

Government Course Outline (Advanced)

Course Description

This course explores the structure, functions, and principles of government at local, national, and international levels. Learners will gain insights into political systems, democratic institutions, governance processes, and citizen engagement. It is designed to strengthen understanding of leadership, policy-making, and civic responsibility.

Course Objectives

By the end of this course, learners will be able to:

- Explain the meaning and purpose of government
- Identify different types of government systems and their characteristics
- Understand the functions and powers of government branches
- Analyze democratic principles, governance, and rule of law
- Examine political participation, leadership, and citizen responsibility

Course Breakdown (Weekly)

Week 1: Introduction to Government

- Definition and purpose of government
- Types of government: democracy, monarchy, dictatorship, and others
- The concept of state and sovereignty
- Class discussion + quiz

Week 2: Government Structures and Functions

- Legislative, Executive, and Judicial branches
- Separation of powers
- Checks and balances in government
- Assignment: Identify government structures in different countries

Week 3: Political Systems and Governance

- Federal vs. Unitary systems
- Parliamentary vs. Presidential systems
- Functions of political parties and elections

- Case study discussion

Week 4: Democracy and Rule of Law

- Features of democracy
- Civil liberties and political rights
- Accountability, transparency, and good governance
- Quiz + class interaction

Week 5: Citizen Participation and Leadership

- Role of citizens in government
- Civic duties and responsibilities
- Leadership qualities and ethical governance
- Mini project: Propose a community governance initiative

Assessment Methods

- Weekly quizzes
- Assignments and case studies
- Class participation and discussions
- Final test or project