

The University of Burdwan



Syllabus for B.A.(Hons.)

in

Political Science

Under Semester with

Choice Based Credit System

w.e.f. 2017-2018 onward

Structure of B.A. Honours in Political Science under Semester with CBCS

Semester	Course Title	Course Type	Credit	Full Marks
Sem-I	CC -1 : WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT	Core Course	6	75
	CC- 2 : POLITICAL THEORY	Core Course	6	75
	Interdisciplinary (any discipline other than Pol. Sc.)	GE-1	6	75
	ENVS	AECC-1	6	100
Sem-II	CC - 3 : INDIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT	Core Course	6	75
	CC - 4 : INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS	Core Course	6	75
	Interdisciplinary (any discipline other than Pol. Sc.)	GE-2	6	75
	Communicative English/MIL	AECC-2	2	50
Sem-III	CC -5 : COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS	Core Course	6	75
	CC - 6 : PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	Core Course	6	75
	CC -7 : LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN INDIA	Core Course	6	
	Interdisciplinary(any discipline other than Pol Sc)			75
	Skill Enhancement Course	GE-3 SEC-1	6 2	75 50
Sem-IV	CC - 8 : INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	Core Course	6	75
	CC -9 : SOCIOLOGY AND POLITICS	Core Course	6	75
	CC- 10 INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS	Core Course	6	75
	Interdisciplinary (any discipline other than Pol. Sc.)	GE-4	6	75
	Skill Enhancement Course	SEC-2	2	50
Sem-V	CC-11 : SOCIAL MOVEMENTS IN INDIA	Core Course	6	75
	CC-12 : ELEMENTARY RESEARCH METHODS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE	Core Course	6	75
	Discipline Specific Elective	DSE-1	6	75
	Discipline Specific Elective	DSE-2	6	75

Sem-VI	CC-13 : INDIAN FOREIGN POLICY	Core Course	6	75
	CC-14 : CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN INDIA)	Core Course	6	75
	Discipline Specific Course	DSE-3	6	75
	Discipline Specific Course	DSE-4	6	75

CORE COURSE (CC) : 6 CREDITS EACH

CC-1 : WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT

CC-2 : POLITICAL THEORY

CC-3 : INDIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT

CC-4 : INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

CC-7 : LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN INDIA

CC-8 : INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

CC-9 : SOCIOLOGY AND POLITICS

CC-10 : INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

CC-11 : SOCIAL MOVEMENTS IN INDIA

CC-12 : ELEMENTARY RESEARCH METHODS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

CC-13 : INDIAN FOREIGN POLICY

CC-14 : CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN INDIA

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE (DSE)

DSE-1 : SELECT COMPARATIVE POLITICAL THEORIES Or,

ADVANCED POLITICAL THEORY

DSE-2 : DEMOCRACY AND DECENTRALIZED GOVERNANCE Or,

UNDERSTANDING GOOD GOVERNANCE

DSE-3 : PUBLIC POLICY: CONCEPTS AND IMPLEMENTATION IN INDIA Or,

LOCAL GOVT. IN WEST BENGAL

DSE-4 : UNDERSTANDING GLOBALIZATION Or,

POLITICAL ECONOMY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

GENERIC ELECTIVE (FOR THE STUDENTS OF OTHER DISCIPLINES)

GE-1 : WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT

GE-2 : POLITICAL THEORY

GE-3 : INDIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT

GE-4 : INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSES(SEC)

SEC-1 : LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT Or, PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION.

SEC-2 : PUBLIC OPINION AND SURVEY RESEARCH Or, DEMOCRATIC AWARENESS THROUGH LEGAL LITERACY.

Detailed Syllabus

SEMESTER - I

CC-1 : WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT: 6 credits(Theoretical-5 Credits, Tutorial 1 Credit)

1. Ancient Greek Political Thought: Plato – Justice; Aristotle: Concept of the State

2. Medieval Political Thought: Main features 5 lectures

3. Renaissance and Machiavelli: Concept of Power and Secularization of Politics

4. Hobbes: Concept of Sovereignty; Locke: Foundations of Liberalism; Rousseau: General Will

5. Hegel: State

8. Marx and Engels: Dialectical and Historical Materialism; Lenin: Imperialism

9. J.S. Mill and Isaiah Berlin: concept of Liberty

Suggested Readings:

1. G. H. Sabine, *A History of Political Theory* (USA: Wadsworth Publishing Co Inc,)
2. A.K. Mukhopadhyay, *Western Political Thought : From Plato to Marx* (Kolkata: K.P. Bagchi)
3. S. Mukherjee and S. Ramaswamy, *A History of Political Thought*, (New Delhi: PHI)

4. Brian R. Nelson, *Western Political Thought: From Socrates to the Age of Ideology*, (Delhi: Pearson)
5. Shefali Jha, *Western Political Thought* (Delhi: Pearson)

CC- 2 : POLITICAL THEORY : 6 credits (Theoretical-5 Credits, Tutorial 1 Credit)

1. The meaning of Politics and Political Theory; Importance of Political Theory: Decline and Resurgence

2. Different Approaches: (a) Traditional (b) Behavioural and Post-Behavioural (c) Marxist

3. The Concept of Sovereignty: (a) Monistic (b) Pluralist (c) Popular

4. Liberty and Equality: Meaning and their Inter-relationship

5. Theory of Justice: Rawls

6. Ideology – Meaning and Variants: (a) Anarchism (b) Liberalism and Neo-Liberalism (c) Fascism; The End of Ideology Debate – Daniel Bell and Francis Fukuyama

7. Theories of State: (a) Idealist (b) Liberal (c) Marxist (d) Gandhian

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1. R. Bhargava and A. Acharya eds. *Political Theory* (Delhi : Longman, 2008)
2. O. P. Gauba. *Introudction to Political Theory* (New Delhi : Macmillan, 2011)
3. J. C. Johari. *Contemporary Political Theory* (New Delhi : Advent Books)
4. S. Ramaswamy. *Political Theory: Ideas and Concept* (New Delhi : Macmillan)
5. A. Roy and M. Bhattacharya. *Political Theory: Ideas and Institutions* (Kolkata: World Press)
6. S.P. Verma. *Modern Political Theory* (New Delhi: Vikash)
7. D.C. Bhattacharyya, *Political Theory* (Kolkata: Vijoya Publishing House)

Generic Elective (FOR THE STUDENTS OF OTHER DISCIPLINES)

GE -1 : WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT : 6 Credits (Theoretical-5 Credits, Tutorial 1 Credit)

1. Ancient Greek Political Thought: Main Features

2. Medieval Political Thought: Main features

3. Machiavelli: Concept of statecraft and power politics

4. Hobbes, Locke and Rousseau: Concept of Sovereignty

5. Marx and Engels: Dialectical and Historical Materialism; Revolution; Lenin: Imperialism

6. J.S. Mill: Concept of Liberty

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SEMESTER - II

CC-3 : INDIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT: 6 credits (Theoretical-5 Credits, Tutorial 1 Credit)

1. Ancient Indian Political Thought : Features ; Kautilya's theory of Saptanga and the concept of 'Dandaniti'.

2. Main features of medieval Muslim Political Thought.

3. Raja Rammohun Roy : perception of British Colonial Rule and their role as Modernizers.

4. Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, Vivekananda : Nationalism.

5. Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi : Satyagraha; trusteeship

6. Rabindranath Tagore ; State, Society and Nation.

7. B.R. Ambedkar : Social Justice.

Suggested Readings:

1. Altekar, A.S., *State and Government in Ancient India* (Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass)
2. Varma, V. P., *Ancient and Medieval Indian Political Thought* (Agra: Lakshmi Narayan Agarwal)
3. Varma, V. P., *Modern Indian Political Thought* (Agra: Lakshmi Narayan Agarwal)
4. Pantham, T and Deutsch, K. L., *Political Thought In Modern India (ed.)*, (New Delhi: Sage Publications)
5. Chakraborty, B and Pandey, R. K., *Modern Indian Political Thought*, (New Delhi: Sage)
6. Singh, M. P. and Roy, H, *Indian Political Thought: Themes and Thinkers*, (New Delhi: Pearson)

CC-4 : INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS: 6 credits(Theoretical-5 Credits, Tutorial 1 Credit)

1.a The Constituent Assembly: its Composition and role

b. The Preamble and its Significance

2. (a) Fundamental Rights and Duties (b) Directive Principles of State Policy

3. Nature of Indian Federalism: Centre-States relations – Legislative, Administrative and Financial

4. Union Legislature: Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha – Organization, Functions and Law-making Procedures; the Speaker; Procedure of Constitutional Amendment

5. Union Executive: President and Prime Minister: Powers and functions; Governor and Chief Minister: Powers and function

6. Judiciary: Supreme Court and High Courts – Composition and Functions;

7. Party System in India: Features and Trends; Coalition Governments

8. Electoral Process: Election Commission – Composition and Functions; Electoral Reforms

Suggested Readings:

1. Basu, D. D, *Introduction to the Constitution of India* (Nagpur: Lexis Nexis)
2. Kashyap, S. C., *Our Constitution* (New Delhi: National Book Trust)
3. Kashyap, S.C., *Our Political System* (New Delhi: National Book Trust)
4. Hiregowder, G. C. et al., *The Indian Constitution: An Introduction*, (New Delhi: Orient Black Swan)
5. Johari, J. C., *Indian Government and Politics*, Vol. 1 and 2 (New Delhi: Vikash Publication)
6. Khosla, Madhab, *The Indian Constitution* (New Delhi: Oxford)

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GE -2 : POLITICAL THEORY : 6 credits (Theoretical-5 Credits, Tutorial 1 Credit)

1. The meaning of Politics and Political Theory; Importance of Political Theory; Different Approaches: (a) Traditional (b) Behavioural and Post-Behavioural (c) Marxist

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4. Liberalism and Neo-Liberalism

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6. Political parties and pressure groups: concept and role

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