

LEARNING OUTCOME BASED CURRICULUM OF B.A
SEMESTER 1ST AND 2ND



POLITICAL SCIENCE
GOVERNMENT COLLEGE FOR WOMEN PARADE
GROUND, JAMMU

CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM
DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE
CLASS B.A SEMESTER 1

Course No: UPSTC101

Duration of Examination: 3 hours

External Examination: 80 marks

Total Marks: 100

Internal Assessment: 20 marks

Credit: 6

Course: An Introduction to Political Theory.

Course Objective

The aim of the course is to expose the students a thorough understanding of the inter-relationship between policy decision and its effects on society. The content of this paper laid emphasis

on the knowledge of key concepts of conceptual analysis in Political Theory and the skill required to engage in debate surrounding the application of the concept.

Teaching Learning Outcomes

After completing the course students will be able to,

- Understand the nature and relevance of Political Theory
- Understand different concepts like Liberty, Equality, Justice and Rights
- Reflect upon some of the important debates on Political Theory
- Participate as a civically engaged member of society
- Discuss the major theories and ideologies and concepts of political science and its subfields
- Deliver thoughtful and well-articulated presentation in research findings

UNIT 1 – Political Theory and Political Science

1. Introduction to Political Theory and Political Philosophy.
2. Nature and Scope of Political Science.
3. Methods and Approaches to Study Politics
4. Disagreements and Debates in Political Theory

UNIT 2 – State and Sovereignty

1. Nation and State: Conceptualisation.
2. Theories of Civil society
3. Theories of Origin of State: Divine Origin Theory, Social Contract; Patriarchal and Matriarchal and Historical Theories
4. Sovereignty : Austin's theory and Pluralistic theory.

UNIT 3 – Nature and Functions of State

1. Nature of State: Liberal and Neo-Liberal Notions of State
2. Nature of State: Marxist and Neo-Marxist Notions of State

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3. Functions of the state: Liberal and neo-Liberal Perspectives
4. Functions of the State: Marxist and Neo-Marxist Perspectives

UNIT 4 – Concepts in Political Theory


1. Rights: Liberal and Marxist Perspective
2. Justice: Social, Political and Legal
3. Liberty and Equality: Concepts
4. Power and Authority: Concepts

UNIT 5 – Major Ideologies

1. Liberalism: Classical and Modern Liberalism
2. Democratic Socialism: Basic Principles
3. Secularism: Western and Indian Perspectives
4. Feminism: Meaning and Issues

SUGGESTED READINGS

- Andrew Heywood (2013) *Politics*, London: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Andrew Heywood (2004). *Political Theory: An Introduction*, London: Palgrave.
- Rajeev Bhargava and Ashok Acharya (2008) (ed.). *Political Theory*, New Delhi: Pearson.
- O.P Gauba : An introduction to Political Theory
- M.P Jain: Political Theory
- Bhargava and Acharya: Political Theory an Introduction
- J.C Johri: Political Theory New Dimensions
- V.D Mahajan: Political Theory Principles of Political Science
- R.C Vermani: Political Theory- Liberal and Marxist
- Robert Dhal: Modern Political Analysis
- R.N Gilchrist: Principles of Political Science
- Eddy Asirvathai and K.K Misra: Political Theory


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LEARNING PROCESS

Lectures, Tutorials, Group Discussion, regular class tests, PowerPoint presentation etc.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Internal Assessment and Final Examination as per CBCS Rules

SCHEME FOR INTERNAL ASSESSMENT TEST

The question paper would comprise of 5 short answer type questions of 3 marks each. Total marks for assignment test are 15.

SCHEME FOR END SEMESTER EXAMINATION

The question paper comprises of 3 sections,

Section A, contains 05 short answer type questions (one from each unit) carrying 3 marks each. All the questions in this section are compulsory. (15 marks)

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CLASS B.A SEMESTER 2

Course No: UPSTC201

Duration of Examination: 3 hours

External Examination: 80 marks

Total Marks: 100

Internal Assessment: 20 marks

Credit: 6

Course: Indian Government and Politics

COURSE OBJECTIVE

The course aims to give students a thorough understanding of the structures of Indian Government and Politics. It equips the students with the different perspectives on studying Indian Politics and Government, the constitutional principles on which the institutions of the state are founded and functions, the social structure of power and salient features of the political process in India.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

- On successful completion of the course, students would be able to,
- Demonstrate and understanding of the different viewpoints on Indian Politics and the nature of Indian State.
 - Makes students familiar with the knowledge of the text of the Indian Constitution and awareness of constitutional and legal rights.
 - Critically analysing the important institutions of the Indian union.
 - Evaluate the role of various forces on Indian Politics: Religion, Language, Cast, Regionalism.
 - Show awareness of the party system and its changing nature in India.

Indian Government and Politics

UNIT 1- Introduction to Indian Constitution

1. Constituent Assembly: Composition, Ideological Moorings, Constitutional Debates
2. Philosophy of the Constitution- Preamble, Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles of State Policy
3. Constitutionalism in India: Checks and Balances, Basic Structure Debate
4. Constitutional Amendments

UNIT 2- Union and State Government: Structure, Function

1. Federalism in India- Strong Centre Framework, Asymmetrical Federal Provisions, Emerging Trends
2. Union Parliament: Structure, Role and Functioning
3. Indian Federal/ Parliamentary System: Features

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4. Law making procedure: Ordinary Bills, Money Bills, Amendment Bills

UNIT 3- Union and State Government: Structure and Function

1. Union Executive: The President of India, Prime Minister and Council of Ministers
2. Executive and Legislature in the States: Governor, Chief Minister and Council of Ministers, State Legislature
3. Judiciary: Supreme Court, High Court, Jurisdictions
4. Judicial Review, Judicial Activism, Judicial Reforms

UNIT 4- Political Processes

1. Electoral Politics: Participation, Contestation, Representation
2. Party System in India: One Party Dominant system, Multiparty System, Coalition Politics
3. Ideology and Social Base of National Parties- Congress and BJP
4. Role of Regional Parties in India

UNIT 5 – Major Political Issues: Emerging Trends

1. Ethnicity and Identity Politics
2. Caste and Politics
3. Religion and Politics
4. Regionalism and Politics: Regional Disparities, Demand for New States

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- D. D. Basu (2004) *Introduction to the Constitution of India*. New Delhi: Wadhwa.
- Madhav Khosla (2012) *The Indian Constitution*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- S. Choudhry, M. Khosla & P.B. Mehta (2016) (Eds) *The Oxford Handbook of the Indian Constitution* (pp. 540-59). New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- M. Laxmikant (2020) *Indian Polity*. New Delhi: McGraw Hill Education
- Subrata K Mitra (2019) *Politics in India: structure, Process and Policy*. New Delhi: Routledge.
- W. H. Morris-Jones (1987) *The Government and Politics of India*. London: Hutchinson University Press.
- Devesh Kapur, Pratap Bhanu Mehta, Milan Vaishnav (2017) (eds) *Rethinking Public Institutions in India*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- Pratap Bhanu Mehta, Niraja Jayal (2010) *Oxford Companion to Indian Politics*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

- S.K Chaube: The making and working of Indian Constitution
- M.V Pylee: Indian Constitution
- R.C Aggarwal: Indian Political System
- O.P Goyal: Politics in India

- Ashok Chandra: Indian Administration
- Rajni Kothari: Introduction of caste in Indian Politics
- G.Austin: Indian Constitution
- Vanaik.A and Bhargava.R: Understanding Contemporary India
- A.P Avasthi: Indian Government and Politics

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