

Course title: Public Policy Assessment: Methods & Measurements			
Course code: PPS 150	No. of credits: 2	L-T-P: 22-06-04	Learning hours: 30
Pre-requisite course code and title (if any): None			
Department: Department of Policy & Management Studies			
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Course type: Core		Course offered in: 2 nd Semester	
Course description			
<p>Public Policy Assessment is a fundamental skill for public policy students as it capacitates to critically evaluate and improve policies that directly affect communities and society at large. Understanding assessment methods and measurements enables students to utilize data and evidence to make informed policy decisions. It fosters critical thinking about how policies can be evaluated based on their outcomes, feasibility, and impact. It helps students appreciate the need for transparency in assessing government actions and resource allocation. This course provides an in-depth exploration of policy appraisal and evaluation, equipping students with the theoretical knowledge and practical skills necessary to assess public policies effectively. Emphasizing a range of evaluation methods, this course will enable students to critically analyze the impact of policies and programs on various social, economic, and environmental outcomes.</p> <p>This course is divided into four modules. The first module focuses on foundations and framework of policy appraisal, types of evaluation, and stages in planning and execution of policy evaluation. The second module discusses experimental and quasi-experimental impact evaluation methods. The third module includes discussion on other evaluation methods including theory-based impact evaluation methods, value-for-money evaluation methods, evidence synthesis methods, and others. The final module exposes students with various real-world case studies assessing different public policies across sectors.</p>			
Learning objectives:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To help students understand the concepts and significance of policy appraisal and evaluation in the policymaking process. • To explore and discuss various evaluation methods and expose students to analyze and interpret evaluation findings to assess policy effectiveness and impact. • To engage students with real-world case studies to assess and apply evaluation principles and methodologies. 			
Evaluation criteria:			
<p>Course grades will be based on the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor Test-1: Short-Answer Type Questions/Quizzes/MCQs (30%) • Minor Test-2: Case Study Presentation (20%) • Major Test: Submission and Presentation of Project Evaluation Planning Protocol (50%) 			
Learning outcomes			
<p>Upon completion of this course, candidates would be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. get comprehensive understanding of policy appraisal and evaluation, including the essential tools and methodologies used in assessing public policies (All evaluations) 2. develop the skills necessary to critically analyze policy or programme effectiveness (All evaluations) 			
Student responsibilities			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 75% attendance will be necessary to be able to appear for the final exam. • Active classroom participation; Critical reflections and timely submission according to the evaluation criterion. 			
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Course Reviewers			
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Additional Information			
<p>This Course outline was approved in the 60th Academic Council Meeting held on 24th December 2024 at TERI School of Advanced Studies, New Delhi.</p>			

Note: This is a brief outline of the course. Detailed Course Content is available to students through University Intranet.