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CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK FOR UNDER GRADUATE COURSE
COURSE STRUCTURE AND SYLLABUS

B.A.
DSC – POLITICAL SCIENCE
1ST AND 2ND SEMESTERS

w.e.f.
2024-25 and onwards

Submitted by

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Dept. of Political Science
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FIRST SEMESTER

Course Title: Introduction to Political Theory

Subject code:	Credits: 5
Contact Hours: 60	Weekly Hours: 5
Semester End Examination: 80 marks	Internal Assessment: 20 Marks

Course objectives:

- * This paper introduces students to the central themes, debates, and concepts that have shaped political thought from ancient times to the contemporary period.
- * It explores various political ideologies and philosophies
- * It develops a deeper understanding of the principles underlying political systems, governance, and public policies
- * It will enable students to critically analyse political issues, enhance their ability to engage in informed civic discourse

Learning Course Outcomes (LCOs):

- * To Understand the various traditions and approaches of political theory
- * To understand fundamental political concepts such as justice, democracy, liberty, equality, and power.
- * Compare different political theories and ideologies, and their impact on society and governance.
- * Apply political theories to analyze and interpret contemporary political issues and debates.

Pedagogy: Lecture-based learning, Project-based learning, Collaborative learning, Workshops, Field trips and Experiential Learning, Digital & online learning, Mentoring and Guest Lectures

Discipline Specific Course (DSC -1)

Title of the Paper:

UNIT I : Political Theory	12 Hours
• The meaning, nature, scope, and significance	
UNIT II: Approaches to the Study of Political Theory	12 Hours
• Traditional: historical, legal, and institutional • Modern: behavioral, and post-behavioral	
UNIT III: Key Concepts	12 Hours

- power, authority, sovereignty, liberty, equality, justice, rights and duties

UNIT IV: Political Traditions

12 Hours

- liberalism, communitarianism, secularism, multiculturalism and civil society

UNIT V: Democracy

12 Hours

- Meaning, types, characteristics, scope and significance
- Classical liberal theory- features. pluralist theory-features, Marxian Theory-features

BOOKS RECOMMENDED

Essential References:

1. Berlin, Isaiah (2002) *Liberty: Incorporating Four Essays on Liberty*. Edited by Henry Hardy. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
2. Bodin, Jean (1955) *Six Books of the Commonwealth*. Edited and translated by M.J. Tooley. Oxford: Basil Blackwell.
3. Dahl, Robert (1989) *A Democracy and Its Critics*. New Haven: Yale University Press.
4. Dworkin, Ronald (2000) *Sovereign Virtue: The Theory and Practice of Equality*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.
5. Freeden, Michael (1996) *Ideologies and Political Theory: A Conceptual Approach*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
6. Heywood, Andrew (2012) *Political Ideologies: An Introduction*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
7. Mill, John Stuart (1978) *On Liberty*. Edited by Elizabeth Rapaport. Indianapolis: Hackett Publishing Company.
8. Nozick, Robert (1974) *Anarchy, State, and Utopia*. New York: Basic Books.
9. Rawls, John (1971) *A Theory of Justice*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.
10. Schumpeter, Joseph A (1942) *Capitalism, Socialism and Democracy*. New York: Harper & Brothers.
11. Sen, Amartya (1992) *Inequality Reexamined*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.

Additional References:

1. Acharya, A. & Bhargava, R. (Ed.). (2008). *Political Theory: An Introduction*. Pearson: New Delhi.
2. Barry, N. (1981). *An Introduction to Modern Political theory*. London: Palgrave
3. Bhargava, R. (2010). *What is Political Theory and Why Do We Need It?* Oxford University Press.
4. Farrelly, C. (2004). *An Introduction to Contemporary Political Theory: A Reader*. London: Sage.
5. Gauba O.P. (2021) *An Introduction to Political theory* National Paperbacks New Delhi
6. Gupta R.L. (2017) *Political theory* Sultan Chand New Delhi
7. Held, D. (1991). *Models of Democracy*. Polity Press, Cambridge.
8. Heywood A (2005) *Political theory An Introduction* Palgrave Macmillan.

9. Heywood, A. (2004). *Political Ideologies: An Introduction* (3rd ed.), London: Palgrave Macmillan.
10. Heywood, A. (2013). *Politics* (4th ed.), London: Palgrave Macmillan.
11. Johari J.C. (2019) *Contemporary Political Theory* Sterling Publishers Greater Noida
12. Kymlicka, W. (1995). *Multicultural Citizenship: A liberal Theory of Minority Rights*. Oxford: Clarendon Press.
13. Smits, K. (2016). *Applying Political Theory* (2nd ed.), London: Palgrave Macmillan.
14. Vincent, A. (2004). *The Nature of Political Theory*. New York: Oxford University, Press
15. Vinod M.J (2016) *Contemporary political theory* PHI Learning New Delhi

Web Resources:

1. <https://epathshala.nic.in>
2. <https://egyankosh.ac.in>



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SECOND SEMESTER

Course Title: Western Political Thought

Subject code:	Credits: 5
Contact Hours: 60	Weekly Hours: 5
Semester End Examination: 80 marks	Internal Assessment: 20 Marks

Course objectives:

- * This paper offers students a comprehensive understanding of the evolution of political ideas and theories from ancient Greece to the modern era.
- * It explores key political philosophers, their contributions, and the historical contexts that shaped their thoughts. By examining foundational texts and critical debates.
- * It will develop analytical skills for the philosophical underpinnings of contemporary political systems.
- * This course fosters critical thinking, enabling students to engage with and critique political ideas and their practical implications in today's world.

Learning Course Outcomes (LCOs):

- * Identify and explain the major political philosophers and their contributions from ancient Greece to modern times.
- * Compare and contrast different political theories and their impact on contemporary political systems
- * Apply political theories to contemporary political issues and debates.
- * Develop and articulate arguments regarding political ideas and their relevance today

Pedagogy: Lecture-based learning, Project-based learning, Collaborative learning, Workshops, Field trips and Experiential Learning, Digital & online learning, Research and Writing, Mentoring, Guest Lecture

Discipline Specific Course (DSC -2)

Title of the Paper:

UNIT I: Classical Political Thought	12 Hours
• Plato: justice, education, communism, and the ideal state • Aristotle: theory of state, classification of governments, revolution, and the best state	
UNIT II: Medieval Political Thought	12 Hours
• St. Thomas Aquinas: church-state debate and classification of laws • Dante: universal monarchy	

UNIT III: Modern Political Thought (state and Republicanism)	12 Hours
• Machiavelli: advice to the prince, republicanism, • Thomas Hobbes, John Locke and Rousseau-social contract Theory	
UNIT IV: Modern Political Thought (Idealist phase)	12 Hours
• Jeremy Bentham: utilitarianism and idealism • Thomas Hill Green- political obligation and idealism	
UNIT V: Modern Political Thought (liberal & contemporary phase)	12 Hours
• J.S. Mill- liberty and representative government • Karl Marx- analysis of state, and class conflict	

BOOKS RECOMMENDED

Essential References:

1. Aristotle (1998) *Politics*. Oxford University Press.
2. Hobbes, Thomas (1988) *Leviathan*. Cambridge University Press.
3. Locke, John (1988) *Two Treatises of Government*. Cambridge University Press.
4. Machiavelli, Niccolò. (1988) *The prince*. Cambridge University Press.
5. Marx, Karl, and Friedrich Engels. (2008) *The Communist Manifesto*. Edited by David McLellan. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
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1. Barker, Ernest (2013). *Greek Political Thought*. Routledge.
2. Ebenstein, William (1967). *Great Political Thinkers*. University of California.
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6. Kymlicka, Will, (2002) *Contemporary Political Philosophy: An Introduction* (Second Edition), OUP New Delhi.
7. McClelland, J.S. (1996) *A History of Western Political Thought*, Routledge, New York.
8. Mukhopadhyay, A.K., (1980) *Western Political Thought: From Plato to Marx*, K.P. Bagchi & Co, Calcutta.
9. Nelson, Brian R. (1996) *Western Political Thought: From Socrates to the Age of Ideology*, Pearson, Uttar Pradesh.
10. Roberts, Peri & Peter Sutch (2012). *An Introduction to Political Thought*. Edinburgh University Press.
11. Sabine, G.H. (1973). *A History of Political Theory*. Dryden Press.
12. Singh, Sukhbir (1980). *History of Political Thought* Vol. I. Rastogi Publications.
13. Singh, Sukhbir (1980). *History of Political Thought* Vol. II. Rastogi Publications.

14. Subrata Mukherjee and Sushila Ramaswamy (2020) *A history of political thought Plato to Marx* PHI.

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FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT FOR THEORY

Assessment Type	Marks
Internal Assessment Test 1	05
Internal Assessment Test 2	05
Assignment	05
Classroom Activities	05
Total	20
Formative Assessment as per the guidelines	



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QUESTION PAPER PATTERN FOR THEORY

POLITICAL SCIENCE B.A. I AND II SEMESTER MODEL QUESTION PAPER

Time: 3 Hours

Marks-80

SECTION- A

Answer any TEN of the following question in 50 words

2x10=20

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SECTION-B

Answer any FOUR of the following questions 100 words

5x4=20

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SECTION-C

Answer any THREE of the following questions in 500 words

10x3=30

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SECTION-D

Answer any ONE of the following questions in 500 words

10x1=10

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OR



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MODEL QUESTION PAPER

Paper - Introduction to Political Theory (DSC-1)

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks 80

Instructions to the candidates

1. All sections are compulsory subject to internal choice.
2. Each question carry equal marks

SECTION A

Answer any TEN of the following questions in 50 words

10x2=20

1. Define political theory
2. What is scope of political theory?
- 3 Explain Historical approach to political theory
4. What is Behavioral approach?
5. Define power
6. Explain the meaning of Liberty
7. Explain the concept of civil society
8. What is multiculturalism?
9. Define Democracy
10. Explain types of democracy
11. Give the meaning of communitarianism
12. Explain the meaning of Liberalism

SECTION B

Answer any FOUR of the following questions in 200 words

4x5=20

13. Discuss nature of the study of Political theory
14. Explain Features of post- behaviouralism
15. Discuss types of Equality
16. Describe features of Communitarianism
17. Explain characteristics of democracy
18. Differentiate between power and authority

SECTION C

Answer any THREE of the following questions in 500 words

3x10=30

- 19.Explain significance of the study of political theory
- 20.Discuss main features of Legal and Institutional approach
- 21.Analyse rights and duties
- 22.Explain features of Multiculturalism
- 23.Discuss features of Liberal theory of democracy

SECTION D

Answer any ONE of the following questions in 500 words

1x10=10

- 24.Define justice and discuss various types of justice

OR

- 24.Explain meaning and importance of democracy today