

Course Type	Course Code	Name of the Course	L	T	P	Credit
DE	NMSD524	Public Policy Analysis	3	0	0	3

Course Objectives

The course will provide an overview of actors, outputs, models and theories involved in formation and implementation of public policy. It will help students analyze role of public policy in any sector or on an issue. Overarching focus of the course will be India, and theory will be linked to actual policies through a critical analysis of complexity that accompanies politics in public policy making in the country.

Learning Objectives

- Key theoretical concepts in public policy formulation and implementation
- Tools and perspectives to puzzle and understand public policy making in India

Unit	Topics to be covered	Lecture hours	Learning outcomes
1	Defining public policy, elements of policy making system	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essential concepts in public policy analysis
2	Framing and implementation of public policy- official and unofficial actors in policy process, agenda setting, power and interest groups, policy types, decision making and policy analysis, policy design and tools, policy implementation, failure and learning	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steps involved in policy framing and implementation • Complexity at each stage of policy framing and implementation
3	Theory in public policy - Kingdon's multiple streams approach, advocacy coalition framework, punctuated equilibrium, institutional analysis, personal and collective utility, positive and normative political economy, principles of public policy	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key theories, models and principles of public policy formulation and implementation
4	Public policy in India – historical and structural context to policy making, policy reforms in India, market and non-market policies	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political processes that shape public policy in India • Market and non-market instruments used by state to satisfy policy goals
5	Policy issues in India – clean environment, agricultural and rural distress, public private partnership, corporate social responsibility, privacy and transparency	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key debates in contemporary policy problems in India • Critical analysis of public policy on key issues
	Total	42	

Textbooks:

1. Thomas Birkland (2020) An Introduction to the Policy Process: Theories, Concepts and Models of Public Policy Making (Routledge: New York)
2. Kuldeep Mathur (2013) Public Policy and Politics in India: How Institutions Matter (Oxford University Press: New Delhi)
3. IMD Little (2002) "Ethics, Economics, & Politics: Principles of Public Economics", Oxford University Press