

UG First Semester
Gen-Ed
POLS 131: Basics of Indian Constitution (50 Marks)

The course is intended to provide an elementary understanding of the basic structure and fundamental concerns enshrined in the Constitution of India. Students from Natural and Biological Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences are encouraged to take up this paper in order to learn the basics of Indian Constitution

1. The philosophy of the Constitution: The Preamble
2. Fundamental Rights; Fundamental Duties, Directive Principles of State Policy.
3. The Executive of India: President, Prime Minister, and the Council of Ministers.
4. The Legislature of India: Council of States and the House of the People
5. The Judiciary of India: Supreme Court and the High Courts

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Granville Austin, *Working a Democratic Constitution : The Indian experience*.
M. V. Pylee, *Constitutional Government in India*.
J. C. Johari, *Indian Government and Politics*.
Granville Austin, *The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation*.
Durga Das Basu, *Shorter Constitution of India*.
Alladi Krishnaswami Aiyer, *Constitution and Fundamental Rights*.
A. G. Noorani, *Constitutional Questions and Citizens' Rights*.