

**FROM : THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE,
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**THE SYLLABUS FOR THE THREE-YEAR UNDERGRADUATE COURSE IN
POLITICAL SCIENCE HONOURS.**

SEMESTER 1

Module 1.1 POLITICAL THEORY

1. Nature of politics and Political Science.
Approaches to the study of politics : Normative,Behavioural and Post-Behavioural ,Feminist.
2. Theories of state :Fascist, Idealist,Contract.
3. Select Key Concepts of Politics : Power, State and Ideology.

Basic Readings :

Andrew Heywood : Politics
Alan R.Ball : Modern Politics and Government
David Held : Political Theory and the State.
W.Runciman :Social and Political Theory.
David Apter : Political Analysis.

Module 1.2 POLITICAL THEORY

1. Basic principles of Dialectical and Historical Materialism.
2. Theory of class and class struggle.
3. Marxist theory of state.
4. Marxist concepts of Freedom and Democracy.

Basic Readings

E.Fischer : Marx in his own words.
Thomas Sowell : Marxism.
David Mcllellan : The thought of Karl Marx.
Maurice Cornforth : Open Society and Open Philosophy.
Tom Bottomore (ed.) : A Dictionary of Marxist Thought.

Module 1.3 INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

1. Framing of the Indian Constitution : Background.
2. Preamble
3. Fundamental Rights and Duties.
4. Directive Principles of State Policy.
5. Nature of Indian Federalism and Union-State relations.
6. Amendment Procedure..

Basic Readings :

Granville Austin : The Indian Constitution –Cornerstone of a Nation.
R.Hardgrave & S.Kochanek : India-Government and Politics in a Developing Nation.
M.V.Pylee : Constitutional Government in India
Paul Brass : The Politics of India since Independence
Ramesh Thakur : The Government and Politics of India.
D.D.Basu : An Introduction to the Constitution of India.
N.G.Jayal (ed.) :Democracy in India.

Module 1.4 INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

1. Electoral system : Composition,functions and role of the Election Commission; Electoral reforms.
2. Party system : features and trends . Ideologies and programmes of major political parties in India.
3. Coalition politics in India- Regionalization of the party system.
4. Pressure groups in India- Business groups,Trade Unions and Peasant Organizations.
5. Political Parties in West Bengal- electoral performance and their role in government and opposition.

Basic Readings :

Rakhahari Chatterjee (ed) : Politics India: State-Society Interface.
A.Kohli (ed) : The Success of India's Democracy.
Rajni Kothari : Politics in India.
Zoya Hasan (ed.) : Politics and the State in India.

SEMESTER 2

Module 2.1 POLITICAL THEORY

1. Empirical political theory : Systems Analysis , Structural Functionalism ,Communication Theory.
2. Democratic Theory : Contributions of Dahl and Macpherson.
3. Contemporary Liberalism : John Rawls.
4. Communitarianism (Sandel) and Multiculturalism (Featherstone).

Basic Readings :

Andrew Heywood : Politics.

David Held : Models of Democracy.

Andrew Heywood : Key Concepts.

O.P.Gauba : An Introduction to Political Theory

A.Ray & M.Bhattacharya : Political Theory – Ideas and Institutions.

Simon Durring : Politics.

Module 2.2 POLITICAL THEORY

1. Marxian theory of revolution; contributions of Lenin and Mao.
2. Marxian theory of the Party ;Lenin-Rosa Luxemburg debate on the Party.
3. Gramsci's concept of Hegemony..

Basic Readings :

H.Apthekar : The Nature of Democracy, Freedom and Revolution.

David Held : Models of Democracy.

David McLellan: Marxism after Marx.

Kolakowski : Main Currents of Marxism , Volumes II & III.

Andrew Gamble : Introduction to Western Social and Political Thought.

Arun Banerjee : People's Democracy in China.

J.W.Femia : Marxism and Democracy.

Stuart Shrampt : Political Thought of Mao Tse Tung (Introduction)

Module 2.3 INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

1. Union Executive : President – election, powers and position ;Prime Minister and Council of Ministers-appointment,functions,position and relationship.
2. Union Legislature : Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha – composition , functions& relationship;law-making;privileges;committee system;Speaker.
3. Government in the states : Governor,Chief Minister and Council of Ministers-position and functions.

State Legislature – composition and functions.

4. Judiciary : Supreme Court and the High Courts – composition, functions and jurisdiction.

Basic Readings :

M.V.Pylee : Constitutional Government in India.

S.C.Kashyap (ed) : Perspectives on the Constitution.

A.G. Noorani : Constitutional Questions in India – The President, Parliament and the States.

J.C. Johari : Indian Government and Politics.(2 Volumes)

Module 2.4 INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

1. Issues in Indian Politics :

- (a) Religion
- (b) Language
- (c) Caste
- (d) Tribes
- (e) Ethnicity

2. New Social Movements since the 1970s :

- (a) Environmental Movements
- (b) Women's Movements
- (c) Human Rights Movements.

Basic Readings :

Rakhahari Chatterjee (ed) : Politics India : State-Society Interface.

R.Hardgrave & S.Kochanek : India – Government and Politics in a Developing Nation.

Ghanashyam Shah : Social Movements in India.

Rajni Kothari : Caste in Indian Politics.

Partha Chatterjee (ed.) : State and Politics in India.

Zoya Hasan & S.N.Jha : The State, Political Processes and Identity-Reflections of Modern India.

SEMESTER 3

Module 3.1 COMPARATIVE POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

1. Comparative Politics : Development, Scope and purposes; distinction with Comparative Government.
2. Methods of Comparison
3. Approaches to the study of Comparative Politics : Institutionalism, Systems Analysis, Structural Functionalism, Development.

Basic Readings :

Rakhahari Chatterjee : Comparative Politics.(new edition)
G.Almond et.al. : Comparative Politics Today- A World View.

Module 3.2 COMPARATIVE POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

1. Types of political systems : Liberal and Socialist – their distinguishing features with special reference to the role of conventions, rule of law, parliamentary sovereignty (U.K.); separation of powers, checks and balances, judicial review (U.S.A.) ; democratic centralism (P.R.C.); Instruments of direct democracy : referendum , initiative and recall.
2. Rights of citizens in the U.K and in the U.S.A.; Rights and duties of the citizens in the P.R.C.

Basic Readings :

J.Harvey & S.Bather : The British Constitution.
Rod Hague & Martin Harrop : Comparative Government and Politics.
Dennis Kavanagh : British Politics.
Gabriel Almond et.al. : Comparative Politics Today- A World View.
Arun Kumar Banerjee : People's Democracy in China
Carr, Bernstein & Murphy : American Government.

Module 3.3 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (THEORY)

1. International Relations as an academic discipline – development, nature and scope.
2. Representative theories : Realism; Pluralism ; World Systems theory.
3. Select key concepts : Balance of Power ; Collective Security ; National Interest ; International System (Kaplan)

Basic Readings:

P.R.Viotti & M.V. Kauppi : International Relations Theory
S.Smith & J.Baylis : The Globalization of World Politics.
Jackson & Sorensen : Introduction to International Relations.
A.A.Coloumbis & J.Wolfe : Introduction to International Relations.
C.Kegley,E.Wittkopf : World Politics –Trends and Transformations.

Module 3.4 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

1. United Nations : Purposes and principles;Organs with special reference to the General Assembly,Security Council,Secretariat.
2. Role of the United Nations in Peace-keeping and Human Rights since 1990s.
3. WTO : its genesis and dispute settlement mechanism
4. Regional Organizations : ASEAN ,SAARC ,EU.

Basic Readings :

Radharaman Chakroborty : United Nations
Rumki Basu : united Nations
C.Kegley,E.Wittkopf : World Politics –Trends and Transformations
S.Smith & J.Baylis : The Globalization of World Politics.

SEMESTER 4

Module 4.1 COMPARATIVE POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

Major Organs of Government :

1. Executive : U.K.,U.S.A.,P.R.C.,France.
2. Legislature : U.K.,U.S.A.,P.R.C.
3. Judiciary : U.K.,U.S.A.,P.R.C.
4. Relationship between the Executive and the Legislature in the U.K.,U.S.A.,P.R.C.

Basic Readings :

Alan R.Ball : Modern Politics and Government

Rod Hague & Martin Harrop : Comparative Government and Politics.

Skidmore,Carter,Tripp :American Government

Dennis Kavanagh : British Politics.

Module 4.2 COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

- 1.Unitary and Federal systems; Cases of federalism - U.S.A. and Russia.
2. Parliamentary and Presidential systems: comparative study of British and American practices
- 3.Political Parties : features and role of party systems in the U.K.,U.S.A.,P.R.C.
- 4.Interest groups : Roles and performance in the U.K. and the U.S.A.

Basic Readings :

Rod Hague & Martin Harrop : Comparative Government and Politics.

G.Almond et.al. : Comparative Politics Today –A World View

Skidmore,Carter,Tripp : American Government

J.Harvey & S.Bather : The British Constitution

Dennis Kavanagh : British Politics.

Arun Kumar Banerjee : People's Democracy In China.

Module 4.3 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

1. Cold War : evolution and decline .
2. Post Cold War World : Globalization and its impact on international relations.
3. Role of non-state actors : MNCs..
4. Role of sub-state actors : Ethnicity.
5. Terrorism as an issue in international relations.

Basic Readings :

S.Smith & J.Baylis :The Globalization of World Politics.
C.Kegley , E.Wittkopf : World Politics-Trends and Transformations.
Radharaman Chakroborty : Theory and Practice of International Relations.

Module 4.4 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

1. Foreign Policy : concept and techniques – diplomacy, media and war.
2. Indian Foreign Policy : geo-strategic context and ideological foundation..
India's bilateral relations with U.S.A. and Pakistan.
3. Foreign Policies of U.S.A. and P.R.C. : geo-strategic context and ideological foundation.
4. Bilateral relations between : U.S.A. and West Asia; P.R.C. and India :U.S.A. and P.R.C.

Basic Readings :

S.Smith & J.Baylis : The Globalization of World Politics
M.Hogan (ed) : The end of Cold War –its meaning and implications.
Leslie Holmes : Post-Communism-an introduction
C.Kegley ,E.Wittkopf :World Politics –Trends and Transformations.
A.Appadorai & M.S.Rajan :India's Foreign Policy and Relations.
Joseph Frankel : The Making of Foreign Policy.

SEMESTER 5

Module 5.1 POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

1. Emergence of Political Sociology – from Sociology of Politics to Political Sociology.
2. Power ,Authority and Legitimacy.
3. State and Civil Society.
4. Political Elites : Michells,Mosca and Pareto.

Basic Readings :

W.G.Runciman : Social and Political Theory
Amal K. Mukhopadhyay : Political Sociology
Michel Rush : Politics and Society.

Module 5.2 POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

- 1.Social Stratification : Class , Caste and Ethnicity.
- 2.Gender and Politics : basic issues.
3. Religion and Politics : Views of Durkheim,Marx and Weber.

Basic Readings :

Amal K. Mukhopadhyay : Political Sociology
Michel Rush : Politics and Society.
Tom Bottomore : Political Sociology.
Satyabrata Chakraborti (ed) : Political Sociology.
Dennis Wrong : Power
Ali Ashraf,L.N.Sharma : Political Sociology.

Module 5.3 WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT

- 1.Greek Political Thought : main features.
 - (a) Plato's views on Justice and Communism
 - (b) Aristotle's views on the State and Classification of Constitutions.
- 2.Roman Political Thought : theories of Law and Citizenship.
- 3.Medieval thought in Europe : main features with special reference to the views of St.Augustine and Marsilius of Padua.

Basic Readings :

Raymond G.Gettell : History of Political Thought

W.A.Dunning : A History of Political Theories

C.L.Wayper : Political Thought.

Module 5.4 WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT

- 1..Jean Bodin and his concept of Sovereignty.
2. Machiavelli and his contribution to the secularization of politics.
- 3..Political thought in the age of Reformation.

Basic Readings :

R.N.Berki : The History of Political Thought –A short introduction.

C.L.Wayper : Political Thought.

Raymond G.Gettell : History of Political Thought.

Module 5.5 INDIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT AND MOVEMENT

- 1.Features of Ancient Indian Political thought-an overview
- 2.Kautilya : Saptanga theory,Dandaniti,Diplomacy.
3. Place of Mahabharata and Manusmriti in ancient Indian political thought.
- 4 Medieval Political thought : Legitimacy of Kingship &Duties and responsibilities of a Muslim ruler in the age of the Sultanate and Mughal period.

Basic Readings :

R.S.Sharma : Aspects of Political Ideas and Institutions in Ancient India.

D.Mackenzie Brown : The White Umbrella

A.T.Embree (ed.) :Sources of Indian Tradition (Vol.I)

Module 5.6 INDIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT AND MOVEMENT

1. .Modern Indian thought : Rammohan as a pioneer of Indian liberalism.
- 2..Bankimchandra : views on nationalism.
- 3.Gokhale : views on nationalism.
4. Phule : Dalit view of nationalism.

Basic Readings :

T.Pantham & K.L.Deutsch(ed) : Political Thought in Modern India.
B.B.Majumdar : Militant Nationalism in India.
V.P.Verma : Hindu Political Thought
R.S.Sharma : Aspects of Political Ideas and Institutions in Ancient India.

Module 5.7 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

1. Nature,scope and evolution of Public Administration.-Private and Public Administration- Principles of Socialist administration.
2. Challenges to the discipline of Public Administration and responses : New Public Administration.Comparative Public Administration,Development Administration.
3. Bureaucracy : views of Weber and Marx.
4. Ecological approach to Public Administration : Riggsian model.

Basic Readings :

Mohit Bhattacharya : Public Administration –structure,processes and behaviour.
Rumki Basu : Public Administration-key concepts.
S.R.Maheshwari : Administrative Theory.

Module 5.8 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

1. Development Administration : Role of the Indian Bureaucracy;Politics-Bureaucracy Interface
2. Civil Service in India : recruitment and training.
3. Administrative Accountability in India- Right to Information Act (93rd. Amendment)
4. Organization of the Union Government : Secretariat administration- PMO ;Cabinet Secretariat.
5. Organization of the State Government – Role of the Chief Secretary.

Basic Readings :

Ramesh Arora & Rajni Goyal : Indian Public Administration.
A.Avasthi : Indian Administration.
C.P. Bhambri: Administrators in a changing society.
Bureaucracy and Politics in India.

SEMESTER 6

Module 6.1 POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

1. Political Culture and Socialization.
2. Political Communiation : concept and structures.
3. Political participation : concept and types ; determinants of electoral behaviour.
4. Groups in politics : Political Parties and Pressure Groups.

Basic Readings :

Amal K. Mukhopadhyay : Political Sociology
Satyabrata Chakraborti (ed) : Political Sociology.
G. Ponton, P. Gill : Introduction to Politics.
Andrew Hetwood : Politics.

Module 6.2 POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

1. Nationalism and state formation in Third world and West Europe
2. Political Development
3. Military and politics.
4. Information Society : its nature and impact.

Basic Readings :

Andrew Heywood : Politics.
G. Ponton, P. Gill : Introduction to Politics.
Satyabrata Chakraborti (ed.) : Political Sociology.

Module 6.3 WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT

1. Hobbes : founder of the science of materialist politics and his theory of political obligation..
2. Locke : founder of liberalism – views on liberty, property and consent.
3. Rousseau : founder of popular sovereignty and his concept of the General Will.
4. John Stuart Mill : Liberty and Representative Government..

Basic Readings :

Amal K.Mukhopadhyay :Western Political Thought from Plato to Marx.
Raymond G.Gettell : History of Political Thought.

Module 6.4 WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT

1. Hegel : Civil Society and State
2. Utopian and Scientific Socialism.
3. Varieties of non-Marxist Socialism : German Revisionism and Fabianism.
4. Anarchism : an outline.

Basic Readings :

C.L.Wayper : Political Thought.
R.N.Berki : The History of Political Thought –A Short Introduction.
Raymond G.Gettell : History of Political Thought.
Maurice Cornforth : Dialectical Materialism.

Module 6.5 INDIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT AND MOVEMENT

1. Gandhi :views on State and Trusteeship.
2. .Nehru :views on nationalism and socialism.
3. Ambedkar : views on Social Justice.
4. Syed Ahmed Khan : views in colonialrule and modernization.
5. Narendra Dev : contributions to Indian Socialism.

Basic Readings :

T.Pantham & K.L.Deutsch (ed) : Political Thought in Modern India
B.R.Nanda : Making of a Nation.
V.R.Mehta : Foundation of Indian Political Thought –an interpretation.

Module 6.6 INDIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT AND MOVEMENT

1. Foundations of Indian National Congress.
2. Partition of Bengal and the Swadeshi movement.
3. Khilafat and the Non-cooperation Movement;Civil Disobedience Movement
4. Roots of communal politics : Savarkar and Hindu nationalism ; Jinnah and two-nation theory..

5. Class and Nationalist movement under colonial rule : Working class and Peasant movements.
6. Quit India Movement of 1942;I.N.A. ;Naval Uprisings.

Basic Readings :

Bipan Chandra et.al. :India's Struggle for Independence.

Sumit Sarkar : Modern India.

B.R. Nanda : Making of a Nation.

S.K.Chaube : Colonialism, Freedom Struggle and Nationalism in India.

Module 6.7 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

1. Major concepts of administration : Hierarchy, Unity of Command, Span of Control, Authority, Centralization and Decentralization, Line and Staff.
2. Administrative processes : Communication and control, Delegation, Decision-making, Coordination and Leadership.
3. Policy-making : models of policy-making-policies and implementation.

Basic Readings :

Mohit Bhattacharya : Public Administration-structure, processes and behaviour.

Rumki Basu : Public Administration-key concepts.

Module 6.8 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

1. District Administration : changing role of the District Magistrate.
2. Local Self-Government in India – 73rd.and 74th.Amendments:an overview.
3. Planning and Plan Administration : Planning Commission, National Development Council and District Planning.
4. Role of the CAG in financial administration.
5. Citizen and Administration : Lokpal and Lokayukta.

Basic Readings:

Ramesh Aurora & Rajni Goyal :Indian Public Administration.

Mohit Bhattacharya, Prabhat K.Dutta : Governing Rural India.

N.B. Additional Readings will be suggested in class as and when necessary.

AT A GLANCE :

**SYLLABUS FOR THE THREE YEAR (HONOURS) COURSE OF
STUDIES IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AT ST.XAVIER'S (
AUTONOMOUS) COLLEGE , KOLKATA.**

Course I :POLITICAL THEORY

[4 modules on Political Theory distributed over the first and second semesters]

Course II : INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

[4 modules on Indian Government and Politics distributed over the first and second semesters]

Course III : COMPARATIVE POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

[4 modules on Comparative Politics and Government distributed over the third and fourth semesters.]

Course IV : INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

[4 modules on International Relations distributed over the third and fourth semesters.]

Course V : POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

[4 modules on Political Sociology distributed over the fifth and sixth semesters.]

Course VI : WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT

[4 modules on Western Political Thought distributed over the fifth and the sixth semesters]

Course VII : INDIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT AND MOVEMENT

[4 modules on Indian Political Thought and Movement to be covered in the fifth and the sixth semesters]

Course VIII : PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

[4 modules on Public Administration distributed over the fifth and sixth semesters.

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