

**Category III**  
**BA (Prog.) with History as Non-Major**

**DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE – HISTORY OF INDIA 1700-1857**

**CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE**

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
History of India 1700 – 1857	4	3	1	0	12 <sup>th</sup> Pass	Should have studied History of India 1550 – 1700

**Learning Objectives**

The paper introduces the students to the key features of the 18th century, and contextualise the establishment of the early colonial state. The paper will focus on colonial policies and their impact on the socio-economic life of the people of India as well as the discontent caused by such policies. While introducing reform measures, colonial rule created a sense of self-consciousness and assertion which manifested itself in various uprisings against the colonial rule.

**Learning outcomes**

On completion of this course the student shall be able to:

- Explain the process of the establishment of Company rule and the policies and practises to sustain the process of expansion and consolidation of the Company rule.
- Understand the impact of various economic policies and how they contributed to dissatisfaction with colonial rule.
- Evaluate the reform measures implemented during under the colonial rule and how they served the interests of the Empire, particularly in the context of education.

**SYLLABUS OF DSC-1**

**Unit I:** India in the 18th century: Background, Debate

**Unit II:** Expansion and consolidation of British power:

3. Bengal, Mysore, Maratha, Punjab
4. Ideologies/Strategies of Raj

**Unit III:** Making of a colonial Economy:

4. Land Revenue Settlements
5. Commercialisation of Agriculture
6. De-Industrialisation

**Unit IV: Social and Religious Reform Movements:**

3. An overview of the reformist movements of the 19th century
4. Indigenous and Modern education

**Unit V: The Revolt of 1857: Causes, Nature, and Consequences**

**Practical component (if any) - NIL**

**Essential/recommended readings**

**Unit I.** This unit situates the major historiographical debates on the transformation of the Indian society in the eighteenth-century. **(Teaching time: 6 hrs. approx.)**

- Bandyopadhyay, Sekhar. (2004). From Plassey to Partition: A History of Modern India. Delhi: Orient Longman,
- Bayly, C.A. (1990). An Illustrated History of Modern India 1600-1947. London: National Portrait Gallery.
- Bose, S and Ayesha Jalal. (1998). Modern South Asia: History, Culture, Political Economy. New Delhi: OUP.
- Lakshmi Subramanian. (2010). History of India, 1707-1857. Hyderabad: Orient Blackswan. (Also in Hindi)
- Dube, Ishita Banerjee. (2015). A History of Modern India. Delhi: Cambridge University Press
- समग्रगुण, लामी, (2013), भारत का इतिहास (1700-1857), नूतनी, ओरिएण्टल ब्लैकस्वैन
- बंधोपाध्याय, शेखर. (2012). प्लासी से स्वतंत्रता तक: आधुनिक भारत का इतिहास. Hyderabad: Orient Longman.
- शकल, आर.एल. (Ed). (1987). आधुनिक भारत का इतिहास, तृतीय माध्यम कक्षा के अर्थशास्त्र के अंतर्गत, नूतनी विश्वविद्यालय, नूतनी

**Unit II.** This unit discusses the process which led to the expansion and consolidation of the British colonial power in India with the help of specific case studies. **(Teaching time: 9 hrs. approx.)**

- Bandyopadhyay, Sekhar. (2004) From Plassey to Partition. Delhi: Orient Longman.
- Metcalf, Thomas R. (2007 reprint). Ideologies of the Raj, Cambridge: CUP
- Wagoner, Phillip B. (October 2003). "Pre- colonial Intellectuals and the Production of Colonial Knowledge". Comparative Studies in Society and History, 45 (4), pp. 783- 814
- Mann, Michael. (2015). South Asia's Modern History: Thematic Perspectives. London: Routledge.
- Chaudhary, Latika et al. (Eds.). (2016). A New Economic History of Colonial India. London: Routledge.
- Chandra, Bipan. (1979). Nationalism and Colonialism in Modern India. Hyderabad: Orient Longman.
- बंधोपाध्याय, शेखर. (2012). प्लासी से स्वतंत्रता तक: आधुनिक भारत का इतिहास. Hyderabad: Orient Longman.
- बेवर, बी. एल. (1995). आधुनिक भारत का इतिहास, New Delhi: S. Chand & Co.

**Unit III.** This unit provides a critical perspective on the changing patterns of land relations, agricultural practices, and trade and industry in the Indian sub-continent under the British colonial rule. **(Teaching time: 12 hrs. approx.)**

- Bandyopadhyay, Sekhar. (2004). From Plassey to Partition: A History of Modern India. Delhi: Orient Longman.
- Dutt, R.P. (1986). India Today. Calcutta: Manisha.
- Mann, Michael. (2015). South Asia's Modern History: Thematic Perspectives. London: Routledge.
- Bose, S and Ayesha Jalal. (1998). Modern South Asia: History, Culture, Political Economy. New Delhi: Oxford University Press
- Chaudhary, Latika (et. al. Eds.). (2016). A New Economic History of Colonial India. London: Routledge
- Sarkar, Sumit. 2014. Modern Times: India 1880s-1950s: Environment, Economy and Culture. Ranikhet: Permanent Black.
- भट्टाचार्य, सव्यसाची (2008). आधुनिक भारत का आर्थिक इतिहास, (1850-1947)  
नल्लू, रा. कमल प्रकाशन
- बंधोपाध्याय, शेखर. (2012). प्लासी से स्वतंत्रता तक: आधुनिक भारत का इतिहास.  
Hyderabad: Orient Longman.
- शर्मा, आर.एल. (Ed). (1987). आधुनिक भारत का इतिहास, तृतीय माध्यम  
कार. व. अन्वित्तनशे. लर, नल्लू वा. वा. वा. वा. लर, नल्लू

**Unit IV.** This unit examines social and religious reform movements, the state of education in India, and the influence of various policies designed to serve the interests of the Empire. **(Teaching time: 12 hrs. approx.)**

- Bandyopadhyay, Sekhar. (2004). From Plassey to Partition: A History of Modern India. Delhi: Orient Longman.
- Joshi, V.C. (1975). Rammohun Roy and the process of modernization in India. Delhi: Vikas
- O'Hanlon, Rosalind. (2012). Caste, Conflict and Ideology: Mahatma Jotirao Phule and the Low Caste Protest in Nineteenth-Century Western India. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Panikkar, K.N. (1995). Culture, Ideology, Hegemony: Intellectuals and Social Consciousness in Colonial India. New Delhi: Tulika.
- Bhattacharya, Sabyasachi (ed.). (1998). The Contested Terrain: Perspectives on Education in India. New Delhi: Orient Blackswan
- बंधोपाध्याय, शेखर. (2012). प्लासी से स्वतंत्रता तक: आधुनिक भारत का इतिहास.  
Hyderabad: Orient Longman.
- शर्मा, आर.एल. (Ed). (1987). आधुनिक भारत का इतिहास, तृतीय माध्यम  
कार. व. अन्वित्तनशे. लर, नल्लू वा. वा. वा. वा. लर, नल्लू

**Unit-V:** This Unit shall enable students to identify and discuss the issues reflected in the major uprisings of the nineteenth century. In the context of heavy revenue assessment, changing land rights, deepening stratification within the rural society, emergence of new social forces in agrarian economy, etc., students shall discuss the discontent of the landed elite, and those

of struggling peasants and tribals during the Company Raj. **(Teaching time: 6 hrs. approx.)**

- Stokes, Eric and C.A. Bayly. (1986). *The Peasant Armed: the Indian Revolt of 1857*. Clarendon Press
- Mukherjee, Rudrangshu. (1993). "The Sepoy Mutinies Revisited", in Mushirul Hasan and Narayani Gupta (Eds.), *India's Colonial Encounter*, New Delhi: Manohar
- Hardiman, David. (1993). *Peasant Resistance in India, 1858- 1914*. New Delhi: OUP.
- Desai, A.R. (ed.) (1979). *Peasant Struggles in India*. Bombay, OUP
- Bandyopadhyay, Sekhar (2004). *From Plassey to Partition: A History of Modern India*. Delhi: Orient Longman.
- Mann, Michael. (2015). *South Asia's Modern History: Thematic Perspectives*. London: Routledge.
- Pati, Biswamoy. (Ed.). (2007). *The Great Rebellion of 1857 in India: Exploring transgressions, contests and diversities*. London: Routledge.
- Bose, S and Ayesha Jalal. (1998). *Modern South Asia: History, Culture, Political Economy*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- Taneja, Nalini. (2012). "The 1857 rebellion." in K. N. Panikkar, (Ed.). *Perspectives of Modern Indian History*. Mumbai: Popular Prakashan.
- Guha, Ranajit. (1983) *Elementary Aspects of Peasant Insurgency in Colonial India*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press
- Chandra, Bipan. (et.al Eds.) (1989). *India's Struggle for Independence*. Delhi: Penguin
- सरकार, सूर्य (2009). *आधुनिक भारत, नूतनी, रािकमलप्रकाशन*
- बंधोपाध्याय, शेखर. (2012). *प्लासीसेवभािनक: आधुनिकभारत्काईहास*. Hyderabad: Orient Longman.
- शकल, आर.एल. (Ed). (1987). *आधुनिक भारत का ईहास, हंिी माध्यम कार व वनतानथे ातर, नूतनीवव्यातर, नूतनी*

### Suggestive readings

- Alavi, Seema ed. (2002). *The Eighteenth Century in India*. New Delhi: OUP.
- Bara, Joseph (2002) "Tribal Education, the Colonial State and Christian Missionaries: Chotanagpur 1839-1870." In *Education and the Disprivileged: Nineteenth and Twentieth Century India*, edited by Sabyasachi Bhattacharya. New Delhi: Orient Longman.
- Bayly, Susan. (1999). *Caste, Society and Politics in India from the 18th Century to the Modern Age*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Bhattacharya, Sabyasachi ed. (2007). *Rethinking 1857*. Delhi: Orient Longman.
- Chaudhury, Sushil. (2000). *The Prelude to Empire: Plassey Revolution of 1757*. Delhi: Manohar.
- Constable, Philip. (2001). "The Marginalization of a Dalit Martial Race in the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century Western India". *Journal of Asian Studies*, 60 (2), pp. 439- 78.
- Dirks, Nicholas B. (2001). *Castes of Mind*. Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press.
- Guha, Ranajit. (1983) *Elementary Aspects of Peasant Insurgency in Colonial India*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press .

- Jones, Kenneth. (2003) Socio-Religious Reform Movements in British India. New Cambridge History of India, Vol.3.1. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Kapila, Shruti ed. (2010). An Intellectual History for India. Delhi: Cambridge University Press.
- Ludden, David ed. (2005). Agricultural Production and South Asian History. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- Metcalf, Thomas. (1995). Ideologies of the Raj. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
- Mukherjee, Mithi. (2010) India in the Shadows of Empire: A Legal and Political History 1774- 1950. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- Mukherjee, Rudrangshu. (1984) Awadh in Revolt 1857-1858. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- Pollock, Sheldon ed. (2011). Forms of Knowledge in Early Modern Asia. Delhi: Manohar.
- Raj, K N. et al ed. (1985). Essays on the Commercialization of Indian Agriculture. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- Skuy, David. (July 1998). "Macaulay and the Indian Penal Code of 1862: The Myth of the Inherent Superiority and Modernity of the English Legal System Compared to India's Legal System in the Nineteenth Century", Modern Asian Studies, 32 (3), pp. 513-557.
- Stein, Burton (ed.) (1992). The Making of Agrarian Policy in British India, 1770- 1900. Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- Stokes, Eric. (1986). The Peasant Armed: The Indian Rebellion of 1857 In C.A. Bayly (Ed.). New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- Rosanne Rocher, "British Orientalism in the Eighteenth century: The Dialectics of Knowledge and Government", in Peter van der Veer and Carol Breckenridge eds. Orientalism and the Postcolonial Predicament: Perspectives on South Asia, University of Pennsylvania Press, 1993.

**Note:** Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi, from time to time.