# Shri Vaishnav Vidyapeeth Vishwavidyalaya, Indore
## Shri Vaishnav Institute of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts
## Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) in Light of NEP-2020
## Skill Enhancement Course (SEC)
## Vocational Course IV Semester - Political Science

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| VUPOSC 401 | Vocational Course | Introduction to Indian Knowledge System | - | - | - | 60 | 40 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 4 |

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## Course Educational Objectives (CEOs): The student will be able to :

- **CEO1** Understand the foundational principles and concepts of Indian Knowledge Systems in Political Science and its historical evolution
- **CEO2** Capable to analyze and compare Indian political thought with Western political thought, highlighting the unique contributions and perspectives of Indian philosophers.
- **CEO3** Explore analytical skills necessary to assess and evaluate the role of Indian political philosophy and ethics in shaping political decisions and governance.
- **CEO4** Acquire in-depth knowledge of key issues and challenges such as secularism, caste-based politics, federalism, and international relations, from the perspective of Indian Knowledge System.
- **CEO5** Study about the teachings in Classical Texts like Arthashastra and Manusmriti

## Course Outcomes (COs):  The students should be able to:

- **CO1** Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the foundational principles and concepts of Indian Knowledge Systems in Political Science and its historical evolution.
- **CO2** Recall the analytical skills necessary to assess and evaluate the role of Indian political philosophy and ethics in shaping political decisions and governance.
- **CO3** Evaluate the knowledge and analytical skills necessary to assess and evaluate the role of Indian political philosophy and ethics in shaping political decisions and governance.
- **CO4** Analyze key issues and challenges such as secularism, caste-based politics, federalism, and international relations, from the perspective of Indian Knowledge System.
- **CO5** Evaluate the teachings in Classical Texts like Arthashastra and Manusmriti

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## COURSE CONTENTS

### UNIT I

**Introduction to Indian Knowledge System**
- Definition, Concepts and Scope of IKS
- Understanding the concepts of dharma, karma, and the four purusharthas (goals of life)

### UNIT II

**Vedic Knowledge and Philosophy**
- Study of the Vedas and Upanishads and their teachings
- Schools of Indian philosophy (e.g., Nyaya, Vaisheshika, Yoga, Samkhya, Mimamsa, and Vedanta)

### UNIT III

**Spiritual and Mystical Traditions**
- Exploration of Hindu spiritual traditions, including Bhakti, Karma, Jnana, and Raja Yoga
- Study of Advaita Vedanta and its non-dualistic philosophy

### UNIT IV

**Theoretical Orientation of IKS in Political Science**

- Historical perspective on the development of Indian political thought
- Comparing Indian and Western political thought

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## UNIT V

### Ancient Indian Political Thought
- Study of classical texts such as Arthashastra, Manusmriti, and Chanakya's political philosophy
- Concepts of Dharma, Raja Dharma, and statecraft in ancient India

**Suggested Readings:**

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