



Sardar Patel University
Master of Arts: History (External)
M. A. History (External) Bridge Course for Graduate Students from Other Subjects

Course Code	MABRIHIS01	Title of the Course	History of Ancient India
Total Credits of the course	4	Hours per Week	

Course objectives:	This paper, along with the paper on mediaeval and modern India introduces the students to a general understanding of ancient Indian history so that they understand history of modern India which is offered at M.A. History External
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Course Content		
Unit	Description	Weightage (%)
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">India: Land, Environment, and EcologySurvey of Sources: Archaeological and LiteraryStone Age CulturesNeolithic Revolution: Beginning of Food Production and Domestication of Animals	25%
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Harappan Civilisation: Main Features and Socio-economic StructureSociety, Economy, Polity, Religion and Culture in Vedic PeriodSocial Formations in Early Historical India: Varna, Jati, Occupations, State Formation, Guilds, Forms of Marriage, and Land OwnershipThe Mauryan Period: State, Administration, Scripts and Art	25%
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Ajivikas, Buddhism and Jainism and their influenceThe Kushanas: Polity, Economy and ArtThe Satavahanas: Polity, Coinage, Art and ArchitectureThe Kshatrapas in Western India: Administration, Economy, Art and Architecture	25%
4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Guptas: Polity, Literature, Art and Architecture, Science, Society and Economic DevelopmentsThe Rise of Puranic HinduismThe Invasion of the Hunas and its Impact	25%



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1.	Allchin, F. R. 1995. <i>The Archaeology of Early Historic South Asia: The Emergence of Cities and States</i> . New Delhi: Cambridge University Press.
2.	Chakrabarati, Dilip K. 2009. <i>India - An Archaeological History: Paleolithic Beginnings to Early History Foundation</i> . New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
3.	Kaul, Shonaleeka. 2014. <i>Cultural History of Early South Asia: A Reader</i> . New Delhi: Orient Blackswan.
4.	Majumdar, R. C. 1951-. <i>History and Culture of Indian People</i> . Bombay: Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (vol. 1-4).
5.	Paddayya, K. 2004. <i>Prehistoric Research in the Indian Subcontinent: A Reappraisal and New Directions</i> . New Delhi: Munshiram Manoharlal.
6.	Settar, S. and Ravi Korisetar. <i>Indian Archaeology in Retrospect</i> , vol. 1: <i>Prehistory - The Early Archaeology of South Asia</i> . New Delhi: Munshiram Manoharlal.
7.	Singh, Upinder. 2009. <i>A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India</i> . New Delhi: Pearson.



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Course Code	MABRIHIS02	Title of the Course	History of Mediaeval India
Total Credits of the course	4	Hours per Week	

Course objectives:	This paper, along with the paper on ancient and modern India introduces the students to a general understanding of Indian history so that they can appreciate better the courses offered in M.A. History External.
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Course Content		
Unit	Description	Weightage (%)
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The development of Regional states and development of regional identities: Harsha, the Partiharas in the north, Palas in Bengal, Chaulukyas, Rashtrakutas and Gangas in the south, and Maitrakas of GujaratSocio-economic and Religious Conditions in the Second Half of the First Millennium CE	25%
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Rajput Polity: Solankis of Gujarat, Gahadvalas in the North, Shahis in the North-west, Chauhans in Rajasthan and Delhi, Chandellas in BundelkhandThe Art-Architecture and Literature under the Rajputs	25%
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Islamic Invasions from the North-west and Its Impact on Indian Polity, Society, Economy, and ReligionThe Resistance of the Rajputs: A SurveyThe Mughals: Administration, Economy, and Religious Policy	25%
4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Bhakti and Sufi MovementsThe Vijayanagara Empire: Polity, Economy, Art and ArchitectureArt and Architecture under the Sultanate and the MughalsThe Deccan Sultanates: A Survey	25%



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Sr. No.	References
1.	Chandra, Satish. 2020. <i>A History of Medieval India</i> . New Delhi: Orient BlackSwan.
2.	Chattopadhyaya, B. D. <i>The Making of Early Mediaeval India</i> . New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
3.	Farooqui, Salma. 2011. <i>A Comprehensive History of Medieval India from Twelfth to the Mid Eighteenth Century</i> . New Delhi: Pearson.
4.	Majumdar, R. C. 1951-. <i>History and Culture of Indian People</i> . Bombay: Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (vol. 4-9).
5.	Vaidya, C. V. <i>History of Mediaeval Hindu India: Being a History of India from 600 to 1200 A. D.</i> 3 volumes.



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M. A. History External Bridge Course

Course Code	MABRIHIS03	Title of the Course	Historical Method
Total Credits of the course	4	Hours per Week	

Course objectives:	This paper, along with the paper on ancient and mediaeval India introduces the students to a how history is reconstructed from sources. This course prepares the student for specialised courses on modern Indian history and that of philosophy of history and historiography.
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1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">History: Meaning, Scope, and TypesSources of History: Archaeological, Literary and OralInterdisciplinarity in History	25%
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Scrutiny of Sources: Internal and External CriticismCausation in HistoryHistoricism	25%
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Writing of History: Reading, Taking Notes, Evaluating Evidence, and Making JudgementsBibliography and References: Importance and MethodBias in Historical Writings:	25%
4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">R. K. Mookerjee as a Nationalist HistorianR. C. Majumdar as a Rationalist Critical HistorianW. H. Moreland as a Mediaevalist Economic Historian	25%



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1.	Chaturvedi, Jayati. 1990. <i>Indian National Movement: A critical study of five schools</i> . Agra: M. G. Publishers.
2.	Gottschalk, Louis. 1950. <i>Understanding History: A Primer of Historical Method</i> . New York: Alfred A. Knopf.
3.	Philips, C. H. 1961. <i>Historiography in India, Pakistan and Ceylon</i> . Oxford: Oxford University Press.
4.	Sheik Ali, B. 1978. <i>History: Its Theory and Method</i> . Bombay, etc.: MacMillan.
5.	Sreedharan, E. <i>Textbook of Historiography</i> . New Delhi: Orient BlackSwan.
6.	Topolsky, J. 1976. <i>Methodology of History</i> . (Translated from Polish by O. Wojtasiewicz). Warsaw: Polish Scientific Publishers.
7.	Webster, John C.B. 2019 <i>Studying History</i> . New Delhi: Primus Books.
8.	पांडे, गोविन्द चंद्र. २००३. इतिहास: स्वरूप एवं सिद्धान्त. जयपुर: हिन्दी ग्रंथ अकादमी.
9.	राधेशरन. २००६. इतिहास और इतिहासलेखन. भोपाल: मध्यप्रदेश हिन्दी ग्रंथ अकादमी.
10.	परीष, रसिकलाल छोटालाल. १९५४. इतिहास: स्वरूप અને પદ્ધતિ. અમદાવાદ: ગુજરાત યુનિવર્સિટી.