Complementary Courses for other BA Programmes (Political Science)

Course 1

Course Title:
AN INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE

No. of Credits - 4
No. of Contact hours – 108

Course Rationale:
This module aims to inculcate awareness about the principles of Political Science in general and political process in particular. For that, various approaches, ideologies and related theories are dealt in an interdisciplinary manner. It will help the student to understand the relevance of the discipline and also to acquire the practical knowledge of the subject.

Module:

1. Introduction and Approaches to the Study of Political Science.
   i. Meaning, Nature and definitions (old and new) politics as a human activity – Different perspectives; Politics as the art of government. Politics as public affairs; politics as compromise and consensus; politics as the study of power authority and influence.
   ii. Politics and its relations with other social sciences History, Economics, Sociology, Law and Psychology.
   iii. Major approaches to the study of Political Science: Traditional, Behavioural, Post-behavioural and Marxist approaches.

(25 Hours)
2. Origin, Nature and Functions of the State
   ii. Sovereignty: Attributes; Monism and Pluralism.
   iii. Changing Nature of the State; The State in a global era.

   (20 hours)

3. Political Ideologies
   Liberalism; Neo Liberalism, Socialism, Marxism, Fascism, Gandhism.

   (20 hours)

4. Constitution and classification - A brief study:
   i. Written and unwritten
   ii. Rigid and Flexible
   iii. Unitary and Federal
   iv. Parliamentary and Presidential
   v. Representation and Electoral system.

   Indian Constitution
   i. Salient features
   ii. Preamble
   iii. Fundamental Rights and Duties
   iv. Directive Principles of State Policy
   v. Election and voting behaviour in India.

   (25 hours)
References:

2. Perter Harris, “Foundations of Political Science”, Oxford University Press
7. A. Appadorai – “Substance of Polities” World Press Ltd. 1989


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Course 2

Course Title: GOVERNMENTAL MACHINERY & PROCESSES

No. of Credits - 4
No. of Contact hours – 108

Course Rationale:

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Module:

1. Political System
   i. Meaning, Nature, Characteristics, Properties
   ii. Structural – Functional Analysis (Gabriel Almond)
   iii. Input-Output Analysis (David Easton)

   (15 hours)

2. Political System - Functions

A Input Functions
   i. Political Socialisation and Recruitment
   ii. Political Culture
   iii. Interest Groups/ Pressure Groups—nature – types- functions
iv. Political Parties – functions; Party systems

B. Output Functions
i. Rule Making
ii. Rule Application
iii. Rule Adjudication

(30 hours)

3. Issues in Indian Political System:
   i. Casteism and communalism
   ii. Ethnic violence and terrorism in India.
   iii. Criminalization of Politics.
   iv. Assertion of Dalits and Adivasis

(25 hours)

4. Human Rights & Environmental issues
   i. Human Rights – Conceptual Analysis (A Brief analysis of UDHR)
   ii. Environmental hazards; Sustainable Development
   iii. Role of UNO in peacemaking, Human Rights Protection and Environment.
   iv. Human Rights Commission in India

(20 hours)

Reference:
2. Perter Harris- “Foundations of Political Science”, Oxford University Press
4. O.P Gauba – “An Introduction to Political theory” Macmillan India Ltd. 2008
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Course 3

Course Title: ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL
POLITICAL THOUGHT

No. of Credits - 4
No. of Contact hours – 108

Course Rationale:

The course deals with the ideas of ancient and medieval thinkers about the state and other institutions with a view to build in the students an over-all out-look about political thought and its relevance in modern World.

Module:

1. Introduction to Political Philosophy
   i. Features of Ancient Greek Thought, Life and teachings of Socrates.
   ii. Features of Indian Political Thought; Kautilya - System of Monarchy, Saptanga Theory of the State

   (20 Hours)

2. Plato
   Ideal State, Ideas of Justice, Education, Communism.

   (20 Hours)

3. Aristotle

   (20 Hours)
4. St. Thomas Aquinas & Nicolo Machiavelli

i. St. Thomas Aquinas: Conception and Classification of Laws


(30 Hours)

References:

1. Ebenstein – Great political Thinkers (Plato to Present), Sterling Publishers PVT. Ltd., New Delhi 2007
2. G.Sabine – History of Political Theory: PHI- New Delhi, 2004
4. Bhandari – History of European Political Philosophy; OUP; New Delhi
11. C.C. Maxey – Political Philosophers, Surjeeth Publications
12. Ramaswamy and Mukherjee, Political Thought, Prentice Hall.
13. Brian R Nelson “ Western Political Thought” (2e), Pearson Education.
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Course 4

Course Title:
MODERN POLITICAL THOUGHT

No. of Credits - 4
No. of Contact hours – 108

Course Rationale:

This course is intended to provide a detailed understanding of various political theories, thoughts and ideas. It also aims to make the student competent enough to build their own ideas about various social and political issues.

Module:

1. Contractualists:

   (20 hours)

2. Utilitarianism
   i. Jermy Bentham – Pleasure and Pain Theory
   ii. J.S. Mill – Liberty and Representative Government

   (25 Hours)
3. Idealism
   i. Hegel – Dialectics, State, Freedom
   ii. T.H. Green – State, Rights and Freedom

(20 Hours)

4. Socialist Thinkers
   i. Marx – Father of Scientific Socialism
   ii. Lenin – Imperialism, Party Organisation
   iii. John Rawls : Theory of Justice
   iv. Gramsci – Hegemony

(20 Hours)

References:
1. Ebenstein – Great political Thinkers (Plato to Present), Sterling Publishers PVT. Ltd. New Delhi 2007
2. G.Sabine – History of Political Theory: PHI- New Delhi, 2004
4. Bhandari – History of European political philosophy; OUP; New Delhi
5. Dunning – History of political Theories: S. Chand & Company Ltd.New Delhi, 2000
6. M.G.Gupta- History of political thought: Macmillian India Ltd.1998


10. Lanadamas and R.W Dyson, Fifty Great Political Thinkers, Sterling Publishers PVT. Ltd., New Delhi 2007

11. Brian R Nelson “Western Political Thought” (2e), Pearson Education.
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Course 5
Course Title: Political Theory

No. of Credits - 4
No. of Contact hours – 108

Course Rationale:

The course is intended to provide the students with the basic principles and concepts of political science. It will give them a general awareness of the discipline; that is the natures, scope, development, inter-disciplinary perspectives of the political system.

Module:

1. Politics and Political Science.

   Politics as a Human Activity and a Process. Political situation-Conflicts and attempts to resolve conflicts, Influence, Power and Authority, Development of the Discipline, Major Approaches to the study of Political Science (Traditional, Behavioral, Post Behavioral, Liberal and Marxist)

   (20 hours)


   A brief survey of various theories regarding the origin of state; Changing nature of the state.

   Sovereignty: Attributes of Sovereignty, Monism, Pluralism ; State and Civil Society; State in a Globalised Era.


   (25 hours)
3. Major Concepts in Political Science

Political Economy, Political Sociology, Geo Politics and Environmental Politics; Political Culture, Political Socialisation, Political Participation, Political Modernisation and Political Development.

(25 hours)

4. Political System

Political System – Meaning and Characteristics.
Input -Output Analysis and Structural- Functional Analysis.

(20 hours)

References:

2. Perter Harris - “Foundations of Political Science”, Oxford University Press
4. O.P Gauba – “An Introduction to Political theory”, Macmillian India Ltd., 2008


12. R.C Agarwal: Political Theory - Principles of Political Science; S. Chand & Company Ltd., New Delhi, 2000


Course Title: HUMAN RIGHTS

No. of Credits - 4
No. of Contact hours – 108

Course Rationale:
This course is intended to highlight the concept of human rights, its evolution and importance in our society. The development of human rights doctrine has changed the ways in which nation states act towards each other at the international and regional levels. The learner gets an opportunity to understand about various rights, including political, civil, social, economic and cultural rights. It also provides an information concerning issues relating to human rights, judicial independence and the rule of law.

Module:
1. Origin and Development of Human Rights
Meaning and Importance of Human Rights, Evolution of Human Rights, Approaches to Human Rights. (25 hours)

2. UNO and Human Rights

3. Human Rights in India
Constitutional Provisions (Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy); National Human Rights
Commission (NHRC); Human Rights Movements (Amnesty International and Peoples Union for Civil Liberties).

(20 hours)

4. Challenges to Human Rights
State and Human Rights, Terrorism;
Human Rights and Marginalised Groups (Dalits, Women and Children).

(20 hours)

References:


9. Jackson, Thomas F., From civil rights to human rights: Martin Luther King, Jr., and the struggle for economic justice


