

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL

SYLLABUS FOR FOUR YEAR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM (FYUGP) IN

HISTORY

(Three Discipline Specific Multidisciplinary Course (DSC)/ Minor)

(as per NEP 2020)

(Approved by the BoS dated and 5th August, 2024)

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Course Objectives

- The objective of this course is to impart knowledge about history and to equip the learners with the tools and techniques of writing history.
- The course aimed to cultivate the scientific temper and objective method in writing and constructing history.

Learning Outcomes

After completion of this course, a student is expected to:

- Acquire the knowledge of writing history on the basis of interpretation of facts.

Course Structure for All Semesters

FYUGP IN HISTORY

1st Year

SEM	PAPER	Paper Code	Paper Levels	Paper Name	Credits	FULL Marks	MARKS IN THEO	MARKS IN PRAC	Tutorial
I	DSC	HISTDSC101	100	History of India from Earliest Times Up To 300 CE	4	80	60		20
I	DSC								
I	MIN	HISTMIN101	100	History of India from Earliest Times Up To 300 CE	4	80	60		20
I	VAC	ENVEVAC001	100	ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION	4	80	60		20
I	SEC	SEC	100		3	60	40	20	
II	DSC	HISTDSC202	100	History of India from 300 C.E - 1206 C.E	4	80	60		20
II	DSC								
II	MIN	HISTMIN202	100	History of India from 300 C.E - 1206 C.E.	4	80	60		20
II	AEC		100		4	80	60		20
II	IDC		100		3	60	40		20
II	SEC	POOBSEC223	100	Studying the Architecture and Artefacts of North Bengal	3	60	40	20	

2nd Year

SEM	PAPER	Paper Code	Paper Levels	Paper Name	Credits	FULL Marks	MARKS IN THEO	MARKS IN PRAC	Tutorial
III	DSC	HISTDSC303	200	HISTORY OF INDIA FROM 1206 CE - 1526 CE	4	80	60		20
III	DSC		200		4	80	60		20
III	MIN	HISTMIN303	200	HISTORY OF INDIA FROM 1206 CE - 1526 CE	4	80	60		20
III	AEC		200		4	80	60		20
III	IDC		200		4	60	40		20
III	SEC	SEC	200		3	60	40	20	
IV	DSC	HISTDSC404	200	HISTORY OF INDIA 1526 CE – 1707 CE	4	80	60		20
IV	DSC		200		4	80	60		20
IV	MIN	HISTMIN404	200	HISTORY OF INDIA 1526 CE – 1707 CE.	4	80	60		20
IV	VAC	UNDIVAC002	200	Understanding India	4	80	60		20
IV	IDC		200		4	60	40		20

3rd Year

SEM	PAPER	Paper Code	Paper Levels	Paper Name	Credits	FULL Marks	MARKS IN THEO	MARKS IN PRAC	Tutorial
V	DSC	HISTDSC505	300	HISTORY OF INDIA 1707 CE – 1857 CE	4	80	60		20
V	DSC	HISTDSC506	300	Rise of Modern West (1453 C.E. to 1780 C.E.)	4	80	60		20
V	DSC		300						
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V	MIN	HISTMIN505	300	HISTORY OF INDIA 1707 CE – 1857 CE	4	80	60		20
VI	DSC	HISTDSC607	300	HISTORY OF INDIA (c. 1857 - 1950)	4	80	60		20
VI	DSC	HISTDSC608	300	History of Modern Europe (1780 - 1945)	4	80	60		20
VI	DSC		300						
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VI	MIN	HISTMIN606	300	HISTORY OF INDIA (c. 1857 - 1950)	4	80	60		20

4th Year

Under-Graduate Honours Degree (Without Research)

SEM	PAPER	Paper Code	Paper Levels	Paper Name	Credits	FULL Marks	MARKS IN THEO	MARKS IN PRAC	Tutorial
VII	DSC	HISTDSC709	400	Historiography and Research Methodology	4	80	60		20
VII	DSC	HISTDSC710	400	History of India XI: India after Independence up to 1991	4	80	60		20
VII	DSC								
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VII	MIN	HISTMIN707	400	Rise of Modern West (1453 C.E. to 1780 C.E.)	4	80	60		20
VIII	DSC	HISTDSC811	400	Themes in Indian History I	4	80	60		20
VIII	DSC	HISTDSC812	400	Themes in Indian History II	4	80	60		20
VIII	DSC								
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VIII	MIN	HISTMIN808	400	History of Modern Europe (1780 - 1945)	4	80	60		20

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VII	DSC	HISTDSC710	400	History of India XI: India after Independence up to 1991	4	80	60		20
VII				Research Project/ Dissertation	12				
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VIII	MIN	HISTMIN808	400	History of Modern Europe (1780 - 1945)	4	80	60		20
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6	Emergence and Growth of the Mauryan Empire: Conquest of Chandragupta Maurya, Mauryan administration, Mauryan economy, Ashoka's Dhamma, Mauryan Art and Architecture
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