

**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**

- i. A brief survey of Divine origin, Force, Social Contract theories, Evolutionary Theory (Detailed Study).
- 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)**

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**Course 2**

**Course Title: GOVERNMENTAL  
MACHINERY & PROCESSES**

**No. of Credits - 4**

**No. of Contact hours – 108**

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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. Out put 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)**

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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**

Evolution, Nature of State, Classification of Government, Concepts of Slavery, Citizenship, and Revolution.

**(20 Hours)**



**4. St. Thomas Aquinas & Nicolo Machiavelli**

- i. St. Thomas Aquinas: Conception and Classification of Laws
- ii. Nicolo Machiavelli - Separation of Politics and Ethics, Human Nature and Political Power, Realism.

**(30 Hours)**

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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:**

- i. Thomas Hobbes – State of Nature, Social Contract, Nature and Attributes of State
- ii. John Locke – State of Nature, Natural Rights, Nature of the State
- iii. Jean Jacques Rousseau - State of Nature, Social Contract, General Will

**(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
- iii. M. K. Gandhi – Truth, Non – Violence and Satyagraha  
**(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)**

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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)**

**2. State: Origin, Nature and Ideals.**

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.

Political Ideals– Justice, Law, Liberty, Rights and Equality.

**(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)**

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**Course 6**

**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**

Universal Declaration of Human Rights- 1948, International Covenants on Human Rights –Civil and Political, Economic, Social and Cultural.

**(25 hours)**

**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)**

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