

Course Code	Course Title	Contact Hrs/Week	Credits
GIR 5016	Introduction to Public Policy	4 LEC	4

This is partially skill based course.

### **Course Description**

The course on public policy aims to make the learners gain an analytical perspective on the theories, concepts and processes of policy making as well as skills in policy analysis, policy valuation and policy communication. This is largely a skill-based course.

### **Course Outcomes**

CO1: Learners will be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of public policy analytical tools and employ policy analysis to practical problems of government, communities, regions, and/or global issues.

CO2: They will be able to evaluate applied theoretical and empirical work in policy-relevant research.

CO3: They gain the competence to apply skills and knowledge acquired in the curriculum to analyze policy issues and make policy recommendations.

CO4: Learners will communicate complex ideas clearly and persuasively in written and oral forms.

### **Course Contents**

#### 1)PUBLIC POLICY: THEORITICAL PERSPECTIVES

Definitions and Nature of Public Policy – Scope of Public policy -Evolution of policy sciences –

Types of Public policy- Lasswell’s contributions to policy science

#### 2)PUBLIC POLICY ANALYSIS

Meaning and stages in policy analysis – Models for Public Policy Analysis- Institutional approach –

Rationality in policy making- Herbert Simon’s Bounded rationality- Lindblom’s incremental

Approach, Public choice approach

#### 3)PUBLIC POLICY MAKING

Actors and Areas in Public Policy- Policy Agenda setting – Influence of media, political parties and

Pressure groups- Policy Making in India- Institutional factors in policy making process- Policy change and continuity - writing a policy memo.

#### 4)PUBLIC POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

Meaning- Stages and elements in implementation- Agencies of implementation- Techniques of implementation- Factors needed for successful implementation

#### 5)EVALUATION OF PUBLIC POLICY

Significance of public policy evaluation- Forms and techniques of evaluation- Evaluation results- Issue of acceptability- Challenges in policy evaluation- Policy impact assessment

### **Reading List**

Weimer, D. L., & Vining, A. R. (2017). *Policy analysis: Concepts and practice*. Sixth edition. Routledge.

Kraft, M. E., & Furlong, S. R. (2018). *Public policy: Politics, analysis, and alternatives*. Sixth edition. Sage and CQ Press

Birkland, T. A. (2011). *An introduction to the policy process: Theories, concepts and models of public policy making*. Third edition. Routledge

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Moran Mitchel and Robert Goodin, (2006), *The Oxford Handbook of Public Policy*, Oxford University Press, New York.

Bardach, E. (2012). *A practical guide for policy analysis*. CQ Press. Fourth edition

Dente, B. (2014). *Understanding policy decisions*. First edition. Springer.

Mead, L. M. (2013). Teaching public policy: Linking policy and politics. *Journal of Public Affairs Education*, 19(3), (pp. 389-403).

Beryl Radin (2013), *Beyond Machiavelli: Policy Analysis Reaches Midlife*, 2nd Edition. Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press. 2nd edition

Stone, Deborah. 2011. *Policy Paradox: The Art of Political Decision Making*, Third Edition. New York: W.W. Norton

Thomas R. Dye. 2011. *Understanding Public Policy*. 13th edition. Longman

Michael Hill and Peter Hupe. 2009. *Implementing Public Policy*. 2nd edition. Sage.

Michael Howlett, M. Ramesh, and Anthony Perl. 2009. *Studying Public Policy: Policy Cycles & Policy Subsystems*. (3rd edition). New York, NY: Oxford University Press.