

The University of Burdwan



Syllabus for 3-Year Degree/4-Year Hons. in Political Science

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**BURDWAN UNIVERSITY
BURDWAN
WEST BENGAL**

COURSE STRUCTURE

SEMESTER- 1

<i>POLITICAL SCIENCE</i>						
Course Type with CODE	Name of the course	Credit	Full Marks	Theory	Practical	Internal
Major/DS Course (Core) Code: POLS 1011	Western Political Thought	4	75	60	0	15
Minor Course Code: POLS 1021	Political Theory	4	75	60	0	15
Multidisciplinary/ Interdisciplinary Course Code: POLS 1031	Introducing Political Science	3	50	40	0	10
Ability Enhancement Course (L1-1 MIL) Code: AEC 1041	L1-1 MIL	2	50	40	0	10
Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) Code: POLS 1051	Human Rights Education	3	50	40	0	10
Common Value Added (CVA) Code: CVA 1061	Environmental Science/Education	4	100	80	0	20
Total		20	400			

SEMESTER – I

MAJOR/DS COURSE (Core)

WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT

(4 credits)

Code: POLS 1011

- 1) **Ancient Greek Political Thought: Basic Features;**
Plato: Justice;
Aristotle: State;
- 2) **Medieval Political Thought: Main features;**
- 3) **Machiavelli and the Renaissance: Concept of Power and Secularization of Politics;**
- 4) **Hobbes: Sovereignty; Locke: Founder of Liberalism; Rousseau: General Will;**
- 5) **Hegel: State;**
- 6) **Marx and Engels: Dialectical and Historical Materialism;**
- 7) **J.S. Mill: Concept of Liberty.**

Suggested Readings

1. G. H. Sabine, *A History of Political Theory* (USA: Wadsworth Publishing Co Inc,)
2. A.K. Mukhopadhyay, *Western Political Thought : From Plato to Marx* (Kolkata: K.P. Bagchi)
3. S. Mukherjee and S. Ramaswamy, *A History of Political Thought*, (New Delhi: PHI)
4. Brian R. Nelson, *Western Political Thought: From Socrates to the Age of Ideology*, (Delhi: Pearson)
5. Shefali Jha, *Western Political Thought* (Delhi: Pearson)
6. শোভনলাল দত্তগুপ্ত, *পাশ্চাত্য রাষ্ট্রভাবনা*, পশ্চিমবঙ্গ রাজ্য পুস্তক পর্ষদ, কলকাতা
7. নির্মলকান্তি মজুমদার, *অ্যারিস্টটলের পলিটিক্স*, পশ্চিমবঙ্গ রাজ্য পুস্তক পর্ষদ কলকাতা

MINOR COURSE (Core)

**POLITICAL
THEORY**

(4 Credits)

Code: POLS 1021

1. Meaning of Political Theory;

Different Approaches: (a) Traditional

(b) Behavioural and Post-Behavioural

(c) Marxist

2. Concept of Sovereignty: (a) Monistic (b) Pluralist;

3. Rights, Liberty and Equality: Meaning and their Inter-relationships;

4. Liberalism and Neo-Liberalism: Basic Features;

5. Theories of State: (a) Idealist (b) Liberal (c) Marxist (d) Gandhian.

Suggested Readings

1. R. Bhargava and A. Acharya eds. *Political Theory*, Delhi: Longman, 2008
2. O. P. Gauba. *Introduction to Political Theory*, New Delhi: Macmillan, 2011
3. J. C. Johari. *Contemporary Political Theory*, New Delhi: Advent Books
4. S. Ramaswamy. *Political Theory: Ideas and Concept*, New Delhi: Macmillan
5. A. Heywood, *Key concepts in Politics*, Palgrave Study Guide, 2000
6. A. Heywood, *Political Ideologies: An Introduction*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2007
7. S.P. Verma. *Modern Political Theory*, New Delhi: Vikash
8. শোভনলাল দত্তগুপ্ত, *মার্কসীয় রাষ্ট্রচিন্তা* পশ্চিমবঙ্গ রাজ্য পুস্তক পর্ষদ, কলকাতা
9. চৈতালি বসু, *রাজনীতিশাস্ত্র ও অভিজ্ঞতাবাদী রাষ্ট্র তত্ত্ব*, পশ্চিমবঙ্গ রাজ্য পুস্তক পর্ষদ, কলকাতা
10. কৃষ্ণপ্রিয় ঘোষ, *রাষ্ট্রতত্ত্ব* পশ্চিমবঙ্গ রাজ্য পুস্তক পর্ষদ, কলকাতা
11. শোভনলাল দত্তগুপ্ত, *রাষ্ট্রভাবনার তত্ত্বানুসন্ধান*, পশ্চিমবঙ্গ রাজ্য পুস্তক পর্ষদ, কলকাতা
12. রাজশ্রী বসু, *নারীবাদ*, পশ্চিমবঙ্গ রাজ্য পুস্তক পর্ষদ, কলকাতা
13. সি. ই. এম. জোড, *আধুনিক রাষ্ট্রীয় মতবাদের ভূমিকা*, পশ্চিমবঙ্গ রাজ্য পুস্তক পর্ষদ, কলকাতা

MULTIDISCIPLINARY COURSE/INTERDISCIPLINARY
COURSE(MDS/IDS)

Introducing Political Science

Credit:3

Code: POLS 1031

1. **Political Science: Definition, Nature & Scope;**
2. **Different approaches to the study of Political Science:**
 - i) **Traditional Approach;**
 - ii) **Behavioural Approach;**
3. **Origin of the State:**
 - i) **Divine Origin theory;**
 - ii) **Theory of Force;**
 - iii) **Social Contract Theory;**
 - iv) **Evolutionary Theory.**
4. **Sovereignty: Monistic & Pluralist;**
5. **Rights, Liberty & Equality: Meaning and Inter-relationship;**
6. **Theories of the State:**
 - i) **Idealist;**
 - ii) **Liberal**
 - iii) **Marxist**
 - iv) **Gandhian.**

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10. কৃত্তপ্রিয় ঘোষ, *রাষ্ট্রতত্ত্ব* পশ্চিমবঙ্গ রাজ্য পুস্তক পর্ষদ, কলকাতা
11. রাষ্ট্রভাবনার তত্ত্বানুসন্ধান শোভনলাল দত্ত গুপ্ত পশ্চিমবঙ্গ রাজ্য পুস্তক পর্ষদ কলকাতা
12. রাজশ্রী বসু, *নারীবাদ* পশ্চিমবঙ্গ রাজ্য পুস্তক পর্ষদ, কলকাতা
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Skill Enhancement Course (SEC)
HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION

(3 Credits)

Code: POLS 1051

1. **Meaning of Human Rights; Evolution of the concept of Human Rights;**
2. **Indian Constitution and the protection of Human Rights;**
3. **National Human Rights Commission: Composition and Functions;**
4. **Human Rights Movements in India: Basic Features;**
5. **Human Rights, Terrorism and Counter-terrorism: Interrelationships**

SUGGESTED READINGS

1. Baxi, Upendra, *The Future of Human Rights* (New Delhi: Oxford)
2. Priyam, Menon and Banerjee, *Human Rights, Gender and the Environment* (New Delhi: Pearson)
3. Donnelly, Jack, *Universal Human Rights in Theory and Practice* (CornellUniversity Press)
4. Clapham, Andrew, *Human Rights: A very short introduction* (Oxford)
5. Narayan, S, *Human Rights Dynamics in India*, (Kalpaz Publications)

SEMESTER- 2

COURSE STRUCTURE

<i>POLITICAL SCIENCE</i>						
Course Type & Code	Name of the course	Credit	Full Marks	Theory	Practical	Internal
Major/DS Course (Core) Code: POLS 2011	Political Theory	4	75	60	0	15
Minor Course Code: POLS 2021	Indian Government and Politics	4	75	60	0	15
Multidisciplinary/ Interd Course Code: POLS 2031	Introducing Indian Constitution	3	50	40	0	10
Ability Enhancement Course (L2-1 Eng) Code: AEC 2041	L2-1 Eng.	2	50	40	0	10
Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) Code: POLS 2051	Legislative Support	3	50	40	0	10
Common Value Added (CVA) Code: CVA 2061	Environmental Science/Education	4	100	80	0	20
Total		20	400			

SEMESTER-2

MAJOR/DS COURSE (Core)

Political Theory

(Credit: 4)

Code: POLS 2011

- 1. Meaning of Politics and Political Theory; Meaning and Significance of Political Theory;**
- 2. Different Approaches:**
 - (a) Traditional
 - (b) Behavioural and Post-Behavioural
 - (c) Marxist;
- 3. Concept of Sovereignty:**
 - (a) Monistic
 - (b) Pluralist
 - (c) Popular;
- 4. Rights, Liberty and Equality: Meaning and their Inter-relationship;**
- 5. Theory of Justice: Rawls;**
- 6. Ideology – Meaning and Variants:**
 - 1. Liberalism and Neo-Liberalism**
 - 2. Socialism**
 - 3. Fascism**
 - 4. Feminism**
- 7. Theories of the State:**
 - (a) Idealist
 - (b) Liberal
 - (c) Marxist
 - (d) Gandhian.

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MINOR COURSE

Indian Government & Politics

Credit: 4

Code: POLS 2021

1. a. The Constituent Assembly: its Composition and Role
b. Preamble and its Significance
2. (a) Fundamental Rights and Duties (b) Directive Principles of State Policy
3. Nature of Indian Federalism: Centre-States relations – Legislative, Administrative and Financial
4. Union Legislature: Lok Sabha and RajyaSabha – Composition and Functions; the Speaker; State Legislature: Composition; Composition & Functions of Bidhansabha

- 5. Union & State Executive: President and Prime Minister: Powers and functions; Governor and Chief Minister: Powers and function**
- 6. Judiciary: Supreme Court and High Courts – Composition and Functions;**
- 7. Party System in India: Features and Trends; Coalition Governments**
- 8. Electoral Process: Election Commission – Composition and Functions; Electoral Reforms**

Suggested Readings:

1. Basu, D. D, *Introduction to the Constitution of India* (Nagpur: Lexis Nexis)
2. Kashyap, S. C., *Our Constitution* (New Delhi: National Book Trust)
3. Kashyap, S.C., *Our Political System* (New Delhi: National Book Trust)
4. Hiregowder, G. C. et al., *The Indian Constitution: An Introduction*, (New Delhi: Orient BlackSwan)
5. Johari, J. C., *Indian Government and Politics*, Vol. 1 and 2 (New Delhi: Vikash Publication)
6. Khosla, Madhab, *The Indian Constitution* (New Delhi: Oxford)

**MULTIDISCIPLINARY COURSE/ INTERDISCIPLINARY COURSE
(MDS/IDS)**

Course-1

Introducing Indian Constitution

(Credit: 3)

Code: POLS 2031

- 1. Salient Features of the Indian Constitution; Preamble**
- 2. (a) Fundamental Rights and Duties (b) Directive Principles of State Policy**
- 3. Nature of Indian Federalism;**
- 4. Union Legislature: Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha –Composition and Functions; the Speaker;**
- 5. Union & State Executive: President and Prime Minister: Powers and functions; Governor and Chief Minister: Powers and functions**
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5. Johari, J. C., *Indian Government and Politics*, Vol. 1 and 2 (New Delhi: Vikash Publication)
6. Khosla, Madhab, *The Indian Constitution* (New Delhi: Oxford)

Skill Enhancement Course (SEC)
Legislative Support
(Credit- 3)

Code: POLS 2051

- 1. Powers and functions of people's representatives at different tiers of governance: Members of Parliament and State Legislative Assemblies.**
- 2. Law-making procedure in Parliament; Role of Committees in Parliament.**
- 3. Procedure of Budget-making.**
- 4. Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and External Affairs: Main functions.**
- 5. NITI Ayog: Composition & Functions.**

Suggested Readings:

1. Madhavan, M.R. & N. Wahi Financing of Election Campaigns PRS, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, 2008. Available at: http://www.prsindia.org/uploads/media/conference/Campaign_finance_brief.pdf
2. Kalra, H. Public Engagement with the Legislative Process PRS, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, 2011. Available at: <http://www.prsindia.org/administrator/uploads/media/Conference%202011/Public%20Engagement%20with%20the%20Legislative%20Process.pdf>
3. Government of India (Lok Sabha Secretariat) Parliamentary Procedures (Abstract Series), 2009. Available at: <http://164.100.47.132/LssNew/abstract/index.aspx>
4. Government of India, (Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs) Legislation, Parliamentary Procedure, 2009. Available at: http://mpa.nic.in/Manual/Manual_English/Chapter/chapter-09.htm
5. Government of India, (Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs) Subordinate Legislation, Parliamentary Procedure, 2009. Available at: http://mpa.nic.in/Manual/Manual_English/Chapter/chapter-11.htm
6. Mathur K. Chandrakanta, Legislative Support, Shivalik Prakashan, New Delhi
7. Radha Kumari *et. al.* A Primer on Legislative Support, Adroit Publishers, 2018.