

Course Code	Course Name	Credits
26PL514	GANDHIAN PHILOSOPHY AND POLITICAL THOUGHT	04

### Course Objectives

- To understand the philosophical and political thought of Mahatma Gandhi.
- To examine key Gandhian concepts such as truth, non-violence, and Satyagraha.
- To analyse Gandhi's views on the state, society, and political organization.
- To evaluate the contemporary relevance of Gandhian thought in peace, justice, and sustainable development.

### Learning Outcomes

#### After the completion of course, the students will be able to

- Understand the life, experiences, and intellectual influences that shaped the ideas of Mahatma Gandhi.
- Explain the key concepts of Gandhian philosophy, including truth, non-violence, Satyagraha, and Sarvodaya.
- Examine Gandhi's political ideas on the state, citizenship, and his critique of major political ideologies.
- Understand Gandhian approaches to peace, conflict resolution, and social harmony.
- Assess the relevance of Gandhian ideas in addressing contemporary issues such as social justice, environmental sustainability, and cultural diversity.

#### Unit I: Life and Intellectual Influences of Gandhi (10 hrs)

Indian and Western influences on Gandhi; Experiences of racial discrimination in South Africa

#### Unit II: Foundations of Gandhian Philosophy (12 hrs)

Concept of truth and non-violence; Satyagraha as a method of social and political action; Sarvodaya and the idea of welfare of all

#### Unit III: Gandhian Political Thought (12 hrs)

Views on the state and citizenship; Critique of liberalism and constitutionalism; Engagement with socialism and communism

#### Unit IV: Gandhian Approach to Peace and Conflict Resolution (13 hrs)

Truth and non-violence as the foundation of peace; Vision of social harmony and community peace; Ideas on world peace and world federation

#### Unit V: Gandhi in the Twenty-First Century (13 hrs)

Gandhian alternatives on lifestyle and environment; Gandhi on religion and cultural diversity; Relevance of Gandhi's constructive programme

### Suggested Readings:

1. Bondurant, Joan V. 1969. *Conquest of Violence: The Gandhian Philosophy of Conflict*. Berkeley: University of California Press.
2. Chakrabarty, Bidyut. 2006. *Social and Political Thought of Mahatma Gandhi*. London & New York: Routledge.
3. Charles, R. DiSalvo. 2013. *M.K. Gandhi, Attorney at Law: The Man before Mahatma*. California: University of California Press.
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6. Diwakar, R.R. 1969. *Saga of Satyagraha*. New Delhi: Gandhi Peace Foundation.
7. Fischer, Louis. 1997. *The Life of Mahatma Gandhi*. London: Harper Collins.
8. Gandhi, M.K. 1949. *Non-violence in Peace and War* (Vol. 1). Ahmedabad: Navajivan Publishing House.
9. .... 2010. *The Story of My Experiments with Truth: An Autobiography*. New Delhi: OM Books International.
10. Guyde, Mallac. 1987. *Seven steps to Global Changes: Gandhi's message for Today*. Sante Fe, New Mexico: Ocean Tree Book.
11. Harold Coward. 2003. *Indian Critiques of Gandhi*. State University of New York Press.

12. Howard, Veena R. 2013. *Gandhi's Ascetic Activism: Renunciation and Social Activism*. New York: State University of New York Press.
13. Iyer, Raghavan N. 2000. *The Moral and Political Thought of Mahatma*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
14. Kripalani, Krishna (ed.) 1969. *All Men are Brothers: Life and Thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi*. Switzerland: UNESCO.
15. Kumarasamy, Anand. 2010. *Gandhi on Personal Leadership*. Delhi: JAICO Publishing House.
16. Lelyveld, Joseph. 2011. *Great Soul: Mahatma Gandhi and his struggle with India*. New York: Published by Alfred A. Knopf.
17. Manshardt, Clifford. 1949. *The Mahatma and the Missionary: Selected Writings of Mohandas K. Gandhi*. Chicago: Henry Regnery Company.
18. Parekh, Bikhru. 1989. *Gandhi's Political Philosophy: A Critical Examination*. Notre Dame: Notre Dame University Press.
19. Sharma, J.N. 2008. *Satyagraha: Gandhi's Approach to Conflict Resolution*. New Delhi: Concept Publishing House.
20. Singh, Aakash & Silika Mohapatra (eds.) 2010. *Indian Political Thought: A Reader*. London & New York: Routledge.
21. Weber, Thomas. 1991. *Conflict Resolution and Gandhian Ethics*. New Delhi: Gandhi Peace Foundation.
22. Wolpert, Stanley. 2001. *Gandhi's Passion: The Life and Legacy of Mahatma Gandhi*. Oxford & New York: Oxford University Press.

COs and Bloom's Taxonomy Level (BTL) Mapping – 26PL514		
Course Outcomes	On completing P.G. program in Political Science the students will be able to	BTL
CO1	Recall the fundamental philosophy and views of Mahatma Gandhi, and explain the core principles and concepts of Gandhian philosophy and their historical significance	K1, K2
CO2	Apply Gandhian principles to analyze and interpret contemporary issues and challenges in the 21 <sup>st</sup> century	K3
CO3	Analyse and critically evaluate Gandhian concepts and ideas, considering their relevance and applicability in the modern world	K4
CO4	Evaluate the impact and limitations of Gandhian philosophy in addressing current global societal and political challenges	K5
CO5	Generate new ideas inspired by Gandhian principles to address national issues	K6

BTL K1 and K2 – Remembering and Understanding, K3- Applying, K4 – Analyse, K5- Evaluate and K6- Create

Relationship Matrix – 26PL514													
Course Outcomes	Programme Outcomes (POs)						Programme Specific Outcomes (PSOs)						Mean Score of COs
	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	PSO1	PSO2	PSO3	PSO4	PSO5	PSO6	
CO1	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	2.66
CO2	2	3	3	3	2	3	2	3	3	1	3	3	2.58
CO3	1	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	2	3	3	2.66
CO4	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	2	3	3	2.5
CO5	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	2	3	3	2.75
												<b>Total</b>	<b>2.63</b>

Mean Score: 3- High, 2- Medium/Moderate, 1-Low