

Syllabus of Political Science – I (2022-23)

B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) Course (1st Semester)

Objective of the Study of Political Science :

Political science is the systematic study of the state as well as its important organ i.e. Government. It deals with the theory and practices of politics and analyses the political systems, processes and behaviour. It is also concerned in addressing some of the core problems faced by the society at large such as in achieving world peace or at a more national level, how to achieve and sustain economic growth and stability. In the 21st Century the role of Political Sciences has increased tremendously. It doesn't just concern only the government or the political group who is ruling a particular state or country but every citizen and every man on the street.

Methodology of Teaching :

The effective method of teaching and learning is through dialogue process between teacher and the student. The student should be encouraged to think analytically the subject and should be in position to evaluate the subject critically. In order to develop all these things student should be encouraged to read original text books of reputed authors. Group discussion/seminar on the subject topics will also play a pivotal role in enriching the fertile mind of the students.

Course Module	Topics	Proposed Lectures
1.	Meaning and Nature of Political Science and Political Theory.	02
2.	Political Thinkers : (i) Plato, (ii) Aristotle, (iii) Machiavelli (iv) Chanakya, (v) M. K. Gandhi, (vi) Dr. B. R. Ambedkar .	12
3.	State : Definition, Elements of State. Theories of the Origin of State with Special reference to : (i) Divine Theory, (ii) Social Contract Theory, (iii) Evolutionary/Historical Theory.	06
4.	Sovereignty : Meaning, Characteristics and its types : Monistic and Pluralistic theory of Sovereignty.	03
5.	Forms of Government : (i) Parliamentary and Presidential (ii) Federal and Unitary	05
6.	Constitution : Meaning and its Classification.	02
7.	Organs of Government : (i) Legislature, (ii) Executive and, (iii) Judiciary	06
8.	Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy in Indian Constitution	08
9.	Concept of Democracy and Contemporary Theories of Democracy.	03
10.	Concept of Ideology : (i) Liberalism, (ii) Socialism, (iii) Marxism, (iv) Anarchism, (v) Fascism, (vi) Feminism.	05
11.	Concept of : (i) Justice, (ii) Equality, (iii) Liberty	05
12.	Constitutional Commissions of India : (i) UPSC, (ii) Election Commission, (iii) Finance Commission	04
	TOTAL	61

Suggested Readings :

1. A History of Political Theory by George Holland Sabine
2. Principles of Political Science by Anup Chand Kapur
3. An Introduction To Political Theory by O. P. Gauba
4. A History of Political Thought: Plato to Marx by Subrata Mukherjee and Sushila Ramaswamy
5. V.N. Shukla's Constitution of India by Prof (Dr.) Mahendra Pal Singh