

33. POLITICAL SCIENCE

Preface

About the Programme: The four-year undergraduate programme (FYUG), revised as per the New Education Policy 2020 framework is designed to enhance the basic theoretical, conceptual and analytical skills of the students. The undergraduate Programme in Political Science continues to be among the most sought-after and prestigious programmes offered at the University. The course covers the entire spectrum of the major sub-discipline of Political Science, Multidisciplinary Courses (MDCs), Skill Enhancement Courses (SECs), Ability Enhancement Courses (AECs) and Value Added Courses (VACs).

Programme Outcomes: The students will be able to understand the basic concepts, foundational, theoretical and advanced knowledge in Political Science. Courses on Multidisciplinary, Skill Enhancement, Ability Enhancement and Value Added Courses will broaden their understanding of the issues and problems in addition to their core discipline.

POL-100: POLITICAL THEORY

(Contact Hours: 60, Credits: 4)

Course Objectives:

This course aims to introduce basic concepts, ideas and theories in Political Science. It will also examine the various perspectives, dimensions and relevance of political theory.

Learning Outcomes:

This course will enable students to understand the basic political theory concepts and engage them in critically analyzing the subject. It will also provide an opportunity for the students to familiarize themselves with contemporary interpretations of the theories and views of scholars for a deeper understanding of the subject.

Unit 1: Nature, Scope and Significance of Political Theory.

Theories of the Origin of State: Social Contract, Evolutionary and Marxist.
Sovereignty: Nature, Characteristics, Monistic and Pluralistic theories.

Unit II: Rights: Natural, Legal and Marxist Theory of Rights.

Liberty: Negative and Positive.

Equality: Kinds of Equality, Relationship between Liberty and Equality.

Unit III: Law: Natural, Sociological and Marxist Theories of Law.
Justice: Natural, Distributive and Social Justice.
Political Obligation: Grounds of Political Obligation and Resistance.

Unit IV: Dimensions of Democracy: Social, Economic and Political;
Liberal and Marxist Perspectives.

Suggested Readings:

- Barker, E., *Principles of Social and Political Theory*, Calcutta, Oxford University Press, 1976.
Barry, N.P., *Introduction to Modern Political Theory*, London, Macmillan, 1995.
Bercht, A., *Political Theory: The Foundations of Twentieth Century Political Thought*, Bombay, The Times of India Press, 1965.
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Singh, R., *Reason, Revolution and Political Theory*, New Delhi, People's Publishing House, 1997.
Thakurdas, F., *Essays in Political Theory*, New Delhi, Gitanjali, 1992.
Varma, S.P., *Modern Political Theory*, New Delhi, Vikas, 1993.
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POL-150: INDIAN POLITICAL SYSTEM

(Contact Hours: 60, Credits: 4)

Course Objectives:

The paper focuses on the political processes and the actual functioning of the Indian political system with an emphasis on the role of social and economic processes.

Learning Outcomes:

The paper will familiarise students with the dynamics of Indian Politics and enable them to understand both constitutional and the socio-economic dimensions of the Indian political system.

Unit I: Nature of Indian State: Historical and Ideological basis.
Fundamental Rights, Duties and Directive Principles of State Policy.

Unit II: Federalism and Parliamentary Democracy: Union-State Relations,
Working of Parliament, Judicial Review and Judicial Activism.

Unit III: Changing Nature of Party System, Role of Political Parties and Pressure groups in Indian politics.

Unit IV: Globalization, Economic Liberalization and Indian Politics.

Suggested Readings:

Abbas, H. et.al (eds), *Indian Government and Politics*, Pearson, New Delhi, 2011.

Austin, G., *Working a Democratic Constitution: The Indian Experience*, Delhi, Oxford University Press, 2000.

Basu, D.D., *An Introduction to the Constitution of India*, New Delhi, Prentice Hall, 1994.

Baxi, U., *The Indian Supreme Court and Politics*, Delhi, Eastern Book Company, 1980.

Baxi and B. Parekh (ed.), *Crises and Change in Contemporary India*, New Delhi, Sage, 1994.

Bhambri, C.P., *The Indian State: Fifty Years*, New Delhi, Shipra, 1999.

Brass, P., *Politics of India since Independence, 2nd edn.*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 1994.

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- Frankel, F. R. et.al., (eds.) *Transforming India: Social and Political Dynamics of Democracy*, New Delhi, OUP, 2000.
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- Omvedt, Gail., (ed.) *Land, Caste and Politics in Indian States*, Delhi, 1981.
- Oommen, T.K., *Protest and Change, Study in Social Movements*, New Delhi, Sage, 1990.
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- Sathe, S.P., *Judicial Activism in India*, New Delhi, OUP, 2002.
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- Vanaik, A., *The Pointful Transition: Bourgeois Democracy in India*, London, Verso, 1990.
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