

Course title: Public Policy Processes and Institutions			
Course code: MPD 161	No. of credits: 3	L-T-P: 35-10-0	Learning hours: 45
Pre-requisite course code and title (if any): None			
Department: Department of Policy and Management Studies			
Course coordinator(s):		Course instructor(s):	
Contact details:			
Course type: Core		Course offered in: Semester 3	
Course description: The policy challenge of the 21st century is varied and require the decision makers and analysts to see issues from multiple perspectives. Apart from those of the state, these perspectives include other stakeholders whose participation is important for attainment of collective goals of the society. Sustainable development practitioners need a lens that appreciates these influences along with appreciation of cross-sectoral linkages. In this context, the course would help to build an understanding on how policies are developed and put into action. This would entail examining the emergence of issue, deciding on priority, setting of agenda, managing interests and implementing decisions. In the process the role of various bureaucratic, political, organized and unorganized interest groups, actors and networks would be highlighted. It would aim at understanding as well as exploring various forms of engagement of stakeholders. Although the geographical focus of most of the decisions would be in the Indian context, case studies from several other countries would help in contextualizing the issues. Through this course the myth of Government as unitary actor with coherent set of objectives would be annulled. It would help the students to understand the complexities of policy process and the way various stakeholders exercise influence on policy decisions.			
Course objectives: 1. To familiarize the students with how policies are formulated and implemented 2. To build a nuanced understanding of the role of various institutions and interest groups in this process. 3. To help students understand how various stakeholders exercise influence in the policy process and what are the outcomes of such influences.			