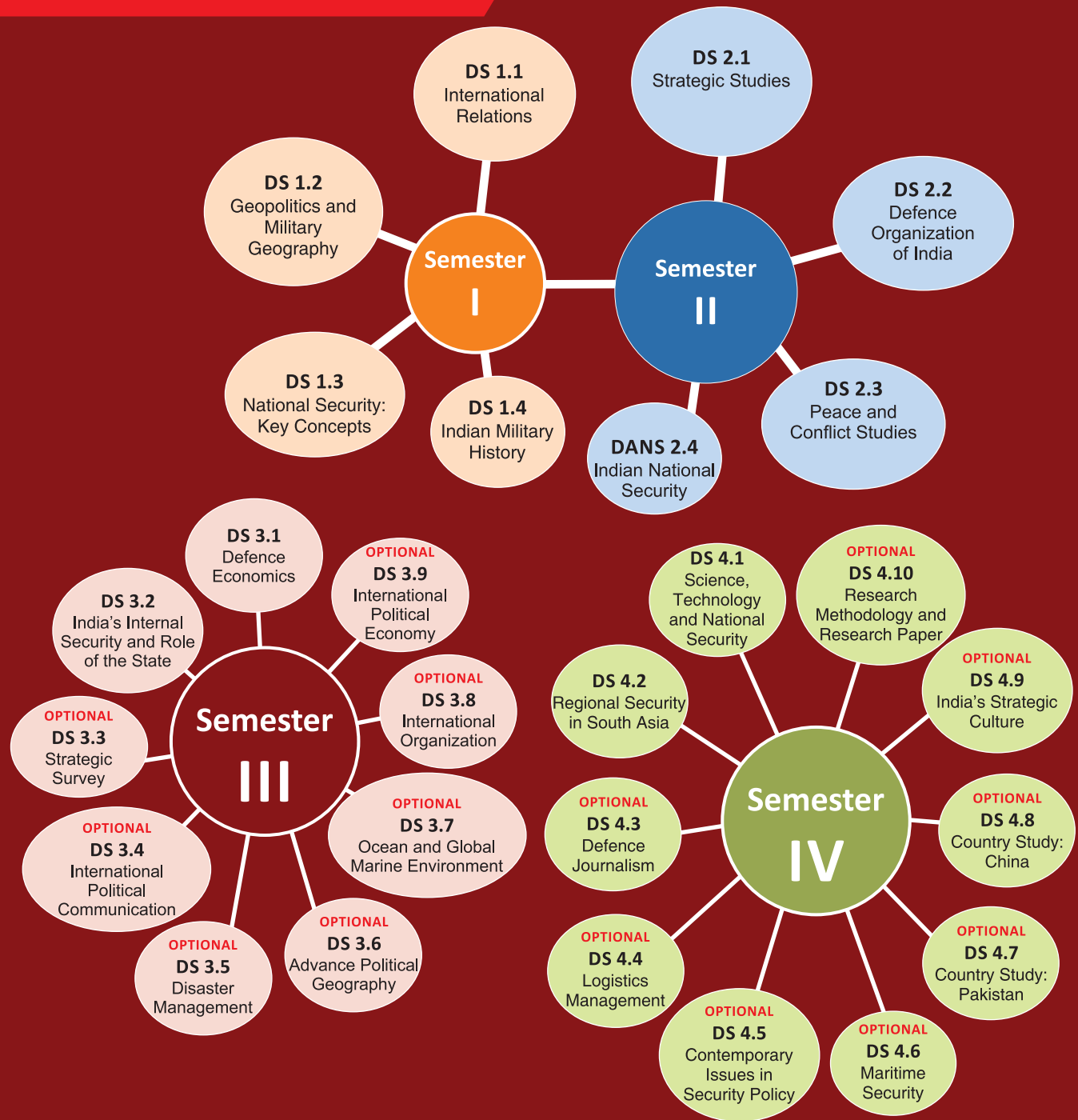


# Course Structure



## M.A. / M.Sc. in Defence and Strategic Studies (Semester and Credit System)

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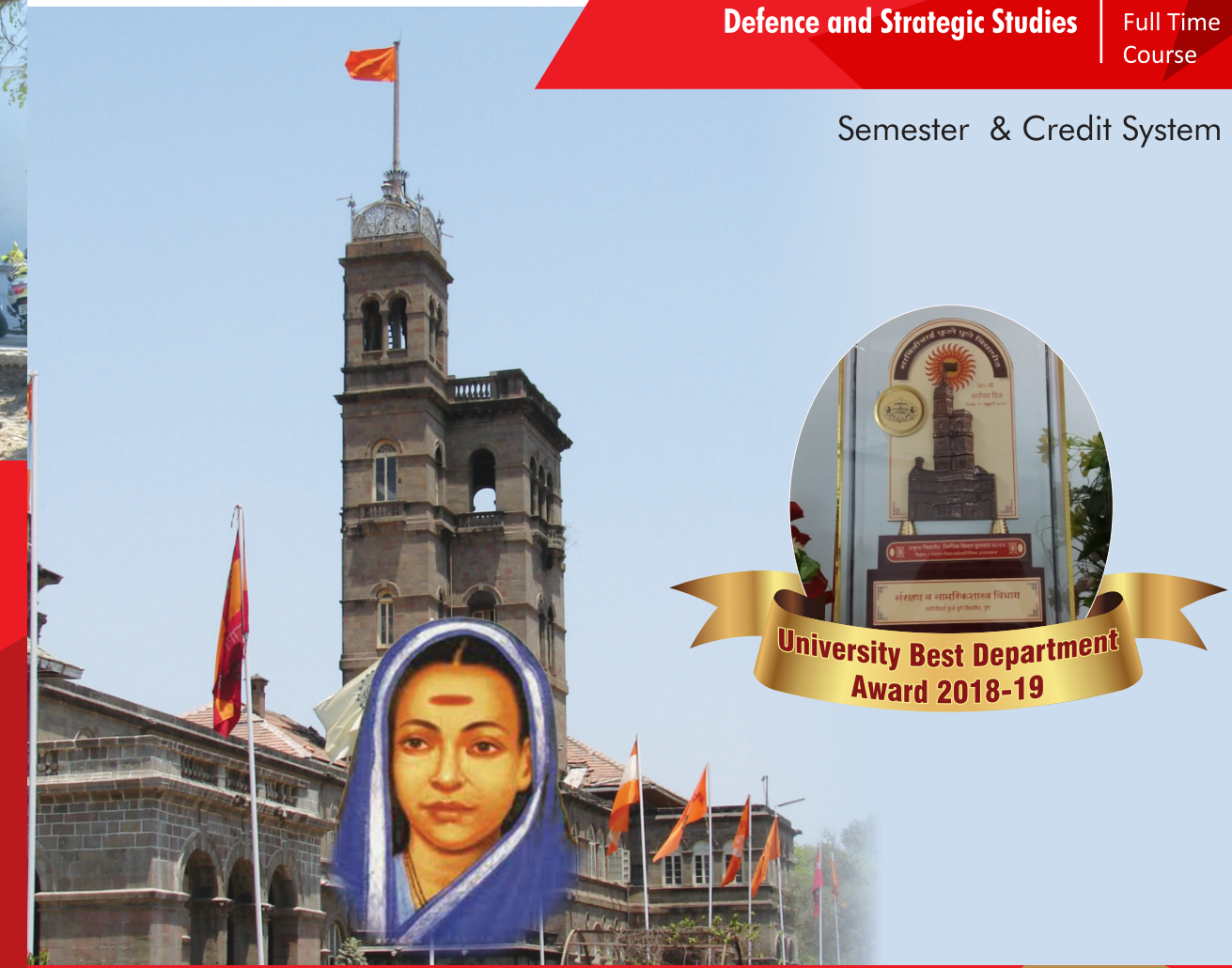
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**Welcome to DDSS!**

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2 Years Full Time Course

Semester & Credit System



"Students-synthesize critically analyze ideas of War to make Peace to resolve and Defence to Protect a Nation."



## ABOUT THE COURSE

### SCOPE:

Defence and Strategic Studies Course is a two year post-graduate program, having prime focus on disseminating knowledge of strategic and security studies to military officers and civilians. The motive is to spread the awareness of higher defence organizations, leadership, command, policy formulation and management. The course will motivate students to pursue knowledge in different areas of National Security such as National Interest, Strategic Relation, Defence Forces, their functioning and role in National Security.

Defence and Strategic Studies is best suited to individuals interested in analysis of contemporary events, multilateral issues, world politics and in functioning of Nation-State and Non-State. This discipline gives theoretical understanding of how and why Nation-States behave in context of regional and global World Affairs.

Strategic Studies opens new vistas of area studies through its interdisciplinary approach. It includes many diverse subjects of Strategic/Security Studies, Geopolitics and Military Geography, Indian Military History, Defence Organisation of India, India's National Security, Defence Economics and area studies: South Asia, China, Pakistan etc.

### CAREER PROSPECTS:

Defence and Strategic Studies is one of the prominent disciplines in Social Sciences. This course will help individuals in pursuing their academic and career goals.

- Pursue career in Print or Electronic Media as defence/security expert
- Pursue career in Think Tanks and Research Institutions & help in pursuing opportunities in Private Risk Analysis and Conflict Tracking Firms.
- Build expertise of in-service officers from the armed forces.
- Helpful in preparing for various governments competitive examinations like SSC, CDS, UPSC, MPSC etc.

## ABOUT DEPARTMENT

The Department of Defence and Strategic Studies (DDSS) is one of the flourishing departments of Savitribai Phule Pune University. This department was established in 1963 as Department of Military Studies, offering undergraduate courses on Military Studies. In 1974 the department started post-graduation courses focusing more on research activities. On the recommendation of Candeth Committee, this discipline has changed the paradigm of teaching and research activity. Subsequently, the name of the department changed from Military Studies to Defence Studies. In 1984 with the expansion of scope of the discipline, the name of the department was changed to the Department of Defence and Strategic Studies (DDSS). DDSS is

expanding the horizon of discipline through research and innovation, and has inculcated thought provoking teaching. Since its inception, DDSS has been building up institutional knowledge about various aspects of India's national security.

DDSS shares a strong bond with the Indian Armed Forces. In the year 1994, the Indian Army established the Chhatrapati Shivaji Chair in Policy Studies. The Department has unique courses such as Scholars in Residence Programme under which several officers from the Indian Army join the Department as Visiting Scholars. Every year the Department and the Indian Army organize the General B.C. Joshi Memorial Lecture, in the memory of General B.C. Joshi. This lecture is delivered by the serving Chief of the Army Staff (COAS), Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS) and Chief of the Air Staff (CAS), in rotation. At DDSS, we acknowledge the changing nature of security and various developments at national and international level. We use interdisciplinary approach to understand various areas of discipline. We give major thrust on Geopolitical Studies, Military Geography, Strategic Studies, International Organization, International Relations, Military History, Defence Organisation and Technology, Military History and Defence Journalism. DDSS offers M.A. /M.Sc. in Defence and Strategic Studies, M. Phil. and Ph.D. in Defence and Strategic Studies and three Post Graduate diploma courses (duration one year)



namely, 'Disaster Management and National Security', 'Counter-Terrorism Studies' and Defence Analyst and National Security. Semester and credit pattern is followed for all the courses.

### ADMISSION PROCESS

Dept. Conducts Entrance Examination, Aspirants have to appear for entrance examination.

( <http://campus.unipune.ac.in/> ).

University rules and regulations about reservations and various quotas are followed for Final admission.

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

Students are required to complete 64 credits to secure an M.A. or an M.Sc. degree in Defence and Strategic Studies in two years. Of these 64 credits, a minimum of 52 credits would be from the courses offered by the Department. The student has the choice of taking the remaining 12 credits from the courses offered in the department or from any other department.

The course carries four papers of 100 marks (4 credits) in each semester. For each paper, there will be an internal evaluation of 50 marks and the external evaluation of 50 marks.

### METHOD OF TEACHING

While teaching the courses, there will be an attempt to introduce the Case Study Method. Sessions are arranged in an informal manner and are interactive, so that there can be debate and discussion on every aspect of the subject. Students will be asked to discuss specific cases related to the course and that, which has been taught in the class. Case studies e.g. War analysis, would be used for the internal evaluation component of the course.



#### Eligibility:

Candidates should hold Graduation in Any Discipline from recognized College / Institute / University.

#### Duration:

Two years (four Semesters)

#### Intake:

30 + Army Officers and International Students over and above

#### Academic Session:

1st & 3rd Semester- July to December  
2nd & 4th Semester- January to May