

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

West Bengal State University



Syllabus

**For 4-year UG Honours/ Honours with Research Programme in
POLITICAL SCIENCE
And
3-Year Multidisciplinary UG Programme in POLITICAL
SCIENCE**

Semesters 1 – 8

Under Curriculum and Credit Framework for Undergraduate Programmes
(CCFUP)

Based on National Education Policy, 2020 (NEP 2020) Course Structure and
Syllabus for the

2025

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Instructions and Guidelines

1. 'Suggestive Readings' in the syllabus may be complemented by relevant online materials available on academic, legal, and authentic websites. Relevant books from the UGC-prescribed CBCS list may also be consulted, if required.
2. Major and Minor/Multidisciplinary share the same course title, but their course content varies. The course load has been reduced for Minor/Multidisciplinary courses.*
3. Please see the university guidelines for AECC, VAC and Internship-related information.
4. Question Pattern and Evaluation:*

Major and Minor/Core Course: 5 Credits

= 4 Cr (End-Semester) + 1 Cr (Internal) = 50 marks (End-Semester) + 50 marks (Internal) = 100 marks.

Internal Component (Evaluation): Total Marks = 50

10 marks (Attendance)	}	= 50 Marks
20 marks (Home Assignment/Presentation/Project)		
20 marks (Written Examination)		

End-Semester (Evaluation):

Major Papers: Total Marks = 50

(a) 1 question x 5 marks (2 options) from each unit	}	= 50 Marks
(b) 2 questions x 10 marks (4 options) from each unit		

Minor/Core Papers: Total Marks = 50

(c) 5 questions x 2 marks (8 options) common from both units	}	= 50 Marks
(d) 2 questions x 10 marks (4 options) from each unit		

(b) MDC and SEC Course: 3 Credits = 50 Marks (Evaluation by College)

Suggested Modes: (i) Term Paper – Up to 1000 words for one Term Paper/up to 500 words for each of the two Term Papers; (ii) Field Work based on syllabus-related and/or current topics (may be done in groups); (iii) Report/ Project/Poster Presentation (may be done in groups); (iv) Written Examination.

(c) AECC and VAC Course: 3 Credits = 50 Marks (Evaluation by University)

AECC: MCQ questions to be set by the University

VAC: MCQ questions to be set by Colleges in English.

5. For further details please follow West Bengal State University's Advisory for Evaluation' and 'Regulations' of UG Programmes under NEP 2020 (2023 -24).
6. Further communication regarding any changes may be made by the UG Board of Studies only upon receiving specific instructions from the appropriate authorities of the university.

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* Minor modifications in Course Content, Question Pattern and Evaluation to be noted and made duly effective henceforth and in retrospect. The necessary changes have been made as per the in-house suggestions made during the UG-NEP Syllabus Workshop held on 12 September 2025.

Major Papers for 4-year Honours/ Honours with Research Programme

Semester	Major Paper	Title	Credit	Paper Code
I	DS-1	Political Theory: Concepts	5	PLSDSC101T
II	DS-2	Indian Constitution and Government	5	PLSDSC202T
III	DS-3	Political Theory: Approaches	5	PLSDSC303T
IV	DS-4	Politics in India: Structures and Processes	5	PLSDSC404T
	DS-5	Comparative Government and Politics	5	PLSDSC405T
	DS-6	International Relations: Theory and Approaches	5	PLSDSC406T
	DS-7	Public Administration: Theory and Concepts	5	PLSDSC407T
V	DS-8	Public Administration and Public Policies in India	5	PLSDSC508T
	DS-9	International Relations: Indian Foreign Policy	5	PLSDSC509T
	DS-10	Western Political Thought – 1	5	PLSDSC510T
	DS-11	Indian Political Thought – 1	5	PLSDSC511T
VI	DS-12	Political Sociology	5	PLSDSC612T
	DS-13	Gender and Politics	5	PLSDSC613T
	DS-14	Western Political Thought – 2	5	PLSDSC614T
	DS-15	Indian Political Thought – 2	5	PLSDSC615T
VII	DS-16	Research Methodology in Social Science	5	PLSDSC716T
	DS-17	Contemporary Debates in Politics	5	PLSDSC717T
VIII	DS-18	International Relations: Global Politics	5	PLSDSC818T/ PLSRES801T (H.w.R)
	DS-19	Understanding Governance	5	PLSDSC819T
	DS-20	Human Rights and Politics	5	PLSDSC820T
	DS-21	Environment and Politics	5	PLSDSC821T

*Students of Honours with Research (H.w.R) will have to take courses DS-18 only.

4 Year Degree UG Programme (Honours /Honours with Research)

Course Details – Major Paper

Semester 1

Major/DS 1 (PLSDSC101T)

Political Theory: Concepts

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Objective

This course is designed to develop a foundational understanding of Political Science. It sheds critical light on key political concepts and their different meanings, interpretations, and theoretical positions. Students are expected to comprehend contemporary debates associated with the subject by studying this course.

Unit 1

1. Meaning of the Political - What is Political Theory? – Political Theory and Political Practice
2. Sovereignty – Monism and Pluralism
3. Nation and State – Social Contract Theory
4. Power and Authority – Types and Linkages

Unit 2

5. Rights, Law, Liberty, Equality: Meanings and Inter-relationships
6. Justice - Theory of Rawls
7. Democracy – Liberal, Deliberative and Participatory Models of Democracy (David Held)
8. Citizenship - Nature and Types – Multicultural Citizenship

Suggestive Readings:

- Bellamy, R. (1993). Introduction: The demise and rise of political theory. In R. Bellamy (Ed.), *Theories and concepts of politics* (pp. 1–14). Manchester University Press.
- Bellamy, R. (n.d.). *Theories and concepts in politics: An introduction*.
- Bellamy, R. (n.d.). *Citizenship: A very short introduction*.
- Bhargava, R. (2008). What is political theory? In R. Bhargava & A. Acharya (Eds.), *Political theory: An introduction* (pp. 2–16). Pearson Longman.
- Daniels, N. (n.d.). *Reading Rawls*.
- Hay, C. (2009). *Political analysis*. Palgrave Macmillan.
- Held, D. (n.d.). *Models of democracy*.
- Heywood, A. (n.d.). *The basic political concepts*.
- Leftwich, A. (Ed.). (2005). *What is politics?* Polity Press.
- Mandle, J. (n.d.). *Rawls's theory of justice: An introduction*.
- Marsh, D., & Stoker, G. (2010). *Theory and methods in political science*. Palgrave Macmillan.
- Menon, K. (2008). Justice. In R. Bhargava & A. Acharya (Eds.), *Political theory: An introduction* (pp. 74–86). Pearson Longman.

- Menon, N. (2008). Power. In R. Bhargava & A. Acharya (Eds.), *Political theory: An introduction* (pp. 148–157). Pearson Longman.
- Ramaswamy, S. (n.d.). *Political theory: Ideas and concepts*.
- Verma, S. P. (n.d.). *Modern political theory*.
- Dāś, Dīpak Kumār (Ed.). (2006). *Rājñītir tattvakathā*, khaṇḍa 1 o 2. Ekushe.
- Basu, Pradīp. (2010). *Uttar-ādhunik rājñīti*. Sāhityalok.
- Basu, Pradīp. (2011). *Rājñītir tattvatattver rājñīti*. Charjapad.
- Basu, Chaitālī. (2005). *Rājñītishāstra o abhijñatābādī rāṣṭratattva*. Paśchimbaṅga Rājya Pustak Paṛśad.

Semester 2

Major /DS 2 (PLSDSC202T)

Indian Constitution and Government

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Objective

The course objective is to familiarise students with the key elements of the Constitution of India. On completion of the course, students are expected to have an objective knowledge of constitutionalism in the Indian context through the functioning of the central and state governments.

Unit 1

1. Evolution of the Indian Constitution: Constitutional Assembly – Preamble
2. Citizenship -- Fundamental Rights and Duties – Directive Principles of State Policy
3. Indian Federalism: Union – State Relations
4. Constitutional Amendment

Unit 2

5. Union Executive: President, Vice-President, Prime Minister, Council of Ministers—election, position, functions (Emergency Powers and relationship between Prime Minister and President).
6. Union Legislature: Rajya Sabha, Lok Sabha: Organisation, Functions – Lawmaking procedure, Parliamentary Procedure, Privileges, Committee system—Speaker.
7. Government in States: Governor, Chief Minister, and Council of Ministers: position and functions -- State Legislature: composition and functions.
8. Judiciary: Supreme Court and High Courts: composition and functions – Judicial activism – Judicial Review (with reference to recent debate between Legislature and Judiciary)

Suggestive Readings:

- Austin, G. (n.d.). *The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a nation*.
- Austin, G. (n.d.). *Working a democratic constitution*.
- Basu, D. (n.d.). *Introduction to the Constitution of India*.
- Baxi, U. (2010). The judiciary as a resource for Indian democracy. *Seminar*, (615).
- Bhargava, R. (Ed.). (2008). Introduction: Outline of a political theory of the Indian Constitution. In R. Bhargava (Ed.), *Politics and ethics of the Indian Constitution*.

- Chaube, S. K. (n.d.). *The Constituent Assembly: Springboard of a revolution* (Latest ed.).
- Chaube, S. K. (n.d.). *The making and working of the Indian Constitution*.
- Choudhry, S., Khosla, M., & Mehta, P. B. (Eds.). (2016). *The Oxford handbook of the Indian Constitution*. Oxford University Press.
- Dhavan, R., & Saxena, R. (2006). The Republic of India. In K. Roy, C. Saunders, & J. Kincaid (Eds.), *A global dialogue on federalism* (Vol. 3). Queen's University Press.
- Government of India. (n.d.). *Constitution of India* (Latest ed.).
- Government of India. (2011). *The Constitution of India: Bare Act with short notes*.
- Kapur, D., & Mehta, P. B. (Eds.). (2005). *Public institutions in India*. Oxford University Press.
- Kashyap, S. C. (Ed.). (n.d.). *Perspectives on the Constitution*.
- Kirpal, B., et al. (Eds.). (n.d.). *Supreme but not infallible: Essays in honour of the Supreme Court of India*.
- Pylee, M. V. (n.d.). *India's Constitution*.
- Shankar, B., & Rodrigues, V. (n.d.). *The Indian Parliament: A democracy at work*.
- Arora, G., & Verney, D. (Eds.). (n.d.). *Multiple identities in a single state: Indian federalism in a comparative perspective*.
- Bhāratīya Saṃvidhān* (n.d.). [বাংলা সংস্করণ].
- Basu, D. (n.d.). *Bhārater Saṃvidhān Parichay*.
- Kāśyap, S. (n.d.). *Āmāder Saṃvidhān* (Pārtha Sarkār, Trans.).
- Mukhopādhyāy, A. K. (n.d.). *Bhāratīya Saṃvidhāner Sahaja Pāṭh*.
- Ghosh, S., Pal, N., & Bonik, R. (n.d.). *Bharater Songbidhan o sashon byabosthar poth porikroma* [The Constitution of India and the trajectory of governance]. Progressive Publishers.
- Roy, S., & Ghosh, B. (n.d.). *Bharater Songbidhan ebong er kromobiborton* [The Indian Constitution and its evolution]. Progressive Publishers.
- Sarkar, A. K. (n.d.). *Bharater Songbidhan porihoy* [Understanding the Indian Constitution]. Setu Prokashoni.

Semester 3

Major/DS 3 (PLSDSC303T)
Political Theory: Approaches
Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Objective

The course is designed to introduce key political approaches to students to enrich their understanding of political discourses. Diverse traditions and approaches have been included in the teaching scheme to make the understanding comprehensive and insightful. The course is expected to provide students with comprehensive knowledge of the different traditions of political theory.

Unit 1

1. Normative, Legal-Institutional, Behavioural, Post-Behavioural
2. Systems Analysis, Structural Functionalism
3. Idealism (Ancient Greek and German), Social Contract Theory (Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau)

4. Liberalism (Bentham, J.S Mill), Social Welfarism (Amartya Sen), Neo-Liberalism (Nozick)

Unit 2

5. Marxian Approach (I): Dialectical Materialism and Historical Materialism - Base and Superstructure
6. Marxian Approach (II): Class and Class Struggle - Surplus Value, Alienation
7. Marxian Approach (III): State and its Relative Autonomy – Revolution (Contributions of Lenin and Mao Zedong)
8. Decline and Resurgence of Political Theory

Suggestive Readings:

- Bottomore, T. (Ed.). (n.d.). *A dictionary of Marxist thought*.
Charlesworth, J. (Ed.). (1967). *Contemporary political analysis*. Free Press.
Cornforth, M. (n.d.). *Dialectical materialism*.
Easton, D. (1953). *The political system*. Alfred Knopf.
Easton, D. (1965). *A framework for political analysis*. Prentice Hall.
Easton, D. (1966). *Varieties of political theories*. Prentice Hall.
Glaser, D. (1995). Normative theory. In D. Marsh & G. Stoker (Eds.), *Theory and methods in political science* (pp. xx–xx). Macmillan.
Gray, J. (n.d.). *Liberalism*.
Hacker, A. (1961). *Political theory: Philosophy, ideology, science*. Macmillan.
Joad, C. E. M. (1924). *Introduction to modern political theory*. Oxford University Press.
Kolakowski, L. (n.d.). *Main currents of Marxism* (Vols. 1–3).
Kumar, R. (n.d.). *Contemporary readings in Marxism*.
Lenin, V. I. (n.d.). *The state*.
Marx, K., & Engels, F. (n.d.). *The communist manifesto*.
McLellan, D. (n.d.). *The thought of Karl Marx*.
McLellan, D. (n.d.). *Marxism after Marx*.
Miliband, R. (n.d.). *Marxism and politics*.
Riaznov, D. (Ed.). (n.d.). *The communist manifesto of Marx and Engels*.
Sanders, D. (1995). Behavioral analysis. In D. Marsh & G. Stoker (Eds.), *Theory and methods in political science* (pp. xx–xx). Macmillan.
Marxist Internet Archive. (n.d.). *Marxist Internet Archives*. <https://www.marxists.org>
Dās, Dīpak Kumār (Ed.). (n.d.). *Rājñītir tattvakathā*.
Dattagupta, Śovanālāl. (n.d.). *Mārksiya rāṣṭracintā*.
Bandyopādhyāy, Bholānāth (Trans.). (n.d.). *Moris Karṇphorth, Dvandvamūlaka bastubād*.
Kārla Mārksa o Phreḍriś Eṅgelsa racanā saṅkalana (n.d.). কার্লমার্ক্স ও ফ্রেডরিশ এঙ্গেলস রচনাসংকলন
Lenin nirbācita racanābalī (n.d.). লেনিন নির্বাচিত রচনাবলী
Basu, S. (2025). *Tattwer Poshchimī Bārāndā [The Western Veranda of Theory]*. Karigor.

Semester 4

Major /DS 4 (PLSDSC404T)

Politics in India: Structures and Processes

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Objective

The objective of the course is to familiarise students with the political processes of India and enable them to critically assess the same. On completion of the course, students are expected to have critical knowledge of political parties, party systems, electoral processes, and identity politics in India.

Unit 1

1. Party System in India: Features and Trends
2. Coalition Politics in India
3. Major national political parties in India: Ideologies and Programmes
4. Electoral Process in India: Election Commission— Composition, Function, Role — Electoral Reforms.

Unit 2

5. Issues in Indian Politics: (a) Religion (b) Caste (c) Tribe (d) Region (e) Language
6. Role of (a) Business groups (b) Working classes (c) Peasants.
7. New Social Movements: (a) Women, (b) Environment, (c) Human Rights
8. Role of Media in Indian Politics—Print and Social Media

Suggestive Readings:

- Brass, P. (1999). Crisis of national unity: Punjab, the Northeast and Kashmir. In *The politics of India since independence*. Cambridge University Press & Foundation Books.
- Chadda, M. (2010). Integration through internal reorganisation. In S. Baruah (Ed.), *Ethnonationalism in India: A reader*. Oxford University Press.
- Chandhoke, N. (2010). Secularism. In P. B. Mehta & N. G. Jayal (Eds.), *The Oxford companion to politics in India*. Oxford University Press.
- Chatterjee, P. (n.d.). *State and politics in India*.
- Deshpande, R. (2004). How gendered was women's participation in elections 2004? *Economic and Political Weekly*.
- Gadgil, M., & Guha, R. (n.d.). *This fissured land: An ecological history of India*. Oxford University Press.
- Hasan, Z. (Ed.). (2002). *Parties and party politics in India*. Oxford University Press.
- Jaffrelot, C. (2008). Why should we vote? The Indian middle class and the functioning of world's largest democracy. In *Religion, caste and politics in India*. Primus.
- Jayal, N. G., & Mehta, P. B. (Eds.). (n.d.). *The Oxford companion to politics in India*. Oxford University Press.
- Kohli, A., & Singh, P. (Eds.). (2012). *Routledge handbook of Indian politics*. Routledge.
- Kothari, R. (1970). Introduction. In *Caste in Indian politics* (pp. 3–25). Orient Longman.
- Kothari, R. (2002). The Congress system. In Z. Hasan (Ed.), *Parties and party politics in India* (pp. 39–55). Oxford University Press.
- Kumar, S. (2009). Religious practices among Indian Hindus. *Japanese Journal of Political Science*, 10(3).
- Menon, N., & Nigam, A. (2007). Politics of Hindutva and the minorities. In *Power and contestation: India since 1989*. Fernwood Publishing & Zed Books.
- Menon, K., & Suberwal, R. (n.d.). Nature and people: Environmental movement. In *Social movements in contemporary India* (Ch. 6). Sage.

- Omvedt, G. (2002). Ambedkar and after: The Dalit movement in India. In G. Shah (Ed.), *Social movements and the state*. Sage Publications.
- Pantham, T. (2004). Understanding Indian secularism: Learning from its recent critics. In R. Vora & S. Palshikar (Eds.), *Indian democracy: Meanings and practices*. Sage.
- Rangarajan, M. (n.d.). *Environmental issues in India*. Pearson Longman.
- Shah, G. (2004). *Social movements in India*. Sage.
- Shiva, V. (1991). *Ecology and the politics of survival*. Sage.
- Sridharan, E. (2012). Introduction: Theorizing democratic consolidation, parties and coalitions. In *Coalition politics and democratic consolidation in Asia*. Oxford University Press.
- Weiner, M. (2001). The struggle for equality: Caste in Indian politics. In A. Kohli (Ed.), *The success of India's democracy*. Cambridge University Press.
- Yadav, Y. (2000). Understanding the second democratic upsurge. In F. Frankel, Z. Hasan, & R. Bhargava (Eds.), *Transforming India: Social and political dynamics in democracy*. Oxford University Press.
- Yadav, Y., & Palshikar, S. (2006). Party system and electoral politics in the Indian states, 1952–2002: From hegemony to convergence. In P. deSouza & E. Sridharan (Eds.), *India's political parties*. Sage Publications.
- Basu, S. (Ed.). (2019). *Bharatiya Rajnīti* Pramukh Digguli [Key Dimensions of Indian Politics]. Paschim Banga Rajya Pustak Parishad.

Major /DS 5 (PLSDSC405T)
Comparative Government and Politics
Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Objective

The course objective is to make students aware of the constitutional structure and political processes of states around the world. The course is designed to give students an understanding of how the governmental systems in different countries function.

Unit 1

1. Evolution and Scope of Comparative Politics: An Overview - Distinction between Comparative Government and Comparative Politics
2. Approaches to the study of Comparative Politics: Institutional Approach (Systems Approach and Structural-Functional Approach), New Institutionalism, Political Economy
3. Classification of Political Systems: Liberal and Socialist Political Systems
4. Key features of major political systems: Conventions and Rule of Law (UK), Separation of Powers, Checks and Balances, Judicial Review (USA), Referendum and Initiative (Switzerland)

Unit 2

5. Executive in the UK, USA, France – Comparative Study of (a) French and American Presidency (b) British and French cabinet systems
6. Legislature in UK, USA and PRC – Composition and Functions of the Legislative Chambers – Committee system in UK and USA
7. Judiciary in the UK, USA and PRC (with focus on the Procuratorate)

8. Party System in the UK, USA, and PRC: Features and Roles – Federalism: USA and Russia (comparative study)

Suggestive Readings:

- Almond, G., et al. (Eds.). (n.d.). *Comparative politics today* (Latest ed.).
Barrington, L., et al. (2010). *Comparative politics: Structures & choices* (pp. 71–76, 84–89, 212–213). Wadsworth.
Blondel, J. (n.d.). *An introduction to comparative politics*.
Chatterjee, R. (n.d.). *Introduction to comparative political analysis*.
Duverger, M. (n.d.). *Political parties*.
Finer, S. E. (n.d.). *Comparative government*.
Grant, M. (2009). United Kingdom parliamentary system. In *The UK Parliament* (pp. 24–43). Edinburgh University Press.
Harvey, J., & Bather, S. (n.d.). *The British Constitution*.
Henderson, J. (n.d.). *Constitution of the Russian Federation: A contextual analysis*.
Kopstein, J., & Lichbach, M. (Eds.). (2005). *Comparative politics: Interests, identities, and institutions in a changing global order* (pp. 1–5, 16–36, 253–290). Cambridge University Press.
McCormick, J. (n.d.). *Comparative politics in transition*.
Mukherjee, S., & Ramaswamy, S. (n.d.). *Theoretical foundations of comparative politics*.
Rutland, P. (2007). Britain. In J. Kopstein & M. Lichbach (Eds.), *Comparative politics: Interests, identities, and institutions in a changing global order* (pp. 39–79). Cambridge University Press.
Schmitt, P. C. (2009). The nature and future of comparative politics. *Political Science Review*, 1(1), 33–61. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1755773909000010>
The Constitution of the People's Republic of China. (n.d.).
Gittings, J. (n.d.). *China changes face: The road from revolution 1949–89*.
Ray, A. (Ed.). (n.d.). *Tulanāmūlaka rājñīti* [Comparative politics].
Basu, R. (Ed.). (n.d.). *Tulanāmūlaka śāsanbyabasthā o rājñīti* [Comparative governance and politics].
Chatterjee, R. (n.d.). *Tulanāmūlaka rājñīti parichay* [Introduction to comparative politics].
Chattopādhyāy, P. (n.d.). *Frānser sādharāṇtantra* [The French Republic].

Major /DS 6 (PLSDSC406T)

International Relations: Theory and Approaches

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Objective

This paper seeks to equip students with the basic intellectual tools for understanding International Relations (IR). It introduces students to important theoretical approaches to the study of IR. The course deals with major theories, important perspectives, key concepts, and crucial organisations in the realm of global politics.

Unit 1:

1. Understanding International Relations (IR): Evolution of IR as an Academic Discipline.

2. Major theories in IR: (a) Classical Realism and Neo-Realism, (b) Liberal and Neo-liberal Theories (c) Marxist-Dependency Theory (AG Frank) and World Systems Theory (Immanuel Wallerstein), (d) Feminist Theory (Ann Tickner)
3. Eurocentrism and perspective from the Global South
4. Key Concepts: National Power - Balance of Power: Unipolarity, Bipolarity and Multipolarity - Collective Security - Diplomacy

Unit 2:

5. Major institutions of Global Governance: World Bank, IMF, WTO – An Overview
6. Regional Economic and Security Organizations: OPEC and NATO
7. Regional Organizations: QUAD, SCO, BRICS – Goals and Functioning
8. UNO: Major organs – General Assembly, Security Council and Secretariat (with focus on Secretary General) – Role of UNO in Peacekeeping

Suggestive Readings:

- Amin, S. (1989). *Eurocentrism*. Zed Books.
- Amin, S. (2012). *Eurocentrism: Modernity, religion and democracy – A critique of Eurocentrism and cultural issues*. Aakar Books.
- Baylis, J., & Smith, S. (Eds.). (n.d.). *The globalization of world politics: An introduction to international relations*. Oxford University Press.
- Chatterjee, A. (n.d.). *Post-Cold War international relations*.
- Dunne, T. (2008). Liberalism. In J. Baylis, P. Owens, & S. Smith (Eds.), *The globalization of world politics* (3rd ed.). Oxford University Press.
- Dunne, T., & Schmidt, B. (2008). Realism. In J. Baylis, P. Owens, & S. Smith (Eds.), *The globalization of world politics* (3rd ed.). Oxford University Press.
- Frank, A. G. (1998). *ReOrient: Global economy in the Asian age*. University of California Press.
- Jackson, R., & Sørensen, G. (n.d.). *Introduction to international relations: Theories and approaches* (3rd ed.).
- Kanth, R. K. (Ed.). (2009). *The challenge of Eurocentrism: Global perspectives, policy and prospects*. Palgrave Macmillan.
- Nicholson, M. (n.d.). *International relations: A concise introduction*. Palgrave.
- Palmer, N. D., & Perkins, H. C. (2001). *International relations* (3rd ed.).
- Tickner, J. A. (n.d.). *Gendering world politics: Issues and approaches in the post-Cold War era*.
- Viotti, P. R., & Kauppi, M. V. (n.d.). *International relations and world politics*.
- Chakrabartī, Rādhāramaṇ, & Chakrabartī, Sukalpā. (n.d.). *Samasāmayik āntarjātik saṃpark*.
- Bhaṭṭācārya, Puruṣottam, & Majumadār, Ānindajati (Eds.). (n.d.). *Āntarjātik saṃparker rūparekhā*.
- Basu, Gautam. (n.d.). *Āntarjātik saṃpark: Tattva o bibartan*.
- Chakraborty, B., & Nandy, D. (n.d.). *Tattwa Dharana o Antorjātik Samparko* [Concepts of Theory and International Relations]. Progressive Publishers.

Major /DS 7 (PLSDSC407T)

Public Administration: Theory and Concepts

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Objective

This course seeks to familiarise students with the meaning, nature, scope, and evolution of the discipline of Public Administration. Apart from emphasising the key concepts, the course also sheds light on the various theoretical perspectives and public administrative processes in India and at large.

Unit 1

1. Public Administration: Meaning, Significance, Nature, Scope and Evolution—Private and Public Administration
2. Theoretical Perspectives: (a) Classical Theories - Scientific Management (F. W. Taylor), Administrative Management (Gullick, Urwick and Fayol), Marx and Weber on Bureaucracy; (b) Neo-Classical Theories - Human Relations Theory (Elton Mayo), Rational Decision-Making (Herbert Simon)
3. Contemporary Theories: (a) Ecological Approach (Fred Riggs) (b) Innovation and Entrepreneurship (Peter Drucker).
4. Challenges to the discipline of Public Administration: New Public Administration, Comparative Public Administration, Development Administration, and Feminist Perspectives.

Unit 2

5. Major Concepts in Public Administration: (a) Hierarchy (b) Unity of Command (c) Span of Control (d) Authority (e) Centralization, Decentralization and Delegation (f) Line and Staff.
6. Administrative Processes: (a) Decision making (b) Communication and Control (c) Leadership (d) Coordination.
7. Public Administration in the era of Globalization, Liberalization and Privatization—State versus Market debate
8. Public-Private Partnership: (a) New Public Management; (b) Public Choice Theory

Suggestive Readings:

- Bhattacharya, M. (2011). *New horizons of public administration*. Jawahar Publishers.
- Bhattacharya, M. (2012). *Restructuring public administration: A new look*. Jawahar Publishers.
- Bhattacharya, M. (2012). *Public administration: Issues and perspectives*. Jawahar Publishers.
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Semester 5

Major /DS 8 (PLSDSC508T)

Public Administration and Public Policies in India

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Objective

This course aims to introduce students to the Indian perspective of public administration. This will help them develop an understanding of how different administrative institutions in India evolve and function. It has been designed to provide students with an idea of different and crucial social welfare policies in India.

Unit 1

1. Evolution of Indian Bureaucracy: (a) Colonial Legacy – Continuity and Change; (b) Civil Services in India (UPSC, SPSC)—Recruitment, Training, Role.
2. Organisation of Union Government: PMO and Cabinet Secretariat.
3. Organisation of State Government: Chief Secretary, Relations between Secretariat and Directorate.
4. District Administration: District Magistrate, SDO, BDO—Local Self Government: Panchayats, Municipalities and Corporations in West Bengal—Structure and Functions (with special reference to the 73rd and 74th Amendment Act).

Unit 2

5. Administrative Planning: NITI Aayog and Governing Council, District Planning
6. Budget: Concept, Significance, Types, and Budget Cycle in India.
7. Financial Administration: Public Accounts Committee, Estimates Committee – Role of the CAG.
8. Public Policy in India: Process, Formulation, Implementation, and Evaluation.

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Major /DS 9 (PLSDSC509T)

International Relations: Indian Foreign Policy

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Objective

This course provides an overview of the evolution, principles, and strategic direction of Indian foreign policy from independence to the present. It examines India's relations with key global and regional actors and explores the domestic and international factors that shape its diplomatic stance. By analysing major phases and shifts, students will assess India's transition from a postcolonial nation to an aspiring global power.

Unit 1

1. Making of India's Foreign Policy: Basic Determinants—Historical, Geo-Political, Economic, Domestic and Strategic.
2. Core Principles and Traditions: (a) Nonalignment (b) Panchasheel (c) India's normative commitments in global diplomacy.
3. Phases of Evolution (Key Periods): 1947-1962; 1962-1991; 1991–2014; and post-2014 transformation.
4. India's Global Aspirations: From post-colonial statehood to emerging global power – ideological and strategic shifts.

Unit 2

5. India's Relations with Major Powers: Post-Cold War Strategic Partnerships with Russia and the United States

6. India and its Neighbours —Bilateral Relations: (a) Pakistan (b) Nepal (c) Bangladesh (d) Sri Lanka; (e) China (PRC)—Border Disputes, Trade, and Geopolitics
7. Regional Cooperation Frameworks: Role and relevance of SAARC, ASEAN, BIMSTEC, and BBIN in India's regional diplomacy.
8. India's Engagement with Multilateral Organisations: QUAD and SCO (Overview)

Suggestive Readings:

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Major /DS 10 (PLSDSC510T)
Western Political Thought – 1
Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Objective

This course explores foundational political ideas from ancient Greece to early modern Europe, tracing the key concepts of justice, citizenship, sovereignty, and social contracts. Through engagement with thinkers like Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, and Rousseau, students will examine the philosophical roots of modern political systems. The course emphasises comparative perspectives and relevance to contemporary political debates.

Unit 1

1. Philosophical Foundations of Politics – Political Theory and Political Philosophy
2. Plato's Political Philosophy: (a) Theory of Justice; (b) Ideal Rulership—Philosopher King; (c) Communism of property and family, (d) Critique of Athenian Democracy.
3. Aristotle's Theory of the State: (a) Concepts of Virtue and Justice; (b) Classification of Governments; (d) Idea of Citizenship
4. Roman Law, Civic Duty, and Notions of Citizenship

Unit 2

5. Machiavelli: (a) Conceptions of virtue, morality, religion in politics; (b) Republicanism and realist statecraft (The Prince and Discourses on Livy)
6. Hobbes: Absolutist theory of sovereignty—Social Contract—Necessity of a powerful state to prevent anarchy.
7. Locke: Liberal variant of the social contract—Natural rights, property, consent—Right to dissent against unjust authority

8. Rousseau: General Will—Participatory Democracy—Tension between individual freedom and collective sovereignty.

Suggestive Readings:

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Major/DS 11 (PLSDSC511T)

Indian Political Thought – 1

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Objective

This course examines key themes in Indian political philosophy through Brahmanic, Shramanic, Islamic, and syncretic traditions. Students will engage with foundational texts to understand the concepts of state, justice, kingship, and moral governance. Emphasis is placed on thinkers such as Kautilya, Ved Vyasa, Manu, and Kabir to explore indigenous political ideas in context.

Unit 1

1. Genesis of Indian Political Thought: Key features, sources and intellectual milieu
2. Brahmanic Thought—Normative authority, varna-based social order, dharma and governance; (b) Shramanic Thought—Egalitarian critiques, non-violence, and alternative visions of polity.
3. Ved Vyasa (Shantiparva): Rajadharma—Duties of rulers, ethical dimensions of kingship, and just governance in the *Mahabharata*.
4. Manu: Theory of Government, Law and Justice, and the Hierarchical Ordering of Society.

Unit 2

5. Kautilya's Arthashastra: Theories of State—Saptanga model, Dandaniti (penal policy), principles of diplomacy and strategic governance.
6. Aggannasutta (Digha Nikaya): Theory of Kingship
7. Medieval Thinkers and Political Visions: (a) Ziauddin Barani—Ideal Polity; (b) Abul Fazal: Monarchy; (c) Kabir: Syncretism.
8. Islamic and Syncretic Political Thought: An Overview

Suggestive Readings:

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Semester 6

Major/DS 12 (PLSDSC612T)

Political Sociology

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Objective

This course explores how society shapes political behaviour, institutions, and power structures. It introduces key concepts such as political culture, socialisation, participation, and communication, with a focus on the Indian context. Students will critically examine themes such as development, stratification, and military intervention to understand the socio-political fabric of the region.

Unit 1

1. Political Sociology: Emergence and Relevance, Nature, and Scope.
2. Political Culture: Meaning, Components, Division, Role in Political Stability, Change, and Conflict.
3. Political Socialisation: Meaning, Agents, and Implications.

4. Political Participation: Concept and types; Electorate and electoral behaviour (with special reference to the Indian context).

Unit 2

5. Political Communication: Meaning, Types, Medium and Model.
6. Political Development, Modernisation and Social Change: Concepts and Theories
7. Social Stratification and Politics: Caste, Tribe, Class, and Religion.
8. Military and Politics: Conditions and Modes of Intervention.

Suggestive Readings:

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Major/DS 13 (PLSDSC613T)

Gender and Politics

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Objective

This course critically engages with gender as a political and social construct, examining feminist theories and the shifting paradigms of patriarchy, equality, and identity. Through global and Indian contexts, it explores the intersections of gender, power, development, ecology, and reform. Students will analyse how feminist thought challenges dominant structures and reshapes political discourse.

Unit 1

1. Understanding Gender—What is feminism? (a) Distinction between Sex and Gender; (b) Biologism vs. Social Constructivism; (c) Equality vs. Difference debates; (d) Public-Private divide in political theory
2. Patriarchy and Gender Norms: Structures of patriarchal power, Cultural constructions of masculinity and femininity, Intersectionality and systems of domination
3. Classical Feminist Theories: (a) Liberal feminism—rights and equality; (b) Socialist and Marxist feminism—labour, class, and gender; (c) Radical feminism—patriarchy, sexuality, and power
4. Contemporary Feminist Traditions: (a) Black Feminism—race, gender, resistance; (b) Cyber Feminism—technology, bodies, and digital activism.

Unit 2

5. Social Reform Movements and the Women's Question (Indian context): An Overview
6. Post-independence Women's Movement in India: Shifts in feminist activism and demands—Legal reforms, grassroots mobilisations, and policy outcomes
7. Gender and Family: Gendered access to consumption, entitlement, and property
8. Emerging Perspectives: (a) Gender and Development—critique of mainstream development paradigms; (b) Going beyond the binary—LGBTQ++ (Queer Politics)

Suggestive Readings:

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Major/DS 14 (PLSDSC614T)

Western Political Thought – 2

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Objective

This course introduces students to key political ideologies and thinkers, spanning utilitarianism, liberalism, feminism, socialism, anarchism, and post-Marxist theory. Through critical engagement with primary texts and debates, it explores concepts such as liberty, justice, rights, and the state. Students will gain historical context and analytical tools to assess the relevance of these ideas in modern political discourse.

Unit 1

1. J. Bentham: Utilitarianism.
2. John Stuart Mill: Liberty, suffrage and subjection of women.
3. Hegel: Civil Society and State.
4. Mary Wollstonecraft: *Vindication of Rights of Women*; Betty Friedan: *The Feminine Mystique*

Unit 2

5. Utopian Socialism and Scientific Socialism: An overview
6. Varieties of non-Marxist Socialism: Fabianism, Syndicalism, Guild Socialism.
7. Anarchism: Basic characteristics
8. Debates within Communism: (a) Lenin and Rosa Luxemburg debate, (b) Lenin and Trotsky debate.

Suggestive Readings:

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Major/DS 15 (PLSDSC615T)
Indian Political Thought – 2
Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Objective

This course explores themes and debates in modern Indian political thought through writings of reformers, revolutionaries, and philosophers. It examines ideas of justice, nationalism, socialism, gender, caste, and community articulated by thinkers like Rammohun Roy, Pandita Ramabai, Gandhi, Ambedkar, Tagore, and others. Students will engage with diverse visions of political transformation that shaped India's historical and ideological landscape.

Unit 1

1. Rammohun Roy: Rights, Liberalism, Justice.
2. Pandita Ramabai: Gender and Social Justice.
3. Vivekananda: Socialism and Ideal Society.
4. Gandhi: Philosophical Anarchist, Concept of Property and Trusteeship.

Unit 2

5. Ambedkar: Caste System and Social Justice, Gandhi and Ambedkar debate.
6. Tagore: Nationalism and Internationalism.
7. Iqbal: Nationalism and Community; Savarkar: Hindutva; Jinnah: Two-Nation Theory
8. Subhas Chandra Bose: Socialism; M.N. Roy: Radical Humanism.

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Semester 7

Major/DS 16 (PLSDSC716T)

Research Methodology in Social Science

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Objective

This course equips students with essential tools for conducting systematic political science research. It covers core concepts, research designs, and both quantitative and qualitative approaches. Through engagement with methods of data analysis, proposal writing, and academic referencing, students will gain practical and analytical skills necessary for rigorous inquiry in social science.

Unit 1

1. Foundations of Political Science Research: Defining Research—Importance of Research Methodology
2. Dimensions of Research: (a) Use—Basic and Applied; (b) Purpose: Explorative, Descriptive, Exploratory; (c) Technique—Quantitative Research vs. Qualitative Research
3. Understanding the Research Process: Basic Steps (Quantitative and Qualitative)
4. Basic Concepts: Concepts, Variables, Theory, Assumption, Proposition, Hypothesis, Units of Analysis, Scope and Levels of Research, Time dimension, Inductive and Deductive Research.

Unit 2

5. Data Analysis—Basic Statistics: (a) Measures of Central Tendency: Mean, Median and Mode.
6. How to Write a Research Proposal and a Research Report/Dissertation?
7. Research Methods: Survey Research (Quantitative), Case and Historical Methods (Qualitative)
8. Referencing: (a) Formats—In-Text Citation, Endnotes, Footnotes, References, Bibliography; (b) Styles—APA, Chicago, MLA.

Suggestive Readings:

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Major/DS 17 (PLSDSC717T)
Contemporary Debates in Politics
Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Objective

This course engages students in critical analysis of political ideas, institutions, and global phenomena shaping the 21st century. It explores debates on justice, democracy, and power while addressing globalisation, digital politics, multiculturalism, and environmental ethics. Drawing from diverse theoretical traditions and perspectives, students will develop insights into the complexities of contemporary political discourse.

Unit 1

1. Major Schools of Thought: (a) Liberalism, Marxism, Communitarianism; (b) Libertarianism and Neo-Marxism; (c) Postmodernism and Critical Theory — (Brief Overview)
2. Justice and Equality: (a) Rawlsian and post-Rawlsian debates; (b) Capabilities Approach and Global Justice
3. Power, Knowledge and Post-Structuralism: (a) Foucault on power and discourse (b) Orientalism and critiques of Western thought

Unit 2

4. Democracy and Its Discontents: (a) Crisis of representation and populism; (b) Democracy in digital and global contexts
5. Globalisation and Sovereignty: (a) Cosmopolitanism vs. Nationalism; (b) Global governance and transnational activism; (c) Migration and Multicultural Citizenship
6. Identity and Recognition: (a) Politics of difference and group rights; (b) Debates on Secularism

Suggestive Readings:

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Semester 8

Major/DS 18 (PLSDSC818T/ PLSRES801T (H .w.R)

International Relations: Global Politics

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Objective

This course introduces students to key global transformations and pressing political challenges shaping the post-Cold War world. It explores shifting power dynamics, regional conflicts, globalization, and the evolving role of the Global South. Students will critically examine transnational issues—such as migration, environmental cooperation, terrorism, and nuclear disarmament—to develop a nuanced understanding of international politics in a rapidly changing world.

Unit 1

1. The Cold War: (a) Evolution and Key Phases; (b) Collapse of the Soviet Union and the end of bipolarity; (c) Post-Cold War era—Emergence of new power centres
2. Europe in Transition: (a) European Union—Formation and Evolution; (b) Brexit—causes, process, and implications for regional integration
3. The Global South in International Relations: (a) Rise of the Global South—Nonaligned Movement, Pan-Africanism; (b) G-20 and emerging Southern voices in global governance
4. West Asia and the Palestine Question: An Overview

Unit 2

5. Globalisation: (a) Concept and Dimensions—economic, political, cultural; (b) Contemporary Issues—poverty and development; (c) Concept of Human Security
6. Environmental Politics and Global Cooperation: (a) International Environmental regimes; (b) Key treaties, summits and sustainability initiatives
7. Terrorism in Global Politics: (a) Definitions and Typologies of Terrorism; (b) Historical evolution and global impact on security frameworks
8. Nuclear Politics and Disarmament: (a) Understanding nuclear proliferation and its types; (b) Global efforts and treaties—NPT, CTBT, NSG and disarmament challenges.

Suggestive Readings:

- Bajpai, K., & Shukul, H. C. (Eds.). (n.d.). *Interpreting world politics*. Sage.
- Betts, A. (2019). *Refugees and global migration*. Oxford University Press.
- Calvocoressi, P. (n.d.). *World politics since 1945*.
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- Baylis, J., Smith, S., & Owens, P. (Eds.). (n.d.). *The globalization of world politics: An introduction to international relations*. Oxford University Press.
- Chakrabartī, Rādhāramaṇ, & Chakrabartī, Sukalpā. (n.d.). *Samasāmayik āntarjātik saṃpark* [Contemporary international relations].
- Majumadār, Ānindya Jyoti, & Bhaṭṭācārya, Puruṣottam (Eds.). (n.d.). *Āntarjātik saṃparkar rūparekhā* (Vols. 1 & 2). Setu Prakāśanī.
- Cāṭṭārjī, Śibāśis (Ed.). (n.d.). *Samakālīn biśvarājñīti: Nirbācita dhāraṇā o gatiprakṛti* [Contemporary world politics: Selected concepts and dynamics]. Setu Prakāśanī.
- Basu, Gautam. (n.d.). *Āntarjātik saṃpark: Tattva o bibartan* [International relations: Theory and evolution].
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Major/ DS 19 (PLSDSC819T)

Understanding Governance

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Objective

This course introduces students to governance theory and practice in contemporary political systems, focusing on democratic accountability, public service delivery, and citizen engagement. It examines governance models—local, digital, and green—through key concepts and Indian case studies. Students will analyse how state, market, and civil society shape effective, inclusive, and sustainable governance.

Unit 1

1. Governance: meaning, genesis, evolution and importance.
2. Perspectives on Local Governance: John Stuart Mill and Gandhi—idea of Gram Swaraj.
3. Idea of Good Governance: Relations with development and democracy; Corporate Social Responsibility.
4. Government and Governance: Role of State, Market and Civil Society since 1990s (with some focus on India).

Unit 2

5. Major issues in Governance: People's Participation and Public Service Delivery.
6. Citizen and Governance Interface: Functions of Lokpal and Lokayukt; Right to Information (RTI), Citizens' Charter.
7. E-Governance: Issues and Opportunities; 11th Report of 2nd ARC, National E-Governance Plan, Recent Initiatives in India & West Bengal.
8. Green Governance: Human-Environment Interaction, Sustainable Human Development.

Suggestive Readings:

Burns, H. W., & Bollier, D. (2013). *Green governance: Ecological survival, human rights and the law of the commons*. Cambridge University Press.

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Major/ DS 20 (PLSDSC820T)

Human Rights and Politics

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Objective

The course provides students an overview of Human Rights and international provisions to secure them. It builds conceptual understanding of human rights and enables critical examination of key issues, while introducing institutional frameworks and laws at international and national levels.

Unit 1

1. Foundations of Human Rights: (a) Idea of Natural Rights – universal, inherent, inalienable and moral rights (b) Universalism v. Cultural Relativism.
2. Historical Evolution of Human Rights—Different Generations of Human Rights—UN Charter and Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948)
3. Human Rights and Political Ideologies: Liberalism, Socialism, and Conservatism (from human rights' perspectives).
4. International Frameworks for Human Rights: (a) ICCPR and ICESCR (1966); (b) Role of UNHRC and ICJ (c) Regional regimes: ECHR, ACHPR, IACHR.

Unit 2

5. Indian Constitutional Visions and Human Rights (a) Fundamental Rights, (b) Directive Principles of State Policy, (c) Fundamental Duties

6. Indian Judiciary and Human Rights: (a) Public Interest Litigation (PIL), (b) Police Violation of Human Rights and (c) Role of civil society in protection and promotion of Human Rights.
7. Human Rights Enforcement in India: (a) The Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 (b) NHRC, (c) SHRC
8. Challenges in Human Rights: (a) Caste Prejudice and Discrimination; (b) Ethnic Violence; (c) Child Abuse and Child Labour; (d) Domestic Violence and Offenses against Women; (e) Human Trafficking

Suggestive Readings:

- Alston, P., & Goodman, R. (2013). *International human rights*. Oxford University Press.
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- Chomsky, N. (1999). *World orders, old and new*. Columbia University Press.
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Major /DS 21 (PLSDSC821T)
Environment and Politics
Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Objective

This course aims to introduce students to the Indian perspective of public administration. This will help them develop an understanding of how different administrative institutions in India evolve and function. It has been designed to give the students an idea of different crucial social welfare policies in India.

Unit 1

1. Introduction to Environmental Politics: A Global History (Ramchandra Guha) – Waves of Environmentalism
2. Concept of Sustainability: (a) Sustainable Development—SDG; (b) Ecological Modernisation; (c) Earth Democracy (Vandana Shiva)
3. Gandhi and Marx on Environment
4. Green Political Theory: Deep Ecology; Social Ecology; Eco-Socialism; Ecological Postmodernism; and Eco-Feminism.

Unit 2

5. Key Issues and Policies: Climate Change and Global Warming
6. Actors and Institutions in Global Environmental Politics: (a) States, (b) International Organisations, (c) Corporations (d) Transnational Actors.
7. Environmental Ethics: philosophy, ecology and other species; Environmental Justice: pollution, poverty, marginalised communities

8. Environmental Movements and Policy Frameworks in India: (a) Forests and Protected Areas: Chipko Movement, Appiko Movement, Silent Valley Movement, Kancha Gachibowli Movement (b) Dams: Narmada Bachao Andolan (NBA); (c) Marine Resources: Fishworkers' Movement in Kerala,

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Minor Papers for 4-year UG (Honours/ Honours with Research Programme)

Semester	Minor Paper	Title	Credit	Paper Code
I	M (A/B) - 1	Political Theory: Concepts	5	PLSMIN101T
II	M (A/B) - 2	Indian Constitution and Government	5	PLSMIN202T
III	M (A/B) - 3	Comparative Government and Politics	5	PLSMIN303T
VII	SM – 1	Politics in India: Structures and Processes	5	PLSSMC701T

Core Papers for the 3-year UG Multidisciplinary Programme

Semester	Core Paper	Title	Credit	Paper Code
I	M (A/B/C) - 1	Political Theory: Concepts	5	PLSCOR101T
II	M (A/B/C) - 2	Indian Constitution and Government	5	PLSCOR202T
III	M (A/B/C) - 3	Comparative Government and Politics	5	PLSCOR303T
IV	M (A/B/C) - 4	International Relations: Indian Foreign Policy	5	PLSCOR404T
V	M (A/B/C) - 5	Politics in India: Structures and Processes	5	PLSCOR505T
VI	M (A/B/C) - 6	Public Administration and Public Policies in India	5	PLSCOR606T

Course Details – Minor/Core Paper

Semester 1

Minor / Core - M 1 (PLSMIN101T/ PLSCOR101T)

Political Theory: Concepts

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Objective

This course is designed to develop a foundational understanding of Political Science. It sheds critical light on key political concepts and their different meanings, interpretations, and theoretical positions. Students are expected to comprehend contemporary debates associated with the subject by studying this course.

Unit 1

1. Meaning of the Political – What is Political Theory?

2. Sovereignty – Monism and Pluralism
3. Nation and State – Social Contract Theory

Unit 2

4. Rights, Law, Liberty, Equality – Meanings and Inter-relationships
5. Justice - Theory of Rawls
6. Democracy - Liberal. Deliberative and Participatory Models of Democracy (David Held)

Suggestive Readings:

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Semester 2

Minor /Core - M 2 (PLSMIN202T/ PLSCOR202T)

Indian Constitution and Government

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Objective

The course objective is to familiarise students with the key elements of the Constitution of India. Upon completion of the course, students are expected to have an objective knowledge of constitutionalism in the Indian context through the functioning of the central and state governments.

Unit 1

1. Significance of the Indian Constitution: The Preamble
2. Citizenship -- Fundamental Rights and Duties
3. Directive Principles of State Policy
4. Indian Federalism: Union – State Relations

Unit 2

5. Union Executive: President, Vice-President, Prime Minister, Council of Ministers—election, position, functions (Emergency Powers and relationship between Prime Minister and President).
6. Union Legislature: Rajya Sabha, Lok Sabha: Organisation, Functions, Committee system. Speaker.
7. Government in States: Governor, Chief Minister, and Council of Ministers: position and functions -- State Legislature: composition and functions.
8. Judiciary: Supreme Court and High Courts: composition and functions – Judicial activism.

Suggestive Readings:

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Semester 3

Minor / Core - M 3 (PLSMIN303T/ PLSCOR303T)

Comparative Government and Politics

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Objective

The course objective is to make students aware of the constitutional structure and political processes of states around the world. The course is designed to give students an understanding of how the governmental systems in different countries function.

Unit 1

1. Evolution and Scope of Comparative Politics: An Overview – Distinction between Comparative Government and Comparative Politics
2. Classification of Political Systems: Liberal and Socialist political systems
3. Key features of major political systems: Conventions and Rule of Law (UK), Separation of Powers, Checks and Balances, Judicial Review (USA)

Unit 2

4. Executive in UK, USA, France – Comparative Study of (a) French and American Presidency (b) British and French cabinet systems.
5. Legislature in UK, USA and PRC – Composition and Functions of legislative chambers. Committee system in UK and USA
6. Judiciary in UK, USA and PRC (with focus on the Procuratorate)

Suggestive Readings:

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Semester 4

Core - M 4 (PLSCOR404T)

International Relations: Indian Foreign Policy

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Objective

The objective of the course is to familiarize the students with the key aspects of Indian Foreign Policy. It highlights India's relations with big powers as well as regional powers. A critical understanding of India's role at the global and regional level is expected to orient students towards careers related to foreign policy-making.

Unit 1

1. Making of India's Foreign Policy: Basic Determinants (Historical, Geo-Political, Economic, Domestic and Strategic) –Nonalignment
2. Indian Foreign Policy: Major Phases – 1947-1962; 1962-1991; 1991- 2014; 2014 onwards
3. India's Nuclear Doctrine – Indo-US Nuclear Deal

Unit 2

4. Indian Foreign Policy during the post-Cold War period – India-Russia, India-United States, and India-China relations
5. India and her Neighbours (Recent engagements) – Indo-Pakistan, Indo-Nepal, Indo-Bangladesh, Indo-Sri Lanka relations
6. India and Regional Organisations: SAARC and ASEAN

Suggestive Readings:

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Bajpai, K. P., & Pant, H. V. (Eds.). (n.d.). *India's foreign policy—A reader*.

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Semester 5

Core - M 5 (PLSCOR505T)

Politics in India: Structures and Processes

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Objective

The objective of the course is to familiarise students with the political processes of India and enable them to critically assess the same. On completion of the course, students are expected to have critical knowledge of political parties, party systems, electoral processes, and identity politics in India.

Unit 1

1. Party System in India: Features and Trends; Congress System, Role of Opposition Parties
2. Coalition Politics in India: Evolution and Challenges
3. Major national political parties in India: Ideologies and Programmes
4. Electoral Process in India: Electoral Roll, Election Manifesto, Model Code of Conduct, Voting process; Election Commission—composition, function and evolving role; Electoral Reforms.

Unit 2

5. Issues in Indian Politics: (a) Religion (b) Caste (c) Tribe
6. Role of (a) Business groups (b) Working classes (c) Peasants.
7. New Social Movements: (a) Women: 'Towards Equality' document – New Women's Movement (b) Environment: Chipko Movement, Narmada Bachao Andolan, (c) Human Rights Movement: Key Issues
8. Role of Media in Indian Politics: Print media and Social media

Suggestive Readings:

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- Chadda, M. (2010). Integration through internal reorganisation. In S. Baruah (Ed.), *Ethnonationalism in India: A reader*. Oxford University Press.
- Chandhoke, N. (2010). Secularism. In P. B. Mehta & N. G. Jayal (Eds.), *The Oxford companion to politics in India*. Oxford University Press.
- Chatterjee, P. (n.d.). *State and politics in India*. Oxford University Press.
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- Yadav, Y., & Palshikar, S. (2006). Party system and electoral politics in the Indian states, 1952–2002: From hegemony to convergence. In P. de Souza & E. Sridharan (Eds.), *India's political parties*. Sage Publications.

Semester 6

Core - M 6 (PLSCOR606T)

Public Administration and Public Policies in India

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Objective

This course aims to introduce students to the Indian perspective of public administration. This will help them develop an understanding of how different administrative institutions in India evolve and function. It has been designed to provide students with an idea of different and crucial social welfare policies in India.

Unit 1

1. Evolution of Indian Bureaucracy (Continuity and Change)—Civil Services in India (UPSC, SPSC)—Recruitment, Training, Role.
2. Organisation of Union Government: PMO and Cabinet Secretariat.
3. Organisation of State Government: Chief Secretary, Relations between Secretariat and Directorate.
4. District Administration: District Magistrate, SDO, BDO—Local Self Government: Panchayats, Municipalities and Corporations in West Bengal—Structure and Functions

Unit 2

5. Administrative Planning: NITI Aayog and Governing Council, District Planning.
6. Budget — concept, significance, Types, Budget Cycle in India.
7. Financial Administration: Public Accounts Committee, Estimates Committee – role of the CAG.
8. Public Policy in India: Process, formulation, implementation, and evaluation.

Suggestive Readings:

- Arora, R. K. (2005). *Indian public administration: Institutions and issues*. WishwaPrakashan.
- Basu, R. (2015). *Public administration in India: Mandates, performance and future perspectives*. Sterling Publishers.
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Semester 7

Minor - SM 1 (PLSSMC701T)

Politics in India: Structures and Processes

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Objective

The objective of the course is to familiarise students with the political processes of India and enable them to critically assess the same. On completion of the course, students are expected to have critical knowledge of political parties, party systems, electoral processes, and identity politics in India.

Unit 1

1. Party System in India: Features and Trends; Congress System, Role of Opposition Parties
2. Coalition Politics in India: Evolution and Challenges
3. Major national political parties in India: Ideologies and Programmes
4. Electoral Process in India: Electoral Roll, Election Manifesto, Model Code of Conduct, Voting process; Election Commission—composition, function and evolving role; Electoral Reforms.

Unit 2

5. Issues in Indian Politics: (a) Religion (b) Caste (c) Tribe
6. Role of (a) Business groups (b) Working classes (c) Peasants.
7. New Social Movements: (a) Women: New Women's Movement (b) Environment: Chipko Movement, Narmada Bachao Andolan (c) Human Rights Movement: Key Issues
8. Role of Media in Indian Politics: Print media and Social media

Suggestive Readings:

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- Yadav, Y., & Palshikar, S. (2006). Party system and electoral politics in the Indian states, 1952–2002: From hegemony to convergence. In P. de Souza & E. Sridharan (Eds.), *India's political parties*. Sage Publications.

Semester	MDC Paper	Title	Credit	Paper Code
I/II/III	MD – 1/2/3	Gender and Politics	3	PLSHMD101M/ PLSHMD202M/ PLSHMD303M

MDC Papers for 3-year UG Multidisciplinary Programme

Semester	MDC Paper	Title	Credit	Paper Code
IV/V/VI	MD – 1/2/3	Gender and Politics	3	PLSGMD401M/ PLSGMD502M/ PLSGMD603M

Course Details – MDC Paper

MDC—MD (4 Yrs Hons/H w R) - PLSHMD101M/PLSHMD202M/PLSHMD303M

MDC—MD (3 Yrs MDP) - PLSGMD401M/PLSGMD502M/PLSGMD603M

Gender and Politics

Credit - 3

Course Objective

This course aims to sensitize students on gender issues. It puts forward key concepts, theoretical positions, and varied perspectives as a matter of critical discussion. A multidisciplinary approach has been adopted to viably grasp the cross-cutting subject of gender.

1. Conceptualising Gender: What is Feminism? (a) Distinction between sex and gender, (b) Biologism and Social Constructivism, (c) Patriarchy, (d) Equality and Difference, (e) Understanding masculinity and femininity, (f) LGBTQ++
2. Theoretical Foundations of Feminism: Waves of Feminism.
3. Women's Movement in post-independent India: A critical overview.
4. Gender and Development
5. Gender and Ecology

Suggestive Readings:

- Agnihotri, I., & Mazumdar, V. (1997). Changing the terms of political discourse: Women's movement in India, 1970s–1990s. *Economic and Political Weekly*, 30(29), 1869–1878.
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SEC Papers for 4-year Honours/ Honours with Research Programme

Semester	SEC Paper	Title	Credit	Paper Code
I	SE – 1	Democratic Awareness through Legal Literacy	3	PLSHSE101M
II	SE – 2	Survey Research in Social Science	3	PLSHSE202M
III	SE – 3	Democratic Awareness through Legal Literacy	3	PLSHSE303M

SEC Papers for 3-year UG Multidisciplinary Programme

Semester	SEC Paper	Title	Credit	Paper Code
III/V	SE – 1	Democratic Awareness through Legal Literacy	3	PLSGSE301M/ PLSGSE501M
IV/VI	SE – 2	Survey Research in Social Science	3	PLSGSE402M/ PLSGSE602M

Course Details – SEC Paper

Semester I: SEC – SE-1 (4 Yrs Hons/H w R) - PLSHSE101M (as Major)

Semester III: SEC – SE-3 (4 Yrs Hons/H w R) – PLSHSE303M (as Minor)

Semester III & V: SEC – SE - 1 (3 Yrs MDP) - PLSGSE301M/PLSGSE501M

Democratic Awareness through Legal Literacy

Credit - 3

Course Objective

This course aims to enhance students' skills in legal matters by introducing them to the legal system in India, the institutions attached to jurisprudence, and the crucial laws that govern their public and personal lives. It is designed to make the students aware of basic legal

matters like filing a First Information Report (FIR) and understand the meaning and process of legal issues like bail, seizure etc.

1. Outline of the Legal system in India - system of courts/tribunals and their jurisdiction in India - criminal and civil courts, writ jurisdiction, specialized courts such as juvenile courts, mahila courts and tribunals. Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023: Brief note and distinguishing features.
2. Role of the police and executive in criminal law administration – Laws relating to criminal jurisdiction - provision relating to filing an FIR, arrest, bail search and seizure and some understanding of the questions of evidence and procedure in BNSS (BharatiyaNagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023) and related laws, important offenses under the Indian Penal Code.
3. Alternate dispute redressal mechanisms – Lok Adalats, Shalishi.
4. Offenses against women, juvenile justice, prevention of atrocities on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.
5. Brief understanding of the laws in India – (a) Laws relating dowry, sexual harassment and violence against women, (b) Laws relating consumer rights, cybercrimes, anti-terrorist laws.

Suggestive Readings:

- Durrany, S. (2006). *The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005. Ministry of Women and Child Development – Official Act Text*
- Mathew, P. (2002). *The law on atrocities against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes*. Indian Social Institute.
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Semester II:SEC – SE-2 (4 Yrs Hons/H w R) - PLSHSE202M

Semester IV&VI:SEC – SE -2 (3 Yrs MDP) - PLSGSE402M/PLSGSE602M

Survey Research in Social Science

Credit - 3

Course Objective

The course has been designed to enhance the skill level of students regarding survey work in social science. It would help them develop an idea of about survey, methods of survey, how to do a sampling, how to prepare a questionnaire and conduct a survey. It would enable them to learn the practical applications of survey research methodology in social science.

1. Survey method: (a) Definition and Types, (b) Techniques of survey research: interviewing techniques and types, qualities of a good interviewer, questionnaire – framing a questionnaire, problem of no-response, (c) Advantages and disadvantages of survey method.
2. Sampling: (a) What is sampling? Why do we need to sample? Sample design, Sampling error and non-response. (b) Types of sampling: Non-random sampling (quota, purposive and snowball sampling); random sampling: simple and stratified.
3. Aggregate Data Analysis: (a) Sources of aggregate data, uses of aggregate data, advantages of aggregate data, fallacy of inference. (b) Key concepts in Experimental Design—steps and planning the research, issues of equivalence and validity, classical experimental design.
4. Quantitative Data Analysis: (a) Introduction to quantitative data analysis, (b) Basic concepts: correlation research, causation and prediction, descriptive and Inferential Statistics.

Suggestive Readings:

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- Chatterji, R., Basu, P. P., Chatterjee, J., & Basu, S. (2023). *Conjectures and evidences: Methods of inquiry in the political and social sciences with elementary statistics*. Levant Books / Routledge.
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