

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 086

**Soft Skills Course Offered to students of
B.A. / B.Sc. / B.Com. / B.B.A. / B.V.A. / B.S.W. / B.C.A. Degree Programme**

**SYLLABUS
(Effective from the academic year 2019 - 2020)**

LIFE SKILLS: PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

CODE: 19CM/SS/PS13

CREDITS: 3

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TOTAL TEACHING HOURS: 39

OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE

- To enable students to understand the working of Indian Governance and laws
- To empower students as citizens by teaching them how to use the RTI, the PIL and the FIR
- To provide students an insight into the strengths and virtues essential to improve wellbeing
- To bring about awareness of societal dynamics
- To create awareness, impart knowledge and hone skills necessary to make sound financial decisions

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

On successful completion of this course, students will be able to

- demonstrate knowledge of the working of the government
- file RTIs, PILs and FIRs
- improve their quality of life
- exhibit social consciousness
- exhibit prudent behaviour in managing personal finance

Unit 1 (13 Hours)

Legal Literacy

- 1.1 Structure of Government- Central and State, Urban and Rural
- 1.2 Laws pertaining to Women (CEDAW) and Children (POCSO)
- 1.3 Right to Information Act 2005, drafting and filing an RTI
- 1.4 Introduction to PIL, Landmark PIL cases -Vishaka Vs. State of Rajasthan, Hussainara Khaton Vs. State of Bihar, MC Mehta Vs. Union of India
- 1.5 Importance of FIR and lodging an FIR

Unit 2 (13 Hours)

2.1 Understanding Self

- 2.1.1 Psychological wellbeing - meaning, components and barriers
- 2.1.2 Gratitude- meaning, nature and expression
- 2.1.3 Resilience- meaning, nature, benefits and simple techniques for building resilience.

2.2 Understanding Society

- 2.2.1 Concepts of class, caste, gender, disability, race, culture, religion, ethnicity, context and language
- 2.2.2 Importance of societal analysis
- 2.2.3 Social indicators of development – HDI, GDI, Poverty Index, Hunger Index
- 2.2.4 Issues and challenges for social change in India

Unit 3

(13 Hours)

Personal Financial Planning

- 3.1 Meaning, Need and Importance of Personal Financial Planning
- 3.2 Core concepts in Financial Planning – Budget, Savings and Investment
- 3.3 Converting non-essential expenditure into Savings and Investment
 - 3.3.1 Forms of Savings – Deposits, Insurance
 - 3.3.2 Types of Investments – Securities, Real Estate and Gold
- 3.4 Digital transformation in Finance
 - 3.4.1 De-Mat Account
 - 3.4.2 Net Banking and Mobile Banking

BOOKS FOR REFERENCE

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Allan, R. Modern Politics and Government. New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2000.

Baumgardner, S., & Crothers, M. Positive Psychology. Chennai: Pearson. 1st Edition, 2015.

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Pandey, J.N. Constitutional Law of India. Allahabad: Central Law Agency, 2014.

Weiner, M. The Indian Paradox. New Delhi: Sage , 1989.

PATTERN OF ASSESSMENT

Continuous Assessment:

Total Marks: 50

- Two to three Task based components
- Task based classroom activities
- Case studies
- Group discussions
- Group presentation
- Role play

No End Semester Examination

No CA test