



MEER SIR ACADEMY

MA Human Rights and Duties Education Entrance Syllabus

JMI AMU CUET PG

JMI	AMU	CUET PG
Programme M10	MA Human Rights combined admission test	University specified CUET paper mapping

Comprehensive Entrance Preparation Guide

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How to Use This Syllabus

This guide combines the core Human Rights and Duties Education topics needed for JMI, AMU and CUET PG preparation. The routes are not identical. JMI conducts its own entrance test, AMU uses a combined social sciences admission syllabus, and CUET programme eligibility depends on the paper code accepted by the participating university. Prepare the common human rights foundation first, then revise the institution specific additions.

Entrance Route Comparison

Route	Test route	Main emphasis	Key check
JMI	Own entrance test	Human rights concepts, institutions, Indian and international protection, contemporary issues	M10
AMU	Combined admission test	Political theory, international relations, Indian politics, public administration and human rights	Official AMU combined syllabus



Route	Test route	Main emphasis	Key check
CUET PG	NTA subject paper	Commonly relevant Political Science content plus human rights and contemporary issues	Verify programme mapping

CUET mapping note: NTA publishes subject paper syllabi, while each participating university decides which paper code is accepted for a particular programme. Candidates must verify the current programme mapping before applying.

Common Human Rights Foundation

1 Meaning Nature and Evolution

- Meaning, characteristics and scope of human rights
- Natural rights, moral rights, legal rights and constitutional rights
- Universality, indivisibility, interdependence and inalienability
- Historical development from natural law to modern international human rights

2 Theories and Generations of Rights

- Natural law, liberal, Marxist, feminist, communitarian and cultural perspectives
- Civil and political rights
- Economic, social and cultural rights
- Solidarity and collective rights including development, peace and environment

3 Human Duties and Responsibilities

- Relationship between rights and duties
- Fundamental Duties under the Constitution of India
- Duties toward society, vulnerable groups, environment and public institutions
- Ethics, citizenship and constitutional morality

JMI MA Human Rights and Duties Education

Programme code M10. Recent entrance papers use an objective format. A recent paper listing reports 100 MCQs, 90 minutes and negative marking of 0.25 for each incorrect answer. The current JMI prospectus and admit card instructions remain controlling.

1 International Human Rights System

- United Nations Charter and development of international human rights law
- Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
- International Covenant on Economic Social and Cultural Rights
- International Bill of Human Rights



- UN Human Rights Council, Office of the High Commissioner and treaty bodies
- Universal Periodic Review and special procedures

2 Major International Conventions

- Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
- Convention against Torture
- Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Genocide Convention and refugee protection framework
- International humanitarian law and basic Geneva Convention principles

3 Regional Human Rights Systems

- European system and European Court of Human Rights
- Inter American human rights system
- African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights
- Regional approaches in Asia and the role of ASEAN mechanisms

4 Human Rights in India

- Preamble, Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles and Fundamental Duties
- Constitutional remedies, judicial review and public interest litigation
- Right to equality, freedoms, life and personal liberty
- Protection of Human Rights Act 1993
- National and State Human Rights Commissions
- National commissions for women, minorities, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and children
- Human rights jurisprudence of the Supreme Court and High Courts

5 Rights of Vulnerable and Marginalised Groups

- Women and gender justice
- Children and juvenile justice
- Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and minorities
- Persons with disabilities and older persons
- Prisoners, undertrials and persons in custody
- Refugees, internally displaced persons and migrants
- LGBTQIA plus persons and emerging equality jurisprudence
- Workers, bonded labour and trafficking survivors

6 Human Rights and Criminal Justice

- Arrest, detention, custodial violence and torture
- Rights of accused persons, victims and prisoners
- Police accountability and prison reform
- Death penalty, fair trial and access to justice
- Terrorism, national security and civil liberties



7 Development Environment and Globalisation

- Right to development and sustainable development
- Poverty, food, health, housing, work and education
- Environmental rights, climate justice and displacement
- Globalisation, corporations and business responsibility
- Technology, surveillance, data protection and privacy

8 Human Rights Education and Advocacy

- Meaning, objectives and methods of human rights education
- Peace education, tolerance and democratic citizenship
- Role of educational institutions, civil society, media and NGOs
- Fact finding, reporting, legal awareness and advocacy
- Human rights movements in India and the world

9 Contemporary Human Rights Issues

- Communalism, caste discrimination and hate speech
- Conflict, forced migration and humanitarian crises
- Human trafficking and modern slavery
- Health emergencies and access to health care
- Artificial intelligence, digital platforms and algorithmic discrimination
- Current national and international human rights developments

JMI Preparation Priority

- Memorise the core instruments, years, institutions and important constitutional articles.
- Revise landmark Indian human rights judgments and recent current affairs.
- Practise 100 question mock tests under a 90 minute limit while controlling negative marking.

AMU MA Human Rights Admission Syllabus

AMU officially lists a combined 2026 admission-test syllabus for MA Political Science, Public Administration, Human Rights and International Politics. Candidates for MA Human Rights should therefore prepare every section below, not only the Human Rights unit.

1 Political Theory and Political Thought

- Nature of politics; methods and models for studying politics
- Traditional and contemporary politics
- State and sovereignty
- Liberty, equality, rights, justice and democracy
- Forms of government and political ideologies
- Ancient Greek, Roman and medieval political thought
- Social contractualism, utilitarianism, idealism and Marxism
- Methods and techniques of political survey



2 International Relations

- Basic concepts, theories, key issues and contemporary global trends
- Foundations and decision making framework of Indian foreign policy
- Regional and international engagement; India and global issues
- India and multilateralism
- Foreign policies of major powers
- International law and international organizations
- India's political economy
- International security, defence and security
- Government and politics in South Asia
- International politics in West Asia

3 Indian Government and Politics

- National movement and constitutional development
- Fundamental features of the Indian Constitution
- Indian political structure and process
- Issues in Indian politics and constitutional bodies
- Federalism in India
- Local self government in India

4 Public Administration

- Principles of public administration
- Administrative thinkers
- Public administration in India
- Personnel administration
- Governance structures, policies, issues and challenges

5 Human Rights

- Fundamentals, concepts and theories of human rights
- International human rights and the International Bill of Rights
- Human rights in India, including issues and challenges
- Human rights and environment
- United Nations and human rights
- Human rights in cultural and religious perspectives
- Citizenship
- Rights of minorities in Indian and global perspectives



CUET PG Relevant Syllabus Route

Relevant paper often used for political and human rights programmes HUQP18 Political Science. The NTA syllabus contains 75 compulsory subject-specific questions and is bilingual in English and Hindi. Admission depends on the paper code accepted by the target university.

1 Western Political Philosophy

- Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, J S Mill, Karl Marx and John Rawls

2 Indian Political Thought

- Ram Mohan Roy, Mahatma Gandhi, B R Ambedkar, V D Savarkar and Kautilya

3 Political Theory

- Liberty, equality, justice and sovereignty
- Citizenship and gender
- Democracy, human rights and the state
- Contemporary issues, feminism and ideology

4 International Relations

- Realism and liberalism
- Cold War politics
- NAM, SAARC, UNO, ASEAN and European Union
- India's foreign policy, particularly relations with China, Pakistan and the United States

5 Indian Government and Politics

- Preamble and making of the Constituent Assembly
- Constitutional provisions
- Parliament, Cabinet, Prime Minister and President
- Fundamental Rights, Fundamental Duties and Directive Principles
- Constitutional amendments
- Governor, state government and federalism
- Political parties, elections and local government
- Judiciary and governance

6 Comparative Government and Politics

- Political culture, political parties and electoral systems
- Approaches and models
- Types of regimes

7 Public Policies in India

- Models, process and types of public policy



8 Issues of Contemporary Relevance

- Global justice, nationalism and climate change

Highest Priority Topics Across All Routes

- Foundations and theories of human rights, rights and duties, universality and cultural relativism
- UDHR, ICCPR, ICESCR and major UN conventions
- UN institutions, treaty bodies and international protection mechanisms
- Indian Constitution, Fundamental Rights, Duties, Directive Principles and remedies
- Protection of Human Rights Act, NHRC, SHRC and national commissions
- Rights of women, children, minorities, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, persons with disabilities, migrants and prisoners
- Human rights, environment, development, globalisation and technology
- Political theory, Indian politics, international relations and public administration for AMU and CUET

Recommended Foundation Books

- D D Basu Introduction to the Constitution of India
- M P Jain Indian Constitutional Law selected rights chapters
- H O Agarwal International Law and Human Rights
- S K Kapoor Human Rights under International Law and Indian Law
- Andrew Clapham Human Rights A Very Short Introduction
- Jack Donnelly Universal Human Rights in Theory and Practice
- OHCHR fact sheets and official UN treaty texts
- NCERT Political Science textbooks for constitutional and political foundations

Official Verification Links

- **JMI admission portal:** <https://admission.jmi.ac.in/>
- **JMI Department of Political Science:** <https://jmi.ac.in/academics/departments/department-of-political-science/11167/Introduction>
- **AMU admission-test syllabi:** <https://results.amucontrollerexams.com/result/syllabus>
- **CUET PG official portal:** <https://exams.nta.ac.in/CUET-PG/>
- **OHCHR human rights resources:** <https://www.ohchr.org/>

Important: Admission routes, paper mappings, question patterns and eligibility rules may change. The latest official university or NTA notification always prevails.