



BENGALURU CITY UNIVERSITY

CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM

(as per SEP 2024)

Syllabus for I & II Semester Political Science

2024-25

PREAMBLE

Education is critical for realizing one's full potential, creating a more just and equal community, and advancing national progress. In terms of economic growth, social fairness and equality, scientific advancement, national integration, and cultural preservation, ensuring universal access to high-quality education is critical to India's continuing rise and leadership on the world arena. In this context, universal high-quality education is the most effective path ahead for developing and exploiting our country's vast skills and resources for the benefit of individuals, community, country, and globe. Over the next decade, India will have the world's largest young population, and our capacity to offer them with high-quality education and employment opportunities will decide the future of the country.

The Government of Karnataka had set up the State Education Policy (SEP) Task Force in 2023, the committee gave its recommendations in May 2024. As a result, Bangalore City University, Bengaluru also took necessary steps to implement the SEP (2024-2025 academic year) and to go far beyond the traditional information creation and dissemination by incorporating them for a breakthrough with wider social and economic consequences.

The Board of Studies (BOS) in Political Science (UG), Bangalore City University intends to make substantial changes to its undergraduate and graduate programs to satisfy the needs of students with a diverse set of talents, aspirations, and professional objectives. In this context, the syllabus is prepared to equip the students to understand Political Science discipline in term of the basic concepts, thoughts and theories; critically relate the theoretical aspects of Political Science to the socio- economic and political realities, and to enhance the knowledge of the students on regional, national and global politics.

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PROGRAM OBJECTIVES IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

- To understand the importance of concepts in Political Science.
- To familiarize the students with the basic ideas, thoughts and theories in Political Science.
- To help them understand and make a distinction between Political Theory, Political Philosophy, and Political Science and help them to understand the importance of these in the national and global contexts.
- To help understand the emergence and growth of modern States, and their functioning and relate them to the political realities.
- To equip them to critically relate the theoretical aspects of Political Science to the socio-economic and political realities of our times.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES IN POLITICAL SCIENCE:

At the end of the successful completion of the course, the students will be able to

- Acquire domain knowledge.
- Study and analyze political contexts from a critical and constructive perspective.
- Have a better understanding of the working of various political institutions including decentralized institutions state legislatures and parliament and relate this functioning to the greater cause of nation-building as a responsible citizen.
- Assess how global national and regional development affect polity and society.
- To gain critical thinking and develop the ability to make logical inferences about socio-economic and political issues, based on comparative and contemporary political discourses in India.
- Contemplate about national and international issues involving States having different political ideologies and historical contexts.
- Pursue higher education such as Post Graduate Studies and Research in Political Science and in other interdisciplinary areas to provide qualitative insights to create a better world.

CURRICULUM

Name of the Degree Program	BA
Discipline Core:	Political Science
Total Credits for the Program (1-6 Semester)	32
Year of Implementation	2024-2025

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STRUCTURE FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE DISCIPLINE

Semester I				
Course	Paper	Credits	No. of Teaching Hours/Week	Total Marks/ Assessment
Discipline Core-1	Foundational Concepts in Political Science	5	5	100 (80+20)
Semester II				
Discipline Core -2	Western Political Thought	5	5	100 (80+20)

SEMESTER -I

FOUNDATIONAL CONCEPTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE DSC-1

Course Title: Foundational Concepts in Political Science	
Total Contact Hours: 55	Course Credits: 5
No. of Teaching Hours/Week: 5	Duration of ESA/Exam: 3 Hours
Formative Assessment Marks: 20	Summative Assessment Marks: 80+20=100

Course Objective:

- Develop an understanding about the nature and philosophy of Political Science and its interface with society. Enable the students to develop qualities of being responsible and active citizens in a democracy.

Learning Outcome:

At the end of the course the students shall understand -

- Political Science, theoretically and will gain knowledge to explain and analyze politics at large.
- The dynamics of politics.
- To inculcate the democratic spirit.

Unit	Contents of Course- 1	55 Hours
Unit-I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Politics: Meaning, Importance of Political Science, Approaches to the study of Political Science, Historical, Philosophical, Legal and Normative approaches, Modern- Behavioral • State: Concept, Elements and Origin of State (Evolutionary), Theories of State- Idealist, Liberal, Marxist. • Power: Concept, Sources, Types, Theories – Elite & Pluralist 	12 Hours

Unit-II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sovereignty: Concept, Characteristics and Kinds of Sovereignty. • Theories of Sovereignty: Monistic and Pluralistic, Challenges to the Sovereignty in the age of Globalization. • Law: Meaning, Source of Law and Kinds 	10 Hours
Unit- III	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liberty: Meaning and Kinds; Positive and Negative Liberty • Equality: Meaning and Kinds (Social, Economic, and Political), Understanding Equity • Justice: Meaning, Nature, Kinds, 	10 Hours
Unit- IV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rights – Idea of Rights, Bases – Legal, Moral & Natural Rights • Gender – Gender Identity, Gender in Society, Gender Justice • Citizenship – Concept, Theories – Liberal, Marxian & Communitarian 	12 Hours
Unit- V	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Impact of Political Power on Social Justice and Equality. • How does Positive discrimination promote equality and equity? • What role do electoral reforms play in promoting gender equality? • Citizenship and Human Rights: Intersections and Challenges 	11 Hours

Exercise:

- List out the modern elements of State
- List out the countries and identify the issues related to equality
- Identify an issue and discuss the role of civil society

Suggested Readings:

- Political Theory: Ideas & Concepts, S. Ramswamy, Delhi, Macmillan, 2002.
- Modern Political Theory, S. P. Verma, New Delhi, Vikas, 1983.
- Principles of Modern, Political Science, JC Johri, Sterling Publishers Pvt. Ltd. 1995.
- Principles of Political Science, AC Kapur, New Delhi, Sultan Chand and Sons, 2004.
- Principles of Political Science, N.N Agarwal, Vidya Bhushan, Vishnoo Bhawan, R. Chand & Co, New Delhi, 1998.
- Political Science Theory, S.C Pant, Prakashan Kendra, Lucknow, 1998.
- Political Science Theory, S. N Dubey, Lakshmi Narain Agarwal, Agra, 2002.
- Principle of Modern Political Science, J C Johari, Sterling Publications, New York, 2009.
- Principles of Political Science, Anup Chand Kapur, S Chand & Co Ltd, 2010.
- Acharya, A. (2008) 'Equality', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*, New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp.58-73.
- Bhargava, R. (2008) 'What is Political Theory', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp.2-17.
- Bhargava, R. (2008) 'Why Do We Need Political Theory', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, p.18-37.
- Casal, P. & William, A. (2008) 'Equality', in McKinnon, C. (ed.) *Issues in Political Theory*. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 149- 165.
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Pedagogy:

- The course shall be taught through the Bridge Courses, Lecture, Tutorial, Interactive Sessions, Self-guided Learning Materials, Open Educational Resources (OER) as reference materials, Field visit/Practical Exercises, Assignments, Seminars, Group Discussions and Week-end Counseling Classes.

Formative Assessment	
Assessment Occasion/ type	Weightage in Marks
Assessment Test	10
Seminar/Presentation/Group Discussion/Field visit	5
Assignment	5
Total	20

SEMESTER -II

WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT

DSC-2

COURSE TITLE: Western Political Thought	
Total Contact Hours: 55	Course Credits: 5
No. of Teaching Hours/Week: 5	Duration of ESA/Exam: 3 Hours
Formative Assessment Marks: 20	Summative Assessment Marks: 80+20=100

Course Objective:

- The Syllabus is designed to understand Political Philosophy, traditions that evolved in Europe from Ancient to the beginning of modern era. To examine the contributions of the Greek, Medieval and early Modern thinker's Philosophical thought.

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the course the students shall understand;

- And get an introduction to the Schools of Political Thought and Theorismaking in the West.
- And introduce the richness and variations in the political perceptions of Western Thinkers.
- And familiarize themselves to the Thought and Theory of Western Philosophy.

Unit	Contents of Course -2	55 Hours
Unit-I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greek Political Thought; Salient Features, • Socrates: Political Philosophy, Ethical Foundations of Politics, Wisdom & Virtue • Plato: Justice and Virtue, Education and Guardianship, Philosopher King and Ideal state. • Aristotle: Citizenship, State and Its Classification and the Theory of Revolution 	12 Hours
Unit-II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medieval Political Thought; Salient Features, • St. Thomas Aquinas: Natural Law and Moral Order, Church-State Relations, Two Swords Doctrine 	12 Hours

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Augustine: Just War Theory • Machiavelli; On Politics and State Craft, Virtue, Religion and Republicanism. • Enlightenment Rationality and the Idea of Modernity 	
Unit- III	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thomas Hobbes: Social Contract and Theory of Sovereignty; State of Nature. • John Locke: Theory of Government and Tolerance, Constitutionalism and Limited Government, Right to Dissent • J J Rousseau: State of Nature and the Noble Savage, General Will and Self Government, Popular Sovereignty 	10 Hours
Unit- IV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hegel - Dialectical Idealism, Idea of Universal class • Karl Marx: Dialectical Materialism, Materialistic Interpretation of History, Surplus value theory, Class Struggle, • Mary Wollstonecraft - Rights of Women, Thoughts on Education, Egalitarian views 	11 Hours
Unit- V	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hannah Arendt - Theory of Action, Theory of Power, views on revolution • Frantz Fanon – Post Colonial Dilemma, Colour Hegemony, Dehumanization Thesis • John Rawls – Theory of Justice, Veil of Ignorance, Reflexive Equilibrium 	10 Hours

Exercise:

- Compare Greek State with the Roman state and make points.
- Imagine the present situation with that of Contractility's Social Contract Theory and write the summary.
- Can we have a classless society in the modern world? Comment

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- A. Hacker, *Political Theory: Philosophy, Ideology, Science* New York, Macmillan, 1961.
- G.H. Sabine. *A History of Political Theory*. New Delhi: Oxford and IBH, 1937.
- C.L. Wayper. *Political Thought*. Bombay: B.I. Publications, 1977.
- Ernest Barker, *Greek Political Theory: Plato and his Predecessors*. London: Methuen & Co., 1970.
- M. Butterfield, *The State Craft of Machiavelli*, New York: The Macmillan Company, 1956.
- O.P. Bakshi; *Politics and Prejudice: Notes on Aristotle's Political Theory*. Delhi: The Delhi University Press, 1975.
- M.A. Shepard, "Sovereignty at the Crossroads: A Study of Bodin", *Political Science Quarterly* XLV, pp.580-603.
- L. Colleti. *From Rousseau to Lenin*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1969.
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- C.L. Wayper, *Political Thought*. Bombay: B.I. Publication, 1977.
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- D. Boucher and P. Kelly, (eds) 'Political Thinkers: From Socrates to the Present', Oxford, Oxford University Press. 2009
- J. Coleman, 'A History of Political Thought: From Ancient Greece to Early Christianity', Oxford, Blackwell Publishers, 2000.
- Mukherjee, Subrato and Susheela Ramaswamy, 'History of political Thought: Plato to Marx', PHI Publishers, New Delhi, 2011.
- A. Skoble and T. Machan, 'Political Philosophy: Essential Selections', New Delhi, Pearson Education, 2007.

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Formative Assessment	
Assessment Occasion/ type	Weightage in Marks
Assessment Test	10
Seminar/Presentation/Group Discussion/Field visit	5
Assignment	5
Total	20

General Pattern of Question Paper for Political Science
(SEP- 2024)

Term End Examination for Discipline Specific Core (DSC)

Total Marks	80
Duration	3 Hours

Section A

Answer the following questions in not more than 25- 30 words. All the questions are Compulsory **(10x3=30)**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

Section B:

Answer any Two questions in not more than 250 words. **(2x10=20)**

- 11.
- 12.
- 13.

Section C:

Answer any Two questions in not more than 500 words **(2x15=30)**

- 14.
- 15.
- 16.