Semester	1
Paper Number	GPSCR1021T
Paper Title	Introduction to Political Theory
No. of Credits	6
Theory/Composite	Theory
No. of periodsassigned	Th: 5+1 Pr:
Name of Faculty member(s)	
Course description/objective	This course aims to introduce certain key aspects of conceptual analysis in political theory and the skills required to engage in debates surrounding the application of the concepts.

Syllabus	**Module I (40 Marks)**
	 1.a.What is Politics? (5lectures)
	     b. What is Political theory and what is its relevance? (5lectures)
	 2. Concepts: (20 lectures)
	 a. Democracy
	 b. Liberty
	 c. Equality
	 d. Justice
	 e. Rights
	 Module II (40 Marks)
	 3. Concepts (16 lectures)
	  a. Gender
	 b. Citizenship
	 c. Civil Society
	 d. State
	  4. Debates in Political Theory
	 a. Is democracy compatible with economic growth? (4 lectures)
	 b. On what grounds is censorship justified and what are its limits? (4lectures)
	 C. Does protective discrimination violate principles of fairness? (3 lectures)
	 d. Should the State intervene in the institution of the family? (3 lectures)

Texts	
Reading/Reference Lists	**Topic I** Bhargava, R. (2008) 'What is Political Theory', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction.* New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 2-17. Bhargava, R. (2008) 'Why Do We Need Political Theory', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction.* New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 18-37. **Topic 2** Sriranjani, V. (2008) 'Liberty', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction.*New Delhi: Pearson

Longman, pp. 40-57.

Acharya, A. (2008) 'Equality', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction.*New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 58-73.

Menon, K. (2008) Justice', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction.* New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 74-82.

Talukdar, P.S. (2008) 'Rights', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction.*New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 88-105.

Srinivasan, J. (2008) 'Democracy', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction.*New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 106-128.

Roy, A. 'Citizenship', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction.* New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 130-147.

Das, S. (2008) 'State', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction.* New Delhi:Pearson Longman, pp. 170-187.

Singh, M. (2008) 'Civil Society', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction.*New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 188-205.

Menon, N. (2008) 'Gender', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction.* New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 224-235.

Shorten, A. (2008) 'Nation and State', in McKinnon, C. (ed.) *Issues in Political Theory*, New York: OxfordUniversity Press, pp. 33-55.

Christiano, Thomas. (2008) 'Democracy', in McKinnon, Catriona. (ed.) *Issues in Political Theory*, New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 80-96.

Riley, J. (2008) 'Liberty', in McKinnon, C. (ed.) *Issues in Political Theory*, New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 103-125.

Casal, P. & William, A. (2008) 'Equality', in McKinnon, C. (ed.) *Issues in Political Theory*. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 149- 165.

Wolf, J. (2008) 'Social Justice', in McKinnon, C. (ed.) *Issues in Political Theory.* New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 172-193.

Brighouse, H. (2008) 'Citizenship', in McKinnon, C. (ed.) *Issues in Political Theory.* New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 241-259.

Chambers, C. (2008) 'Gender', in McKinnon, C. (ed.) *Issues in Political Theory.* New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 241-288.

Swift, A. (2001) *Political Philosophy: A Beginners Guide for Students and Politicians.*

	Cambridge: Polity Press.
	Topic 3
	Sen, A. (2003) 'Freedom Favours Development,' in Dahl, R., Shapiro, I. and Cheibub, A. J. (eds.) *TheDemocracy Sourcebook.* Cambridge, Massachusetts: MIT Press, pp. 444-446.
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	Prezowrski, A., et al. (2003) 'Political Regimes and Economic Growth,' in Dahl, R., Shapiro, I. and Cheibub, A. J. (eds.) *The Democracy Sourcebook.* Cambridge, Massachusetts: MIT Press, pp. 447-454.
	Sethi, A. (2008) 'Freedom of Speech and the Question of Censorship', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction.* New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 308-319.
	Acharya, A. (2008) 'Affirmative Action', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction.* New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 298-307.
	Frances E O. (1985) 'The Myth of State Intervention in the Family', *University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform*. 18 (4), pp. 835-64.
	Jha, M. (2001) 'Ramabai: Gender and Caste', in Singh, M.P. and Roy, H. (eds.) *Indian Political Thought: Themes and Thinkers,* New Delhi: Pearson.
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Evaluation	CIA: 20
	End-Sem: 80
	10 objective type questions to be answered out of 13 of 2 marks each **(10x2=20)**
	2 essay type questions to be answered out of 3 of 10 marks each (**2x10=20)**
	(Total= 40 marks per module)
	40+40(Module I + Module II=80) (80+20 CIA=100)