Website for detail rules regarding the M.Phil. Course)*

Syllabus discussed in the defn. and approved

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