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PREFACE

The complementary course of Political Science taught to the Undergraduate Departments of History and Economics is designed with the objective of creating a better understanding of state and nationhood among the future generations which would equip them to be better citizens of tomorrow. In the world of complexities, the prosperity of a nation will have a direct impact on the lives of its citizens, in this context it is very important to create awareness among the students on what the state has done for their welfare and what they in turn should do for the state as responsible citizens.

The syllabus equips the students to have a clear understanding on the emergence of the discipline, its relation with other social science subjects, the evolution of the state, its linkage with human beings and the actual functioning of the government through its various organs. It also analyses the transformation of the state over a period of time, as well as the challenges that the state encounters in the changing global, national and regional scenario. The course aims to develop critical thinking among the students so as to make them understand the real gap between theoretical components and its actual practice.

Course	Details				
Code	PS13201				
Title	AN INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE				
Degree	B A				
Branch(s)	Political Science				
Year/Semester	2/III				
Type	Complementary Course For History And Economics				
Credits	4	Hours/Week	6	Total Hours	108

CO No.	Expected Course Outcomes <i>Upon completion of this course, the students will be able to:</i>	Cognitive Level	PSO No.
1	Understand about the emergence and evolution of Political Science as a scientific discipline.	U	3HY /9EC O
2	Understand the emergence and evolution of State	U	4HY /9EC O
3	Analyse the relationship between citizen and State	An	4HY /9EC O
4	Understand the fundamental concepts in Political Science	U	4HY /9EC O
5	Understand the concept and role of Civil society movements in a State	U	4HY /9EC O
6	Evaluate in detail the major political ideologies and its contemporary significance	E	4HY /9EC O
7	Understand and Analyse the various forms of government.	An	4HY /9EC O
8	Understand the concept of democracy and variants.	U	4HY /9EC O
9	Understand and evaluate various contemporary global issues	E	4HY /9EC O
*PSO-Program Specific outcome; CO-Course Outcome; Cognitive Level: R-Remember; U-Understanding; Ap-Apply; An-Analyze; E-Evaluate; C-Create.			

Module	Course Description	Hrs	CO.No.
1.0	Module 1		
1.1	Introduction: The importance of Politics as a Discipline.	1	2
1.1.1	The debate of Science and Art in the discipline of Politics	1	4
1.1.2	The question of Normative and Empirical approach to Politics	1	4
1.1.3	Definition, Nature and Scope of Political Science	2	2
1.2	Other Social Sciences: Political Science and its relations with other Social Sciences		
1.2.1	Relations with History and Economics	1	4
1.2.2	Relations with Sociology, Psychology and Anthropology	2	4
1.3	Approaches to the study of Political Science		
1.3.1	Philosophical & Historical Approach (Traditional)	2	2
1.3.2	Legal & Institutional (Traditional)	2	2
1.3.3	Behavioural (Modern)	3	2
1.3.4	Post Behavioural (Modern)	2	2
1.3.5	Marxist (Modern)	2	2
1.3.6	Neo Marxist (Modern)	1	2
2.0	Essential Concepts in Political Science		
2.1	Concept of State	3	2
2.1.1	Why a State?	2	4
2.1.2	Life before the State	3	2
2.1.3	Theories on the Origin of the State	2	2
2.1.4	Why State is necessary?	2	4
2.1.5	State in a Globalised Era and its relevance today	2	4
2.2	Liberty : Meaning and Evolution of the Concept	2	4
2.2.1	Positive Liberty	1	4
2.2.2	Negative Liberty	1	4
2.3	Equality : Meaning and Evolution of the Concept	2	2
2.3.1	Formal Equality	1	4
2.3.2	Political Equality	1	4
2.4	Rule of Law	1	4
2.5	Concept of Justice	2	2
2.5.1	Distributive Justice	1	4
2.6	Concept of Civil Society and its Practise	2	2
2.6.1	Civil Society movements in India	2	2

3.0	Major Political Ideologies		
3.1	The Concept and Evolution of the idea of Liberalism	2	5
3.2.1	Classical Liberalism	2	5
3.2.2	Modern Liberalism	2	5
3.2.3	Neo Liberalism	2	5
3.3	Introduction to Socialism	2	2
3.3.1	The problem of Capitalism and the Features of Socialism	2	5
3.3.2	Introduction to Marxism	2	5
3.3.3	Features of Marxism	2	2
3.4	Fascism	2	5
3.5	Gandhism	2	5
4.0	Democracy & Classification of Government		
4.1	Introduction to the Idea of Democracy	1	2
4.2	Definition of Democracy and its Characteristics	2	2
4.3	Various forms of Democracy		
4.3.1	Liberal Democracy	1	2
4.3.2	Deliberative Democracy	1	2
4.3.3	Representative Democracy	2	2
4.4	Different Forms of Government	1	2
4.4.1	Characteristics of Parliamentary Government	2	2
4.4.2	Merits and Demerits of Parliamentary Government	1	2
4.4.3	Characteristics of Presidential Government	2	2
4.4.4	Merits and Demerits of Presidential Government	1	2
4.4.5	Characteristics of Federal Government	2	2
4.4.6	Merits and Demerits of Federal Government	1	2
4.4.7	Characteristics of Unitary Government	2	2
4.4.8	Merits and Demerits of Unitary Government	1	2
5.0	Contemporary Global Challenges		
5.1	The North-South Divide	2	5
5.2	Poverty and its Definition	1	5
5.2.1	Causes of Poverty among the Developing Nations	2	5
5.3	Changing Dimensions from National Security to Human Security	2	5
5.4	Global Terrorism	2	5
5.5	Intra-state conflicts	2	5
5.6	The Phenomenon of Migration	1	5
5.6.1	The Pull Factor and the Push Factor of Migration	1	5
5.7	Climate Change and its impact on the Developing Nations	2	5
5.7.1	The Politics of Climate Change Negotiations	1	5
5.8	Human Rights Violations	2	5

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Course	Details				
Code	PS14202				
Title	INDIAN CONSTITUTION: SOCIAL ISSUES IN INDIA				
Degree	BA				
Branch(s)	POLITICAL SCIENCE				
Year/Semester	4 th Semester				
Type	COMPLEMENTARY COURSE FOR HISTORY AND ECONOMICS				
Credits	4	Hours/Week	6	Total Hours	108

CO No.	<i>-Expected Course Outcomes</i> <i>Upon completion of this course, the students will be able to:</i>	Cognitive Level	PSO No.
1	Understand the emergence and evolution of Indian Constitution.	U	3HY/9ECO
2	Understand the structure and composition of Indian Constitution	U	4HY/9ECO
3	Understand and analyse federalism in the Indian context.	An	4HY/9ECO
4	Analyse Panchayathi Raj institutions as a medium of decentralization	An	4HY/9ECO
5	Understand and analyse the three organs of the state in the contemporary scenario.	An	4HY/9ECO
6	Understand and Evaluate the Indian Political scenario amidst the emerging challenges.	E	4HY/9ECO
7	Understand and evaluate the trajectory of various socio politico movements in Kerala.	E	4HY/9ECO
8	Evaluate Indian foreign relations under cold war and post cold war era.	E	4HY/9ECO
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Module	Course Description	Hrs	CO.No.
1.0	Indian Constitution		
1.1	Historical Background of the Constituent Assembly	2	2
1.1.1	Government of India Act of 1935 and Indian Independence Act of 1947	1	2
1.1.2	Composition of the Constituent Assembly	1	2
1.2	Functions of the Constituent Assembly	2	4
1.2.1	Various Committees of the Constituent Assembly	1	2
1.2.2	Enforcement of the Constitution	1	2
1.3	Indian Constitution and its Salient Features	3	2
1.3.1	The role of B R Ambedkar in the making of the Indian Constitution	1	2
1.4	The Preamble of the Constitution	1	2
1.5	Fundamental Rights	3	2
1.6	Fundamental Duties	3	2
1.7	Directive Principles of State Policy	3	2
1.7.1	Gandhian Principles	1	2
1.7.2	Liberal Principles	1	2
1.7.3	Socialistic Principles	1	2
2.0	Indian Federalism		
2.1	Meaning and Definition of Federalism	2	4
2.1.1	Structure and Features of Indian Federalism	2	4
2.1.2	Difference between Indian and Federation of other states	3	4
2.1.3	Difference between federal and unitary features	3	4
2.1.4	Critical Evaluation of the Indian Federal System	2	5
2.2	Decentralisation of Powers	2	4
2.2.1	Centre-State Relations	2	
2.2.2	73rd Amendment	1	4
2.7	Panchayath Raj Institutions	3	4
3.0	Union Government		
3.1	Powers of Indian Parliament	3	2
3.1.1	Functions of Rajya Sabha	2	2
3.1.2	Functions of Lok Sabha	2	2
3.2	Powers and Functions of the President	2	2
3.2.1	Comparison of powers of Indian President with the United States	2	2
3.2.2	Powers and Functions of the Prime Minister	2	2
3.3	Judiciary - The Independence of the Supreme Court	2	4
3.3.1	Comparison with the American Supreme Court	1	4
3.3.2	Appointment of Judges	1	2
	Judicial Review	1	4

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3.5	Public Interest Litigation	1	4
3.6	Judicial Activism	2	4
3.7	Lok Pal	2	4
3.8	Lok Ayukta	1	4
3.9	The Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act 2013	1	4
4.0	Challenges to Indian Political System		
4.1	Caste: A General Overview of the Indian Scenario	1	2
4.1.1	The caste issues in the Pre independence period, Gandhi-Ambedkar Debate and the Poona Pact.	2	2
4.1.2	The Politics of Caste in the post Independence period, Mandal Commission report and the subsequent reservation policy in government jobs.	2	5
4.2	The History of Communalism in India, The Pre-Independence period to 1947	1	2
4.2.1	Communal Issues in the post independence period	2	5
4.3	The concept of terrorism and its emergence in the global phenomenon since the end of cold war.	1	5
4.3.1	Terrorism and its impact upon India since 1990's	1	5
4.4	Regional issues and secession movements in India since independence	1	5
4.4.1	Challenges from Punjab, Tamil Nadu and North Eastern States	1	5
4.5	The History of Naxalism or (Left Wing Insurgency) in India since late 1960's	2	2
4.5.1	The Challenge of Left Wing Insurgency today	1	5
4.6	Subaltern Movements- Peasant, Tribal, Dalit, and Women Struggles	2	5
4.6.1	The role of the Dalit Assertion in Indian Politics since 1980's.	1	4
4.7	Social and Educational Reform Movements in Kerala	1	5
4.7.1	Role of Christian Missionaries, Sree Narayana Guru , Ayankali etc	1	2
5.0	India's External Relations : Cold War and Post Cold War era		
5.1	What is Foreign Policy?	1	2
5.1.1	Basic Determinates of Foreign Policy	2	5
5.2	Indian and its Neighbours	3	5
5.3	India's Extended Neighbourhood in West Asia and South East Asia.	3	5
5.4	India's relations with the United States and Russia.	3	5
5.5	India and the World Organisations	3	5
5.6	India in the 21st century	3	5

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