



ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE – MUMBAI
(Est. 1869)

(An Autonomous College affiliated to The University of Mumbai)

Syllabus for Post-Graduate Course

Subject: Public Policy

**(Credit Based Semester and Grading System with effect from
the academic year 2019 – 2020)**

THE RATIONALE:

Why study Public Policy?

As public policy is an integral aspect of governance and routine living, it is necessary for the academic world to critically engage with it. Currently, in India, there is a dearth of post-graduate degree courses in public policy. It is for these reasons that the College had launched a multi-disciplinary Master in Public Policy (MPP) Course in 2013. The course is ideal for Civil Servants, NGO / Development practitioners or those who aspire to join government services; those who aspire to research and publish in the field of Public Policy, especially those who wish to join policy research centres / organizations and those who desire to work in the field of Corporate Social Responsibility; Communications / Media related work around policy issues; consulting for Public Sector.

What will I study?

The Programme offers students a wide range of courses that include:

- a. Economics, Law, Ethics, Foreign Policy as well as Project Planning and Management;
- b. Public Policy Courses covering formulation of policies to evaluating and restructuring them in the realms of the rural and urban, media, education and labour spheres;
- c. Research Methodology and Dissertation Writing

Why should I choose Public Policy at Xavier's?

At St. Xavier's College, Mumbai, this Public Policy Programme aims at:

- a. Increasing students' academic expertise by ensuring that they not only understand the theoretical aspects of the courses but also grapple with the relevance of the theoretical constructs in improving the quality of life of the people impacted by the concerned public policies. The Teaching-Learning process is such that contemporary (regional, national and global) issues have to be engaged with in the classroom discussions and during the exams. The examinations are innovatively structured so as to challenge the students' pool of knowledge acquired, understanding of the concepts learned as well as analytical and articulation (written and spoken) skills.
- b. Building students' innate scholastic capacities by exposing them to activities beyond the classroom. Students are encouraged to participate in relevant co-curricular activities conducted by other educational institutions and think-tanks, students are urged to write and publish in

relevant journals and students are given a hands-on experience of public policy enactment by being taken to the field as well as being lectured to by experts in relevant public spheres

- c. Developing students' extra-curricular and soft-skills by giving them the opportunity to edit and manage the department's annual students' research Journal (viz., Niti Samvaad – the Journal) and organizing a public policy conclave (viz., Niti Samvaad – the Conclave) every other year.
- d. Inculcating in students a sense of an educational paradigm that is inclusive, innovative and integrated, based on the Ignatian Pedagogical Practices in keeping with the Vision-Mission Statement of the College.

Interdisciplinary approach in Public Policy:

The Programme has been so designed that the student has to study the theoretical aspects of Public Policy through the lenses of the various social sciences and contemporary areas studies like Gender, Health and Environment. The students are also put through the rigour of research by getting them to learn relevant statistical techniques so as to draw relevant inferences, reach viable conclusions and thereby make feasible suggestions. This learning programme culminates in the students writing and defending a dissertation on a topic of public interest by anchoring the deliberations in a relevant public policy (or policies) that are currently in practice in the country

LIST OF COURSES OFFERED FOR MASTERS IN PUBLIC POLICY (June 2019 onwards)

1st Semester:

- APPY0701 – Public Policy Analysis
- APPY0702 – Introduction to Research Methodology
- APPY0703 – Ethics and Redistribution
- APPY0704 – Law and Public Policy

2nd Semester:

- APPY0801 – Economy, Society and Public Policy
- APPY0802 – Quantitative Methods and Data Analytics

A student has to choose ANY TWO of the following elective courses:

- PPEC0801 – Environment and Public Policy
- PPEC0802 – Gender and Public Policy
- PPEC0803 – Health Policy

3rd Semester:

- APPY0901 – Development and Public Policy
- APPY0902 – Project Planning, Management and Evaluation

A student has to choose ANY TWO of the following elective courses:

- PPEC0901 – Urban Planning Policy
- PPEC0902 – Rural Policy
- PPEC0903 – Foreign Policy

4th Semester:

- APPY1001 – Economic Institutions and Public Policy
- APPY1002 – Dissertation Writing

A student has to choose ANY TWO of the following elective courses:

- PPEC1001 – Globalization and Labour Policy
- PPEC1002 – Media and Public Policy
- PPEC1003 – Education Policy

COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES IN PUBLIC POLICY 2020 – 2021

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Revision	Course Code	Title of the Paper	Original	Revised	% Change	Date -month-year of Revision
1 st						
2 nd						
3 rd						

PROGRAMME SPECIFIC OUTCOMES

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PSO 1	Understand and apply current theories, paradigms, concepts and principles of policy studies to new problems in changing policy environments.
PSO 2	Independently formulate relevant research questions, develop preliminary hypotheses, conduct data collection and analysis, draw conclusions based on evidence and design innovative policy recommendations.
PSO 3	Interpret existing and new public policies and laws.
PSO 4	Evaluate public policies using qualitative and quantitative methods.
PSO 5	Engage with public, non-profit and private entities to achieve the learning objectives of the program.
PSO 6	Make written and oral presentations to specialist and non-specialist audiences, both individually and in a group and work in multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural teams.