

Semester	FOUR	
Course	SKILL ENHANCEMENT	
Paper Code	S2PS230421T	
Paper Title	UNDERSTANDING ELECTIONS IN INDIA	
No. of Credits	3	
Theory / Practical / Composite	Theory	
Minimum No. of preparatory hours per week a student has to devote	3	
Number of Modules	2	
Syllabus	<p><u>Module I</u></p> <p>1. Voting behaviour and its determinants in India</p> <p>2. Election campaigns and constituency studies---select cases</p> <p><u>Module II</u></p> <p>1. Electoral manifestos---content analysis of specific examples</p> <p>2. Election studies--- election malpractices, surveys, techniques, issues</p>	
Learning Outcomes		
Reading/Reference Lists	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rai, Praveen. (2021). "Psephological Fallacies of Public Opinion Polling". <i>Economic and Political Weekly</i>. LVI. 51-57. 2. Rai, P. (2021). "Psephological Advancements and Pitfalls of Political Opinion Polls in India", <i>Open Political Science</i>, 4, 258–274. 3. Blumenthal, Mark (2014): "Polls, Forecasts, and Aggregators," <i>Political Science and Politics</i>, Vol 47, No 2, pp 297–300 4. Graefe, A. (2014) Accuracy of Vote Expectation Surveys in Forecasting Elections, <i>The Public Opinion Quarterly</i>, Oxford University Press, Vol 78, Issue S1, 2014, Pages 204–232, https://doi.org/10.1093/poq/nfu008 5. Kumar, S., Rai, P., & Gupta, P. (2016). "Do surveys influence results?" <i>Seminar</i>, 684. 6. Northcott, Robert (2015). Opinion Polling and Election Predictions", <i>Philosophy of Science</i>, 82(5), 1260-1271. 	
Evaluation	Theory CIA:15 Semester Exam:35:	Practical (if applicable) CA: Semester Exam:
Paper Structure for Theory Semester Exam	Module 1: 20 marks (2x10=20, 2 out of 3 questions) Module II- 15 marks (1x15=15, 1 out of 2 questions)	