Department of History  
Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad  

Syllabus for PG History  
(Session 2015-2017)

Scheme: Semester  
Semesters: I-IV  
No. Of Courses: 16  
Total marks: 1600

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Course: HS01T
Course Title: Ancient India from Earliest Times to the Mauryas

Unit-I
A. Sources of Ancient Indian History: A Survey
   - Archaeology;
   - Epigraphy;
   - Numismatics;
   - Literary Sources: Normative and Creative
B. Pre-History
   - Palaeolithic and Mesolithic Cultures
   - Neolithic Culture
C. Proto-History
   - Chalcolithic Culture;
   - Harappan Culture & Civilization

Unit-II Vedic Period
A. Early Vedic Age: Religion, Society, Economy & Polity
B. Later Vedic Age: Change and Continuity
C. The Aryans: Historical Debate

Unit-III
A. Towards Complex Society
   - Urban Centres, Society and Economy: Iron and Social Change
B. Janapadas & Mahajanapadas
   - Emergence of State System: Monarchical and Republican
   - Iranian and Macedonian Invasions and Impact on India
C. Religious Movements
   - Jainism, Buddhism and Ajivikism

Unit-IV Mauryas
   - India at the Time of the Mauryas;
   - Understanding the Mauryan State;
   - Socio-economic Foundations;
   - Dhamma, Art and Architecture;
   - Decline of the Mauryan Empire

Suggested Readings:
5. Sharma, R.S., Material Culture and Social Formations in Ancient India, 1983.

SEMESTER-I

Course No: HS02T
Course Title: Medieval India: Political and Administrative Institutions

UNIT-I Medieval Era in Indian History
- Sources of the Delhi Sultanate;
- Sources of the Mughal Empire

UNIT-II Growth and Expansion of the Delhi Sultanate
- India on the Eve of Turkish Conquest;
- Nature of State;
- Administrative Institutions;
- Social Groups;
- Regional Sultanates

UNIT-III
A. The Mughal Empire
- Foundation and Nature of the Mughal State;
- Monarchy and Theory;
- Mughal Nobility and Administrative System

UNIT-IV
- Decline of the Mughal Empire;
- Rise of Regional Powers;
- Eighteenth Century India: A Debate

Suggested Readings:

5. Topa, Ishwar,*Politics in Pre-Mughal Times*, Idrah-i Adabiyat-I Delhi, Delhi,

**SEMMESTER-I**

**Course No:** HS03T  
**Course Title:** Modern World-I

**UNIT-I Early Modern Europe**
- Understanding Early Modern Europe;
- Renaissance, Reformation and Counter-reformation;
- Geographical Discoveries and its Consequences;
- Early Colonialism

**UNIT-II Political & Technological Development**
- Rise of Nation States;
- Absolutism in Europe;
- Industrial Revolution

**UNIT-III Dawn of Democracy**
- Democratic Concept & Constitutional Development;
- The American Revolution;
- The French Revolution;
- Napoleonic France

**UNIT-IV Nationalism in Ascendance**
- Eastern Question;
- The Unification of Italy;
- The Unification of Germany;
- Intellectual trends: Liberalism, Nationalism and Socialism

**Suggested Readings:**
Course No: HS04T
Course Title: Historiography: Ancient and Medieval World

UNIT-I
A. Ancient Historiography
   • Greek and Roman Traditions;
   • Chinese Traditions;
   • Ancient Indian Traditions with special reference to Kalhana’s Rajatarangni

UNIT-II
B. Medieval Historiography
   • Arab Historiography;
   • Persian Traditions

UNIT-III
C. Medieval Indian Historiography
   • Traditions of the Delhi Sultanate;
   • Traditions of the Regional Sultanates

UNIT-IV
D. Mughal Historiography
   • Traditions of the Mughal Empire

SuggestedReadings:

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**SEMESTER-II**

**Course No:** HS05T  
**Course Title:** Ancient India: Post-Mauryas to the Early Medieval Times

**Unit-I Post-Mauryan Context**  
**A. North India**  
- Sungas and Kanvas: State and Society;  
- Central Asian Contacts: Greeks, Sakas (Scythians), Parthians and the Kushans;  
- Socio-Economic and Cultural Impact on North India  

**B. Central India, Deccan and the Far South**  
- Satavahanas and Western Kshatrapas: State and Society;  
- Society in Early Historical South India with Reference to the Sangam Literature;  
- Agricultural Production and Land revenue; Beginning of Land Grants;  
- Craft Production, Trade, Urban Growth and Guilds

**Unit-II**  
**Situating the Age of Guptas**  
- Political Consolidation and Administrative Organisation;  
- Agrarian and Non-Agrarian Economy;  
- Socio-Religious Milieu ;  
- Science and Technology;  
- Art, Architecture and Literature

**Unit-III**  
**Towards the early Medieval**  
- Vakatakas, Pallivas and Chalukyas: Polity, Economy, Society, Religion & Art  
- Harsha: State, Society and Religion

**UNIT-IV**  
**Interpreting early Medieval India**  
- Economy and Society in North India;  
- Chola: Polity, Society, Economy and Culture;  
- Transition from early Medieval to the Medieval Period

**Suggested Readings:**  
10. Sahu, B.P., ed., *Land System and Rural Society in Early Medieval India*.  
SEMESTER-II

Course No:           HS06T
Course Title:       Medieval India: Society and Culture

UNIT-I Defining Medieval India
- Indian Society on the eve of the Turkish Conquest;
- Technology, Institutions and Social Change;
- Impact of Islam on North Indian Society and Culture

UNIT-II Medieval Indian Cultural Pluralities
- Art and Architecture and Regional Styles;
- Indo-Central Asian Architecture;
- Music and Fine Arts;
- Languages and Literature;
- Educational System

UNIT-III Mughal India
A. Society
- Social Stratification: Regional Settings;
- Position of Women and Mughal Harem;
- Technological Development and Social Mobility

B. Art & Architecture
- The Mughal Architecture;
- Painting and Regional Styles;
- Languages and Literature;
- Centres of Learning;
- Composite Culture

UNIT-IV Religious Developments
- Bhakti Movement and the Regional Strands;
- Sufism: Major Orders and Role;
- Sikhism;
- Muslim Revivalist Movements

Suggested Readings:
11. Hasan, S. Nurul., *State, Society and Religion in Medieval India*.

SEMESTER-II

Course No: HS07T
Course Title: Modern India (1757-1857)

UNIT-I Eighteenth Century India: Plassey and After
- Emergence of Regional Powers;
- European Colonial Powers: Struggle for Hegemony;
- Foundation of the British Rule

UNIT-II British Indian Empire
A. The Imperial Ideology:
   - Liberalism and the Empire;
   - Orientalism, Utilitarianism and Native Response
B. Instruments of Expansion
   - War and Diplomacy;
   - Apparatus of Rule: Structures and Institutions;
   - Parliament and the Empire: Constitutional Development;
   - Frontier Policy

UNIT-III Impact of British Rule
A. The Colonial Economy:
   - Land Revenue Settlements: Permanent, Ryotwari and Mahalwari Settlements;
   - Drain of Wealth and Decline of Indigenous Industries;
   - Characterising Colonial Economy
B. Rise and Growth of Modern Education
C. Socio-Religious Reform Movements

UNIT-IV Resistance to the British Rule
- Nature and Forms of Resistance;
- Major Peasant and Tribal Uprisings;
- 1857 Rebellion and Transition to the British Raj

Suggested Readings:

SEMESTER-II

Course No: HS08T
Course Title: Modern Historiography

UNIT-I
Approaches to History
- Renaissance and Evolution of Scientific Historiography;
- Legacy of the Enlightenment;
- Positivism and Ranke;
- Marx and the Materialistic Interpretation of History; Gramsci;
- E. H. Carr on “What is History”;
- French Annalists; History of Mentalities

UNIT-II Philosophy of History
- Spenglar and Decline of the West; Toynbee and History of Civilizations

UNIT-III
Post-Modernist Approach
- Post-Modernism: Foucault, Derrida and Hayden White

UNIT-IV
- Indian Approaches

Suggested Readings:

**SEMIESTER-III**

**Course No:** HS09T  
**Course Title:** Medieval India: Economic History

**UNIT-I Economy of Delhi Sultanate**
- Indian Economy on the Eve of Turkish Conquest;
- Economic Consequences of Turkish Conquest

**Agrarian Economy**
- Village Structure;
- Agricultural Production and Technology;
- Agrarian Taxation and Mode of Assessment and Payment;
- Revenue Assignments and Grants;

**UNIT-II**
**Non Agrarian Economy**
**A. Crafts and Urbanization**
- Major Crafts, Organization, Technology and Urbanization

**B. Trade Structure and currency**
- Internal and External Trade;
- Coins & Currency System

**UNIT-III**
**Economic History of Mughal India**
**A. Agrarian Economy**
- Village Community;
- Agricultural Production and Technology;
- Agrarian Taxation and Mode of Assessment and Payment;
- Revenue Assignments and Grants;
- Agrarian Crisis

**B. Agrarian Economy: Regional States of Marathas, Deccan & Kashmir**
**C. Crafts and Urbanization**
UNIT-IV
A. Trade and Commerce under the Mughals
- Commercial Policy;
- External Trade: Coming of the Europeans;
- Market, Merchant, Capital, and Currency;
- Potentialities of Capitalist Developments
B. Non-Agrarian Economy: Regional States of Marathas, Deccan & Kashmir
C. Eighteenth Century Indian Economy – Debate

Suggested Readings:
1. Alvi, Seema (eds), The Eighteenth Century in India, Debates in Indian History and Society, Permanent Black, New Delhi, 2007.
7. Habib Irfan, Agrarian System of Mughal India (1556-1707), New Delhi.
9. Hassan S. Nurul, Thoughts on Agrarian Relations in Mughal India, New Delhi, 1971.
15. Naqvi Hamida Khatoon, Urban Centres and Industries in upper India (1556-1803), Bombay, 1968.
19. Roy and Bagchi, Technology in Ancient and Medieval India, Delhi.
23. Stein Burton, Peasant State and Society in Medieval South India, New Delhi, 1980

SEMESTER-III

Course No: HS10T
Course Title: Modern India (1858-1947)

UNIT-I
The Colonial State
- Consolidation of the British Rule: New Administrative Apparatus;
- Relations with the Native States
UNIT-II Economy under the British Rule -I
- Railways, Transport & Communication;
- Commercialization of agriculture: the Making of a Colonial Economy;
- Famine Policy

UNIT-III Economy under the British Rule -II
- Indian Capitalist Development: Industry & Finance;
- Changing Nature of External Trade;
- Monetary Policy, Credit System and Price Movements

UNIT – IV
Socio-cultural Profile of British India
- Socio-legal Intervention by the Raj;
- Revivalist & Reform Movements;
- Education a& the Emergence of Middle Class;
- Coming of Print & Public Spheres : English & Vernacular;
- Women’s Organizations & Struggle for Women’s Rights

Suggested Readings:
17. Metcalf, Barbara, Islamic Contestations, Cambridge University Press.
Course No: HS11T
Course Title: Women in Modern India

Unit: I
- Need for the Study of Women’s History;
- Approaches and Sources;
- Women in Pre-modern India

Unit: II
Women during the Colonial Period
- Colonial Perception of Indian Women;
- Reform Movements & Women’s Question;
- Social Reform & Muslim Women;
- Education & Women;
- Discussion on Widowhood & Sati

Unit: III
Indian Politics & Women
- Self-respect Movement;
- Devdasis and Courtesans;
- Participation of the Women in the Freedom Struggle: Their Experiences & Perceptions;
- Congress, Left Parties & Muslim Women;
- Civil and Political Rights & Women;
- Hindu Code Bill & Women

Unit: IV
Women & Knowledge Production in the Colonial Period
- Intellectuals: Rassundari Devi; Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain; Sugra Humayun Mirza; Pandita Ramabai Saraswati; and Durgabhai Deshmukh;
- Medicine;
- Journalism: Hindi & Urdu;
- Dalit Women

Suggested Readings:
2. Barlas, Asma, Quran and Women’s Liberation, Critical Quest, New Delhi, 2011.

**SEMESTER-III**

**Course No:** HS12T  
**Course Title:** Medieval Deccan and Far South

**Unit –I**

**Political Process & the Structure of Politics**
- Kakatiya Legacy;
- Administrative Apparatus & Nature of State: Continuity & Change

**Unit –II**

**Vijayanagara Empire**
- Foundation and Expansion;
- Society & Economy including trade;
- Administrative Structure & Nature of State;
- Art & Architecture;
- Decline of Vijayanagara Empire

**Unit –III**

**Bahmani Kingdom: Politico-administrative Set Up**
- Foundation and Expansion;
- Administrative Organisation & Nature of State;
- Decline of Bahmani Kingdom

**Unit –IV**

**Regional Formations in the Deccan & far South**
- Consolidation of the Five Deccani Sultanates: Society, Polity & Economy;
- Rise of Asaf Jahis;
  A. Emergence of Kingdoms in Far South;
  B. Evolution of a Deccani Culture

**Suggested Readings:**
10. Kesavan Veluthat: *The Political Structure of Early Medieval South India*.
17. M. Habib, & K.A. Nizami: *Comprehensive History of India*, vol. 5.

**SEMESTER-III**

**Course No:** HS13T  
**Course Title:** Modern World-II  

**UNIT-I**  
A. **Understanding the Nineteenth Century**  
   - Capitalism; Imperialism;  
   - Liberalism; Socialism and Nationalism  
B. **World Order Up To 1919**  
   - Origins of the First World War;  
   - Paris Peace Settlement: An Appraisal;  
   - Russian Revolution of 1917 and its Consequences  

**UNIT-II**  
**World between the Two Wars**  
   - League of Nations and Collective Security;  
   - Crisis in Capitalism & the Great Depression;  
   - Nazism in Germany ;  
   - Fascism in Italy  

**UNIT-III**  
A. **Second World War and the New Order**  
   - Causes & Effects of the Second World War;  
   - Nationalist Movements & De-colonization ;  
   - Chinese Communist Revolution & its Impact  
B. **Cold War and its Effects**  
   - Ideological and Political Basis of Cold War;  
   - Non-Aligned Movement and the Third World;  
   - UNO: Achievements & Challenges  

**UNIT-IV**  
A. **Progressive Popular Movements**
• Apartheid;
• Civil Rights Movement;
• Feminism

B. Collapse of the Soviet Union & the End of Cold War
• Fall of the Socialist Experience;
• New World Order;
• Globalization: Economic & cultural Dimensions

Suggested Readings:

SEMESTER-IV

Course No: HS14T
Course Title: Medieval Indian Numismatics

Unit I
Beginning of a New Coinage Tradition in India
• Introduction of Islamic Coinage: Transition from Ancient to Medieval;
• Medieval Indian Coinage as a Source of History;
• Language and Script of Coins;
• Date, Mints & Minting Techniques

Unit – II
Coin Series of the Delhi Sultanate
• Pre-Sultanate Coins;
• Bull and Horseman Type coins;
• Introduction of Bilingual Coins;
• Mamluk Coins;
• Khalji Coins;
• Tughluq Coins; and
Unit –III

A. Coinage of Provincial Sultanates
   - Bengal, Malwa, Jaunpur, Gujarat, Khandesh, Madurai and Kashmir;

B. Coins of Deccani Sultanate
   - Bahamanis;
   - Bahamani Successors;

C. Coins of Vijaynagar

Unit-IV

A. Mughal Coinage and Currency System
   - Babar and Humayun;
   - Coinage and Metrology of Akbar;
   - Coins of Jahangir, Shahjahan Aurangzeb and Later Mughals

B. Coinage of Successor States

Suggested Readings
5. Gupta, Parmeshwari Lal., *Coins*, NBT, New Delhi
11. Khan, Abdul Wali., *Bahamani Coins in the Andhra Pradesh Government Museum*,

SEMESTER-IV

Course No: HS15T
Course Title: India and its Central Asian Neighbourhood

UNIT-I

India and Central Asia: Common Legacy
   - Connected Histories Through Time;
   - Political Linkages;
UNIT-II
Interactions & Mutual Cultural Adaptations
- Paganism;
- Hinduism;
- Buddhism;
- Islam & Sufism;
- Mutual Diaspora;
- Cultural Synergy

UNIT-III
Trade Dynamics
- Silk Route Networks;
- Commodity Structure;
- Trade Interdependence;
- Merchant Community;
- State Policy

UNIT-IV
Future Continuum & Areas of Strategic Cooperation
- Security;
- Energy;
- Trade

Suggested Readings


**SEMESTER-IV**

**Course No:** HS16T  
**Course Title:** Project