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(Deemed to be University)

Gultekdi, Pune - 411 037.

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NEHRU INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

M. A. SOCIAL SCIENCES

(Economics, History, Political Science, Sociology)

PROSPECTUS 2025-26

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VISION

- To explore unity and diversity of knowledge through interdisciplinary perspective.

MISSION

- To impart National education among the Masses.
- To establish centre for excellence in interdisciplinary research.
- To impart values and spirit of humanism, social justice and nationalism

Programme Offered



Programme on Offer		
1.	M.A.	Economics/History/ Political Science/Sociology
2.	Ph.D.	Economics/History/ Political Science/Sociology

M.A. SOCIAL SCIENCES PROGRAMMES (ECONOMICS / HISTORY / POLITICAL SCIENCE / SOCIOLOGY)

1. Master of Arts (M.A.) Programmes

The Nehru Institute of Social Sciences offers the following programmes:

- i) M.A. in Economics
- ii) M.A. in History
- iii) M.A. in Political Science
- iv) M.A. in Sociology

2. General Objectives of the Programme

- i) To impart high-quality knowledge among students, as per the guidelines given by NEP-2020.
- ii) To prepare students for a variety of challenging careers through innovation in teaching and research.
- iii) To develop a comprehensive understanding of interdisciplinary and core issues of society.

3. Preamble

The Nehru Institute of Social Sciences offers Master of Arts (M.A.) programmes in four key subjects: **Economics, History, Political Science, and Sociology**. These programs and their syllabi have been **revised and designed in accordance with the National Education Policy - 2020 (NEP-2020)** guidelines from the Government of India, as well as resolutions from the Government of Maharashtra for NEP-2020 implementation. The newly designed M.A. programmes, based on NEP-2020, will be **effective from the academic year 2024-25**. This syllabus structure incorporates a **semester and credit system**, with **research methodology, On Job Training, Indian Knowledge System (IKS)** and research projects as integral components.

4. General Highlights of the Programmes/Courses

- Based on National Education Policy - 2020 introduced by the Government of India.
- Based on the Resolutions passed by the Government of Maharashtra regarding the implementation of NEP-2020 in the state.
- Research Training, On-Job Training, Survey and Research Projects are an integral part of the syllabus.
- All Major Courses are mandatory or compulsory.
- Students have to choose/select one course for each semester from the elective courses.
- Research Methodology is a compulsory course for the First Semester.

- On-Job Training/Field Project/Internship/Apprenticeship is compulsory for all students.
- Research Project is compulsory.
- Indian Knowledge System (IKS) courses introduced.
- Internal Assessment of the students through assignments and presentations

5) Examination and Methods of Evaluation:

5.1 The M.A. Programmes (M.A. in Economics / M.A. in History / M.A. in Political Science / M.A. in Sociology) will have four Semester End Examinations (for a two-year M.A. Programme). The term-end examination will be based on the theory syllabus designed as per NEP-2020 guidelines. These theory examinations will be held at the end of each semester (December and May of every academic year).

- The examination will follow a **Semester pattern**.
- The overall assessment scheme will be divided into **internal and external examinations**.
- The **internal examination** includes assignments, presentations, book reviews and similar activities.
- The **external examination** consists of a theory examination conducted by the Department of Examination.
- For a **4-Credit Course**, the assessment is a **60:40 pattern** (60 marks for the external theory exam + 40 marks for the internal assessment).
- In the case of **research projects and on-job training**, the department or faculty will assess as per the policy outlined in the syllabus structure. (The details about OJT/Research projects are available on website)
- Indian Knowledge System (IKS) courses are offered on internal examination basis (Online Examination and Internal Assignments)

5.2 The minimum passing marks in each mode of evaluation will be **40 percent in each course**.

Assessment Type	Total Marks	Minimum Passing Marks Required
For 4-Credits Course		
External Theory Examination	60 Marks	24 Marks (Out of 60 Marks)
Internal Examination	40 Marks	16 Marks (Out of 40 Marks)
For IKS Courses (2 Credits) Internal Examination	50 Marks	20 Marks (out of 50 Marks)

5.3 The internal assessment (40 marks) will be conducted in **four stages** in each semester as part of the **Continuous Internal Evaluation (CIE) process**. Students can take backlog internal and external examinations as per the rules. There shall be **re-evaluation of the Semester-end examination (Theory examination)** but not internal assessment papers. Candidates may apply for re-evaluation or rechecking of marks by paying the respective fees. Students should submit the rechecking/revaluation form **within 15 days after the declaration of the result**.

5.4 Internal Examination/Evaluation for 4-Credits Courses (Total Marks = 40)

The internal assessment for 4-credit courses will be based on a combination of the following,

- i) Assignments: 4 assignments per course/paper, each carrying 10 marks.
OR
- ii) Assignments and Presentations: 2 assignments and 2 presentations per course/paper, each carrying 10 marks.
OR
- iii) Assignments and Book Reviews: 2 assignments and 2 book reviews per course/paper, each carrying 10 marks.
OR
- iv) Assignments and Article Reviews: 2 assignments and 2 article reviews per course/paper, each carrying 10 marks.

5.5 Indian Knowledge System (IKS) Internal Examination/ Evaluation for 2-Credits Courses (Total Marks = 50)

- For IKS-Generic Course- (Semester-II) (50 Marks) - Online Examination based on Syllabus
- For Discipline-IKS Course (Semester-IV) (50 Marks) Internal Examination
(Students shall submit 5 Assignments each carries 10 marks based on Syllabus)
(For more information, students can contact the department.)

6. Teaching Hours

The teaching hours for faculty and departments will adhere to the provisions of **Clause 15 of the UGC Regulations on Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and Other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education, 2018**.

Teaching activities are conducted from **11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on working days**. Internal evaluation activities are carried out as per the department's schedule.

7. Seats Approved

20 students per academic year per programme.

8. Eligibility

- **A Bachelor's Degree in the respective subject** from any recognized university.
- OR
- **A Bachelor's Degree in any science, engineering, or any professional programme** from any recognized university.

9. Age Limit

There is **no age limit** for these programmes as of today.

10. Admission Process

Admission is open during every academic year in the months of **July/August**.

- **Entrance Examination**

Entrance examination shall be conducted in the month of July/August as applicable. The details of the entrance examinations will be displayed/ uploaded on the Vidyapeeth website as per the schedule provided by the authority.

- **Medium of Instruction**

The medium of instruction shall be **Marathi and English**. Students will have the option to write answer scripts in **Marathi and English** only.

11. Exit Options

- Post Graduate Degree** after successfully completing **FOUR semesters with 86 Credits**.
- Post Graduate Diploma** after successfully completing **TWO semesters with 42 Credits** (For students admitted after Three Years of Undergraduate Degree).
- One Year Post Graduate Degree** after successfully completing **TWO semesters with 44 Credits** (For students admitted after Four Years of Undergraduate Degree).

12. Programme and Courses for M.A. Programme (Regular)

- Two-year Programme with Four Semesters
- Twenty Two Courses for the Programme
- 2150 marks for the entire Programme
- Four Groups of Courses :
 - Group 1: Core Papers
 - Group 2: Core Elective Papers
 - Group 3: OJT/Research Projects/Field Project
 - Group 4: Indian Knowledge System (IKS) Courses

Note:

- 1) The details of the research projects and OJT and Research Projects are available on Vidyapeeth website.
- 2) The research projects are subject to plagiarism policy

13. Examination Instructions for Repeater Students

- Students who have a backlog of 1st year papers must fill out the backlog form and pay the fees.
- Students who have a backlog of 2nd year papers must fill out the backlog form and pay the fees.
- Students who have a backlog of both years (1st year and 2nd year) must fill out the backlog form and pay the fees.
- Backlog forms are available in the Post Graduate Department of Nehru Institute of Social Sciences for regular students.
- Research Project 'Plagiarism' checking fee Rs.500/- are to be paid separately.

14. Examination Instructions

Vidyapeeth examinations are conducted according to the examination timetable notified by the Vidyapeeth at the end of each semester/year. Students are required to appear for written as well as internal evaluation/oral/practical examinations as per the course syllabus of their subject.

15. Revaluation & Rechecking/Verification of Marks

Candidates may apply for revaluation or rechecking of marks by paying the respective revaluation or rechecking fees. Students should submit the rechecking/revaluation form **within 15 days** after the declaration of the result.

16. Class Improvement

The revised M.A. Programme was introduced from the year 2025-26 onwards and is currently operational. After passing the M.A. examination (all 23 papers), if a student does not achieve a **II class**, they will be allowed to improve their class in a minimum of one or a maximum of three papers from both years under the **Class Improvement Scheme** of the Vidyapeeth.

17. Results

Results of the Vidyapeeth examinations are declared within 30 days after the end of the examination. The Vidyapeeth reserves the right to withhold a student's result if they have not cleared their dues.

Important Note:

- **Validity of Registration** is up to **5 years** from the academic year of registration.
- **Medium:** English and Marathi.
- Students should **abide by all the rules** made by the Vidyapeeth from time to time.
- For further academic details, students should **contact the Department of Nehru Institute of Social Sciences (NISS)**.

18. Fee Structure:

Fee Structure for Indian Students (2025-26)

Course Name	Tuition	Admission	Exam	Eligibility	Library	Laboratory/ Practical	Total
First Year	19500	1000	3000	1000	500	-	25000
Second Year	21500	1000	3000	-	500	-	26000

Fee Structure for Foreign Students (2025-26)

Course Name	Tuition	Admission	Exam	Eligibility	Library	Laboratory/ Practical	Total
First Year	39000	2000	6000	2000	1000	-	50000
Second Year	43000	2000	6000	-	1000	-	52000

Note :

- 1) Library deposit **Rs. 2000/-** (Refundable)
- 2) Please note that a separate Fee of **Rs. 500/-** will be charged for the plagiarism check process.

M. A. PROGRAMME (CODE - 580)

Subjects offered : ♦ Economics
♦ History
♦ Political Science
♦ Sociology

Duration : 2 Years / 4 Semesters

Intake : 20 Students Per Accademic Year per Programme.

FIRST YEAR

Eligibility conditions for admission : A graduate in any faculty of a statutory Vidyapeeth or of any other institution recognised by the UGC is eligible for admission to the first year of M. A.

M.A. ECONOMICS (PROGRAMME CODE-580) - FIRST YEAR

SEMESTER - I

Subject Code	Course Name	Category	Credit			Theory Marks		Practical Marks		Total Mark
			Theory	Practical	Total	External	Internal	External	Internal	
ECOMJC-101	Demography	Core 1	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
ECOMJC-102	Economics of Environment	Core 2	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
ECOMJC-103	Public Economics	Core 3	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
ECOMJE-101 OR ECOMJE-102	Economics of Agriculture OR Economics of Industries	Core Electives (Choose any one)	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
ECORM-101	Research Methodology	RM	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
Total			20	-	20	300	200	-	-	500

SEMESTER - II

Subject Code	Course Name	Category	Credit			Theory Marks		Practical Marks		Total Mark
			Theory	Practical	Total	External	Internal	External	Internal	
ECOMJC-201	Economics of Growth & Development	Core 1	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
ECOMJC-202	Economics of Labour	Core 2	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
ECOMJC-203	Indian Public Finance	Core 3	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
ECOMJE-201 OR ECOMJE-202	Economics of Indian Agriculture OR Economics of Indian Industries	Core Electives (Choose any one)	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
ECOINT-201	Internship	OJT	0	4	4	-	-	60	40	100
MIKS25	Indian Knowledge System (IKS)	IKS-Generic	2	-	2	-	50	-	-	50
Total			18	4	22	240	210	60	40	550

M.A. ECONOMICS (PROGRAMME CODE-580) - SECOND YEAR

SEMESTER - III

Subject Code	Course Name	Category	Credit			Theory Marks		Practical Marks		Total Mark
			Theory	Practical	Total	External	Internal	External	Internal	
ECOMJC-301	Micro Economics-I	Core 1	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
ECOMJC-302	Macro Economics-I	Core 2	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
ECOMJC-303	Rural Economics	Core 3	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
ECOMJE-301 OR ECOMJE-302	Economics of Gender and Development OR Basic Statistics	Core Electives (Choose any one)	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
ECORP-301	Research Project-1	RP	-	4	4	-	-	60	40	100
ECOIKS-301	Kautilya's Arthashastra	Discipline IKS	2	-	2	-	50	-	-	50
Total			18	4	22	240	210	60	40	550

SEMESTER - IV

Subject Code	Course Name	Category	Credit			Theory Marks		Practical Marks		Total Mark
			Theory	Practical	Total	External	Internal	External	Internal	
ECOMJC-401	Micro Economics-II	Core 1	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
ECOMJC-402	Macro Economics-II	Core 2	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
ECOMJC-403	Urban Economics	Core 3	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
ECOMJE-401 OR ECOMJE-402	Economics of Infrastructure OR Financial Markets & Institutions	Core Electives (Choose any one)	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
ECORP-401	Research Project-II	RP	-	6	6	-	-	100	50	150
Total			16	6	22	240	160	100	50	550

Programme Details



M.A. HISTORY (PROGRAMME CODE-580) - FIRST YEAR

SEMESTER - I

Subject Code	Course Name	Category	Credit			Theory Marks		Practical Marks		Total Mark
			Theory	Practical	Total	External	Internal	External	Internal	
HISMJC-101	Study of Ideas and Institutions in Ancient India	Core 1	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
HISMJC-102	Theory of History	Core 2	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
HISMJC-103	Administrative History of the Marathas	Core 3	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
HISMJE-101 OR HISMJE-102	History of Dalit Movement in 19th century in India OR History of China (1839-1935)	Core Electives (Choose any one)	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
HISRM-101	Research Methodology	RM	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
Total			20	-	20	300	200	-	-	500

Programme Details



SEMESTER - II

Subject Code	Course Name	Category	Credit			Theory Marks		Practical Marks		Total Mark
			Theory	Practical	Total	External	Internal	External	Internal	
HISMJC-201	Study of Ideas and Institutions in Medieval India	Core 1	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
HISMJC-202	Practice of History	Core 2	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
HISMJC-203	Socio-Economic History of the Marathas	Core 3	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
HISMJE-201 OR HISMJE-202	History of Dalit Movement in 20th Century in India OR History of China (1936-1990)	Core Electives (Choose any one)	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
HISINT-201	Internship	OJT	-	4	4	-	-	60	40	100
MIKS25	Indian Knowledge System (IKS)	IKS - Generic	2	-	2	-	50	-	-	50
Total			18	4	22	240	210	60	40	550

M.A. HISTORY (PROGRAMME CODE-580) - SECOND YEAR

SEMESTER - III

Subject Code	Course Name	Category	Credit			Theory Marks		Practical Marks		Total Mark
			Theory	Practical	Total	External	Internal	External	Internal	
HISMJC-301	History of Modern World (1870-1945)	Core 1	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
HISMJC-302	History of Modern India (1857-1947)	Core 2	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
HISMJC-303	History of Modern Maharashtra in 19th Century	Core 3	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
HISMJE-301 OR HISMJE-302	History of Japan (1853-1914) OR Pune Through the Ages	Core Electives (Choose any one)	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
HISRP-301	Research Project-I	RP	-	4	4	-	-	60	40	100
HISIKS-301	History of Science, Technology And Medicine In Ancient India	Discipline IKS	2	-	2	-	50	-	-	50
Total			18	4	22	240	210	60	40	550

Programme Details



SEMESTER - IV

Subject Code	Course Name	Category	Credit			Theory Marks		Practical Marks		Total Mark
			Theory	Practical	Total	External	Internal	External	Internal	
HISMJC-401	History of Modern World (1945-1990)	Core 1	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
HISMJC-402	History of Modern India (1947-1990)	Core 2	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
HISMJC-403	History of Modern Maharashtra in 20th Century	Core 3	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
HISMJE-401 OR HISMJE-402	History of Japan (1914-1990) OR Women in Indian History	Core Electives (Choose anyone)	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
HISRP-401	Research Project-II	RP	-	6	6	-	-	100	50	150
Total			16	6	22	240	160	100	50	550

M.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE (PROGRAMME CODE-580) - FIRST YEAR

SEMESTER - I

Subject Code	Course Name	Category	Credit			Theory Marks		Practical Marks		Total Mark
			Theory	Practical	Total	External	Internal	External	Internal	
POLMJC-101	Political Theory	Core 1	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
POLMJC-102	International Relations	Core 2	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
POLMJC-103	Public Administration	Core 3	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
POLMJE-101 OR POLMJE-102	Politics and Society OR Election Studies: Methods & Issues	Core Electives (Choose any one)	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
POLRM-101	Research Methodology	RM	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
Total			20	-	20	300	200	-	-	500

SEMESTER - II

Subject Code	Course Name	Category	Credit			Theory Marks		Practical Marks		Total Mark
			Theory	Practical	Total	External	Internal	External	Internal	
POLMJC-201	Indian Government and Politics	Core 1	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
POLMJC-202	Comparative Government & Politics	Core 2	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
POLMJC-203	Indian Foreign Policy	Core 3	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
POLMJE-201 OR POLMJE-202	Public Policy OR Political Process of Maharashtra	Core Electives (Choose anyone)	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
POLINT-201	Internship	OJT	-	4	4	-	-	60	40	100
MIKS25	Indian Knowledge System (IKS)	IKS - Generic	2	-	2	-	50	-	-	50
Total			18	4	22	240	210	60	40	550

M.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE (PROGRAMME CODE-580) - SECOND YEAR

SEMESTER - III

Subject Code	Course Name	Category	Credit			Theory Marks		Practical Marks		Total Mark
			Theory	Practical	Total	External	Internal	External	Internal	
POLMJC-301	Western Political Thoughts	Core 1	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
POLMJC-302	Human Rights: Problem and Prospectus	Core 2	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
POLMJC-303	Modern Political Ideology	Core 3	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
POLMJE-301 OR POLMJE-302	Introduction to Indian Constitution OR Social Movements in India	Core Electives (Choose anyone)	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
POLRP-301	Research Project-I	RP	-	4	4	-	-	60	40	100
POLIKS-301	Political Thoughts and Philosophy of Swami Vivekanand	Discipline IKS	2	-	2	-	50	-	-	50
Total			18	4	22	240	210	60	40	550

SEMESTER - IV

Subject Code	Course Name	Category	Credit			Theory Marks		Practical Marks		Total Mark
			Theory	Practical	Total	External	Internal	External	Internal	
POLMJC-401	Inequality and Exclusion	Core 1	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
POLMJC-402	Issues in World Politics	Core 2	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
POLMJC-403	Political Thoughts of Karl Marx	Core 3	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
POLMJE-401 OR POLMJE-402	Local Self Government in India OR Development Administration	Core Electives (Choose anyone)	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
POLRP-401	Research Project-II	RP	-	6	6	-	-	100	50	150
Total			16	6	22	240	160	100	50	550

M.A. SOCIOLOGY (PROGRAMME CODE-580) - FIRST YEAR

SEMESTER - I

Subject Code	Course Name	Category	Credit			Theory Marks		Practical Marks		Total Mark
			Theory	Practical	Total	External	Internal	External	Internal	
SOCMJC-101	Sociology Theory-I	Core 1	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
SOCMJC-102	Social Movement-I	Core 2	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
SOCMJC-103	Gender Studies-I	Core 3	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
SOCMJE-101 OR SOCMJE-102	Risk Society and Disaster Management OR Woman and Law	Core Electives (Choose any one)	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
SOCRM-101	Research Methodology	RM	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
Total			20	-	20	300	200	-	-	500

SEMESTER II

Subject Code	Course Name	Category	Credit			Theory Marks		Practical Marks		Total Mark
			Theory	Practical	Total	External	Internal	External	Internal	
SOCMJC-201	Sociology Theory-II	Core1	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
SOCMJC-202	Social Movement-II	Core2	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
SOCMJC-203	Gender Studies-II	Core3	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
SOCMJE-201 OR SOCMJE-202	Globalization and Society OR Industrial Sociology	Major Electives (Choose any one)	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
SOCINT-201	Internship	OJT	-	4	4	-	-	60	40	100
MIKS25	Indian Knowledge System (IKS)	IKS-Generic	2	-	2	-	50	-	-	50
Total			18	4	22	240	210	60	40	550

M.A. SOCIOLOGY (PROGRAMME CODE-580) - SECOND YEAR

SEMESTER - III

Subject Code	Course Name	Category	Credit			Theory Marks		Practical Marks		Total Mark
			Theory	Practical	Total	External	Internal	External	Internal	
SOCMJC-301	Sociology of India-I	Core1	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
SOCMJC-302	Marginalized Section and Society	Core2	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
SOCMJC-303	Agrarian Sociology	Core3	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
SOCMJE-301 OR SOCMJE-302	Sociology of Exclusion OR Social Stratification	Major Electives (Choose any one)	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
SOCR-301	Research Project-I	RP	-	4	4	-	-	60	40	100
SOCIKS-301	Bhakti Movement in India	Discipline IKS	2	-	2	-	50	-	-	50
Total			18	4	22	240	210	60	40	550

SEMESTER - IV

Subject Code	Course Name	Category	Credit			Theory Marks		Practical Marks		Total Mark
			Theory	Practical	Total	External	Internal	External	Internal	
SOCMJC-401	Sociology of India-II	Core1	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
SOCMJC-402	Sociology of Health	Core2	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
SOCMJC-403	Sociology of Religion-II	Core3	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
SOCMJE-401 OR SOCMJE-402	Crime and Society OR Theorization of Caste	Major Electives (Choose any one)	4	-	4	60	40	-	-	100
SOCR-401	Research Project-II	RP	-	6	6	-	-	100	50	150
Total			16	6	22	240	160	100	50	550