

M.A. History

- a) The paper is designed to provide adequate conceptual base, bring better understanding of history and its forces, help interrogate existing paradigms and challenge the outdated, help in developing critique, help research in terms of formulating hypotheses and develop broad frames of interaction with other social sciences and attain certain level of interdisciplinary approach.
- b) The course intends to provide an understanding of the social, economic and institutional bases of Ancient India. It is based on the premise that an understanding of Ancient Indian history is crucial to understand Indian history as a whole.
- c) The purpose of the course is to study the administrative system of the Marathas in an analytical way, to acquaint the student with the nature of Maratha Polity, to understand basic components of the Maratha administrative structure, to enable the student to understand the basic concepts of the Maratha polity.
- d) To introduce the student to regional history within a broad framework of Indian culture; to enable the student to understand the internal dynamics of Marathi culture.
- e) The course aims at making the student aware of the developments in the region, and to locate the history of Maharashtra in the context of the regional history of the Deccan as a whole.
- f) This paper is designed to highlight a relatively neglected part of social history; it is an attempt to provide voice to the history of the oppressed. It defines and provides understanding of various concepts, further explains the caste system and evil practices like untouchability and its rigidification in ancient and medieval times. It lays emphasis on the earlier forms of protest by Buddhism, Jainism and later by Bhakti movement, in the medieval period especially in Maharashtra, which lays the foundation for social awareness and renaissance of the per Ambedkarian period.