

Gujarat Vidyapith, Ahmedabad

Department of English

M.A. (English)

Semester I

To Be Effective from Academic Year 2023-24

(2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26)

ENG 102: Gandhi in English – I (Engaging Non-violence and Satyagraha)

Credit: 4

No. of Hours: 60

Internal Evaluation: 40

Semester-End Examination: 60

Objective: This paper looks at Gandhi’s idea of Non-violence and Satyagraha and its impact on literature in India. The paper seeks to understand both these ideas as Gandhi explicated it and also as it was understood by thinkers and writers in the twentieth century India and across the world. The paper will also look at the critiques or responses to these ideas of Gandhi.

Learning Outcomes:

After completing the course, the students:

1. can explain the theoretical underpinnings of Gandhi’s Non-violence and Satyagraha.
2. can elaborate the practical implications of Non-violence and Satyagraha.
3. can chart out the process for conducting any Satyagraha for solving local problems.

Unit No.	Title	Teaching Methodology	Weightage and Duration
1	Understanding Gandhi’s Non-violence 1.1 Gandhi: “Theory and Practice of Non-violence” 1.2 Gandhi: “A Discourse on Non-violence” 1.3 Gandhi: “My Attitude Towards War” 1.4 Gandhi: “An Interesting Discourse” 1.5 Gandhi: “Passive Resistance Versus Non-violence” 1.6 Gandhi: “How to Combat Hitlerism?” 1.7 Gandhi: “Letter to Adolf Hitler” 1.8 Gandhi: “The Jews” 1.9 Neera Chandoke: “Negating Violence: The Gandhi Way”	1. Classroom lectures 2. Classroom discussions	
2	Understanding Gandhi’s Satyagraha 2.1 Gandhi: “The Advent of Satyagraha” from M.K. Gandhi’s <i>Satyagraha in South Africa</i>	1. Classroom lectures 2. Classroom	25% 14 Hours

	2.2 Gandhi: “Satyagraha vs Passive Resistance” from M.K. Gandhi’s <i>Satyagraha in South Africa</i> 2.3 Satyagraha Leaflets of April 1919 2.4 Jean Bondurant: “Satyagraha: Its Basic Precepts” 2.5 Jean Bondurant: “Satyagraha as Applied Socio-political Action”	discussions	
3	Responses / Critiques of Gandhi’s Non-violence and Satyagraha 3.1 Thomas Weber: “Gandhian Non-violence and its Critics” 3.2 E.M.S. Namboodiripad: <i>The Mahatma and the Ism.</i> 3.3 Jean-Paul Sartre: ‘Preface’ to <i>The Wretched of the Earth</i> 3.4 Frantz Fanon: “On Violence” from <i>The Wretched of the Earth</i> 3.5 Hannah Arendt: “On Violence” Part I	1. Classroom lectures 2. Classroom discussions	25% 13 Hours
4	Literary Texts 4.1 Raja Rao’s <i>Kanthapura</i> 4.2 Mulk Raj Anand’s <i>The Sword and the Sickle</i>	1. Classroom lectures 2. Classroom discussions	25% 14 Hours
5	Self-Study 5.1 Joan V. Bondurant’s “Hindu Tradition and Satyagraha: The Significance of Gandhian Innovations” from <i>Conquest of Violence</i> 5.2 Ravindra Varma’s <i>The Spiritual Basis of Satyagraha</i> 5.3 Ajay Skaria’s ”Introduction” to <i>Unconditional Equality: Gandhi’s Religion of Resistance</i> 5.4 David Hardiman’s “Dialogic Resistance” from <i>Gandhi: In His Time and Ours.</i> 5.5 M.K. Gandhi’s <i>Satyagraha in South Arfica</i> 5.6 Faisal Devji: “Hitler’s Conversion” 5.7 Ronald J. Terchek: “Conflict and Non-violence”	1. Students’ Presentation 2. Focus will be on analysis of the selected pieces in the background of the issues discussed in rest of the four units.	06 Hours

NB: Unit 5 will not be asked in the internal or semester-end examination. It will only for continuous evaluation in the form of students’ presentation.

Recommended Texts:

Amin, Shahid. *Event, Memory, Metaphor: Chauri Chaura 1922-1992*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1997.

Anand, Mulk Raj. *The Sword and the Sickle*. Bombay: Kutub Publishers, 1955.

Arendt, Hannah. *On Violence*. New York: Harcourt, 1970.

Bondurant, Joan V. *Conquest of Violence: The Gandhian Philosophy of Conflict*. Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 1969.

- Brown, Judith M. *Mahatma Gandhi: The Essential Writings*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2009.
- Coward, Harold. *Indian Critiques of Gandhi*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2003.
- Devji, Faisal. *The Impossible Indian: Gandhi and the Temptation of Violence*. Massachusetts: Harvard University Press, 2012.
- Fanon, Frantz. *The Wretched of the Earth*. Constance Farrington. Trans. New Delhi: Penguin, 2001.
- Gandhi, M.K. *An Autobiography or The Story of My Experiments with Truth*. Ahmedabad: Navjivan, 2013.
- Gandhi, M.K. *Collected Works of Mahatma Gandhi Volume 15*. New Delhi: Publication Division, Govt. of India, 1969.
- Gandhi, M.K. *Hind Swaraj or Indian Home Rule*. Ahmedabad: Navjivan, 2008.
- Gandhi, M.K. *My Non-Violence*. Ed. S.K. Bandopadhaya Ahmedabad: Navjivan, 2012. .
- Gandhi, M.K. *Satyagraha in South Africa*. Ahmedabad: Navjivan, 2008.
- Hardiman, David. *Gandhi: In His Time and Ours*. Delhi: Permanent Black, 2009.
- Namoodiripad, E.M.S. *The Mahatma and the Ism*. New Delhi: People's Publishing House, 1959.
- Parel, Anthony and Judith Brown. Eds. *Cambridge Companion to Gandhi*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011.
- Pfohl, Eva. Ed. *Between Ethics and Politics: Gandhi Today*. New Delhi: Routledge, 2014.
- Prabhu, R.K. and U.R. Rao. Eds. *The Mind of Mahatma Gandhi*. Ahmedabad: Navjivan, 2010.
- Raghuramaraju, A. Ed. *Debating Gandhi: A Reader*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2011.
- Rao, Raja. *Kanthapura*. New Delhi: Penguin, 2014.
- Skaria, Ajay. *Unconditional Equality: Gandhi's Religion of Resistance*. Ranikhet: Permanent Black, 2016.
- Varma, Ravindra. *The Spiritual Basis of Satyagraha*. Ahmedabad: Navjivan, 2001.
- Weber, Thomas. "Gandhian Non-violence and its Critics." *Gandhi Marg* Vol. 28 No. 3. 2006: 269-283.

Unit Wise Essential Reading List

Unit 1: Understanding Gandhi's Non-violence

- Bondurant, Joan V. *Conquest of Violence: The Gandhian Philosophy of Conflict*. Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 1969.
- Gandhi, M.K. *My Non-Violence*. Ed. S.K. Bandopadhaya Ahmedabad: Navjivan, 2012. .
- Gandhi, M.K. *Satyagraha in South Africa*. Ahmedabad: Navjivan, 2008.
- Pfohl, Eva. Ed. *Between Ethics and Politics: Gandhi Today*. New Delhi: Routledge, 2014.

Internet Resources

Mahatma Gandhi and Non-violent Revolution

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7afSbwgixHw>

Gandhi's Concept of Non-violence <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sSUTuAw8K90>

Unit 2: Understanding Gandhi's Satyagraha

- Bondurant, Joan V. *Conquest of Violence: The Gandhian Philosophy of Conflict*. Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 1969.

Gandhi, M.K. *Satyagraha in South Africa*. Ahmedabad: Navjivan, 2008.
Varma, Ravindra. *The Spiritual Basis of Satyagraha*. Ahmedabad: Navjivan, 2001.

Internet Resources

The Theory of Satyagraha https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mgRK9Pn_wVA
The Rowlett Satyagraha <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kd4izWrTpDw>

Unit 3: Responses / Critiques of Gandhi's Non-violence and Satyagraha

Arendt, Hannah. *On Violence*. New York: Harcourt, 1970.
Coward, Harold. *Indian Critiques of Gandhi*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2003.
Fanon, Frantz. *The Wretched of the Earth*. Constance Farrington. Trans. New Delhi: Penguin, 2001.
Namboodiripad, E.M.S. *The Mahatma and the Ism*. New Delhi: People's Publishing House, 1959.
Weber, Thomas. "Gandhian Non-violence and its Critics." *Gandhi Marg* Vol. 28 No. 3. 2006: 269-283.

Unit 4: Literary Texts

Raja Rao's *Kanthapura*.
Mulk Raj Anand's *The Sword and the Sickle*

Internet Resources

Mythmaking and Mahatma <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kbA5BeEEEntw>

Unit 5: Self Study

Bondurant, Joan V. *Conquest of Violence: The Gandhian Philosophy of Conflict*. Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 1969.
Brown, Judith M. *Mahatma Gandhi: The Essential Writings*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2009.
Coward, Harold. *Indian Critiques of Gandhi*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2003.
Devji, Faisal. *The Impossible Indian: Gandhi and the Temptation of Violence*. Massachusetts: Harvard University Press, 2012.
Gandhi, M.K. *Satyagraha in South Africa*. Ahmedabad: Navjivan, 2008.
Hardiman, David. *Gandhi: In His Time and Ours*. Delhi: Permanent Black, 2009.
Parel, Anthony and Judith Brown. Eds. *Cambridge Companion to Gandhi*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011.
Raghuramaraju, A. Ed. *Debating Gandhi: A Reader*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2011.
Skaria, Ajay. *Unconditional Equality: Gandhi's Religion of Resistance*. Ranikhet: Permanent Black, 2016.

Examination Pattern

Continuous Evaluation: Components

1. Student's Presentation from Unit 5: Self Study
 - a. Understanding of the subject matter
 - b. Command over the language

Total Marks: 20

Marks: 10

- c. Confidence
 - d. Answering questions
2. Assignment Marks: 10
- a. Understanding of the question
 - b. Use of multiple textual material
 - c. Grammatical accuracy

Internal Examination

Total Marks: 20

Total internal examinations of 20 marks each will be conducted and the higher marks from either of the examinations will be considered.

Semester End Examination

Total Marks: 60

This will have equal representation from each unit. Following is a sample from each unit:

Unit 1: Understanding Gandhi's Non-violence

- 1. One long question of 15 marks with internal option.
For example: Discuss Gandhi's theory of Non-violence.

Unit 2: Understanding Gandhi's Satyagraha

- 1. One long question of 15 marks with internal option.
For example: When Satyagraha comes into action, what are the points which Satyagrahis' must keep in mind.

Unit 3: Responses / Critiques of Gandhi's Non-violence and Satyagraha

- 1. One long question of 15 marks with internal option.
For example: Discuss various critiques of Gandhian Satyagraha from the texts you have a read.

Unit 4: Literary Texts

- 1. One long question of 15 marks with internal option.
For example: Discuss how Satyagraha operates in the novel *Kanthapura*.