

## **Four Year Undergraduate Programme**

**Subject: Political Science**

**Semester: 1<sup>st</sup> Semester**

**Course Name: POL 01-01: Introduction to Political Theory (Core)**

**Existing Base Syllabus:**

**Course Level: 100**

**Theory Credit: 60**

**Practical Credit: 0**

**No. of Required Classes: 60**

**No. of Contact Classes: 60**

**No. of Non-Contact Classes: 0**

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**Course Objectives:**

- This course aims to introduce the students to the idea of political theory, its history and approaches, and an assessment of its critical and contemporary trends.
- It is also designed to introduce the basic concepts of political theory.
- The course also attempts reconcile political theory and practice through reflections on the ideas and practices related to democracy.

**Course Outcomes:**

- After completing the course students will be better equipped to understand the key concepts in political theory and various related conceptual categories.
- They will also be in a better position to engage in application of concepts and understand the limitations.

- It will also help in developing critical thinking regarding the functioning of the political system in relation to the context the students are situated in.
- The foundation for understanding the contemporary political developments would also be laid down by the course.

### **Unit I: Understanding Political Theory**

- a. What is Politics?
- b. What is Political Theory?
- c. Relevance of political theory

### **Unit II: Approaches and Contemporary Perspectives on Political Theory**

- a. Liberal
- b. Marxist
- c. Feminist

### **Unit III: Concepts in Political Theory**

- a. State
- b. Rights
- c. Liberty
- d. Equality
- e. Justice

### **Unit IV: Understanding Democracy**

- a. Concept of Democracy
- b. Types of democracy
- c. Critique of democracy

## **Readings List:**

### **Unit-I**

Bellamy, R. (1993) 'Introduction: The Demise and Rise of Political Theory', in Bellamy, R. (ed.) *Theories and Concepts of Politics*. New York: Manchester University Press, pp. 1-14.

Bhargava, R. (2008) 'What is Political Theory', in Bhargava, R and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 2-16.

Bhargava, R., 'Why Do We Need Political Theory', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 17-36.

Mukherjee, S. and Ramaswami, S. (1999). What is Political Theory in Mukherjee, S. and Ramaswami, S. A History of Political Thought: Plato to Marx. New Delhi, Prentice Hall of India Pvt. Ltd. Pp. 1-8

Mukhopadhyay, A.K. (2019), An Introduction to Political Theory, New Delhi: Sage Publications

Sabine, George H. (1939) What is A Political Theory? in the Journal of Politics, Vol. 1, No 1. Pp. 1-16

### **Unit-II**

Asirvatham, E & K.K. Misra (1998), *Political Theory*, Upper India Publishing, pp. 20-39.

Callinicos, A. (2004) "Marxism and Politics" in Leftwich, A. (ed.) What is Politics? Cambridge, Polity Press, pp.53-65

Corrin, Chris(1999), Feminist perspectives on Politics, Routledge, London and New York, pp. 1-18.

Gauba, O.P (2009), An Introduction to Political Theory, Macmillan Publishers India Ltd, pp. 80-93.

Glaser, D. (1995) 'Normative Theory', in Marsh, D. and Stoker, G. (eds.) *Theory and Methods in Political Science*. London: Macmillan, pp. 21-40.

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

Sanders, D. (1995) 'Behavioral Analysis', in Marsh, D. and Stoker, G. (eds.) *Theory and Methods in Political Science*. London: Macmillan, pp. 58-75.

Squires, J. (2004) 'Politics Beyond Boundaries: A Feminist Perspective' in Leftwich, A. (ed.) *What is Politics?* Cambridge, Polity Press, pp. 119-134

### **Unit-III**

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

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

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

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

Sriranjani, V. (2008) 'Liberty', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 40-57.

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

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### **Unit-IV**

Acharya, A. (2008) 'Affirmative Action', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 298-307.

Arblaster, A. (1994) *Democracy*. (2nd Edition). Buckingham: Open University Press.

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

Sen, A. (2003) 'Freedom Favours Development,' in Dahl, R., Shapiro, I. and Cheibub, A. J. (eds.) *The Democracy Sourcebook*. Cambridge, Massachusetts: MIT Press, pp. 444-446.

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.

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

**Four Year Undergraduate Programme**

**Subject: Political Science**

**Semester: 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester**

**Course Name: POL 02-01: Indian Government and Politics (Core)**

**Existing Base Syllabus:**

**Course Level: 200**

**Theory Credit: 60**

**Practical Credit: 0**

**No. of Required Classes: 60**

**No. of Contact Classes: 60**

**No. of Non-Contact Classes: 0**

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**Course Objectives:**

- The paper aims at introducing students to the nature, emergence and functioning of the Constitution of India.
- The paper seeks to impart learning on the significance of the idea of citizenship and rights and how has constitution incorporated them and what does it reflect on the nature of Indian constitution.
- The paper intends to make students understand the normative basis of key public institutions in India and the nature of their functioning.
- The paper aims to explore the distinctiveness of Indian federalism and how does the emergence of new institutions like NITI Aayog reflect on the changing character of federalism in India.

**Course Outcomes:**

- Students will develop an understanding of the legacy of national movement and the principles that shaped the formation and functioning of the Constituent Assembly of India.

It will help in developing critical thinking about role of ideas and norms in shaping democracy in India. It will make them understand what is constitution and how has the working of contributed to the consolidation of democracy in India.

- Students will be able to make sense of the institutional design, challenges and resilience marking key public institutions in India.
- The students will develop basic understanding on the constitutional provisions related to the legislative procedures in Indian Parliament. It will enhance their understanding related to the procedures, practices related to the passage of a bill from drafting to its passage by the Parliament.
- It will help students in developing a nuanced understanding of the importance of states in Indian politics and how the changing character of federalism in India made states the key player.

### **Unit-I: Indian Constitution: Emergence and Distinctiveness**

- a. Constituent Assembly: Historical Backdrop and Formation
- b. Basic Features of Indian Constitution
- c. Amendment of Constitution: Nature and Procedure

### **Unit-II: Citizenship and Rights**

- a. Citizenship: Meaning and Provisions in the Constitution
- b. Fundamental Rights and Fundamental Duties
- c. Directive Principles of State Policy

### **Unit-III: Institutions**

- a. The Executive: President, Prime Minister and the Council of Ministers, Bureaucracy in India
- b. The Parliament: Composition, Legislative Procedure in Parliament, Question of Decline
- c. The Judiciary: The Supreme Court, Appointment of Judges, Independence, Judicial Activism

## **Unit-IV: Federalism and Local Government**

- a. Nature of Federal System: Constitutional Provisions, Distinctive Features, NITI Ayog and Changing Character
- b. Integration of Princely States in India, Union and Its Territory
- c. Panchayati Raj Institutions in India: Emergence, Composition, Powers and Functions, Actual Working

## **Reading List:**

### **Unit-I**

Austin, Granville. 1966. The Indian constitution: cornerstone of a nation. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Austin, Granville. 1999. Working a democratic constitution: the Indian experience. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Bhargava, Rajeev. 2008. Politics and ethics of the Indian constitution. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Bhatia, Gautam. 2019. The Transformative Constitution: a radical biography in nine acts. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Chaube, Shibani Kinkar. 2000. Constituent assembly of India: springboard of revolution. New Delhi: Manohar Publishers & Distributors.

Choudhry, Sujit, Madhav Khosla & Pratap Bhanu Mehta. 2016. The Oxford Handbook of the Indian Constitution. New Delhi : Oxford University Press.

Hasan, Zoya, Eswaran Sridharan, and R. Sudarshan. 2004. India's living constitution: ideas, practices, controversies. Delhi: Permanent Black.



Indian Politics, Contemporary Issues and concerns, M.P Singh and Rekha Saxena, PHI pvt. Ltd, New Delhi, 2008

Khosla, Madhav. 2020. India's founding moment: the constitution of a most surprising democracy. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Press.

Pylee, M V. 1967. Constitutional History of India. Bombay : Asia Publishing House

## **Unit-II**

Austin, Granville. 1966. The Indian constitution: cornerstone of a nation. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Basu, Durga Das. 2022. Introduction to the Constitution of India. New Delhi : Lexis Nexis

Bhargava, Rajeev. 2008. Politics and ethics of the Indian constitution. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

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## **Unit-III**

Agrawal, Arun. 2005. "The Indian Parliament" in Devesh Kapur and Pratap Bhanu Mehta (ed.) Public Institutions in India: Performance and Design, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 77-104.

Burra, Arudra. 2010. "The Indian Civil Service and the nationalist movement: neutrality, politics and continuity". Commonwealth & Comparative Politics. 48 (4): 404-432.

Choudhry, Sujit, Madhav Khosla & Pratap Bhanu Mehta.2016. The Oxford Handbook of the Indian Constitution. New Delhi : Oxford University Press

Das, SK. 2013. The Civil Services of India. New Delhi : Oxford University Press.

Hewitt, Vernon and Shirin M. Rai. 2010. "Parliament," in Niraja Gopal Jayal and Pratap Bhanu Mehta(ed.). The Oxford companion to politics in India. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp.28-42.

M.P Singh and Rekha Saxena. 2008. Indian Politics: Contemporary Issues and concerns, New Delhi, PHI Pvt. Ltd.

Khare, H. 2003. "Prime Minister and Parliament: Redefining accountability in the age of coalitiongovernment," in Ajay K. Mehra, and G.W. Kueck, (ed.). The Indian Parliament: A Comparative Perspective. New Delhi: Konark, pp.350- 368.

Krishna, Anirudh. 2010. "Continuity and change: the Indian administrative service 30 years ago andtoday". Commonwealth & Comparative Politics. 48 (4): 433-444.

Manor, James. 2015. "The Presidency," in Devesh Kapur , Pratap Bhanu Mehta and Milan Vaishnav (ed.). Rethinking Public Institutions in India. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Mehta, Pratap Bhanu. 2007. "The rise of judicial sovereignty," Journal of Democracy 18 (2), pp.70-83.

Saxena, N. C. 2010. "The IAS officer - predator or victim?" Commonwealth & Comparative Politics.48 (4): 445-456.

Shankar, B. L., and Valerian Rodrigues. 2010. The Indian Parliament: a democracy at work. Oxford:Oxford University Press.

Shankar, Shylashri. 2009. Scaling justice: India's Supreme Court, anti-terror laws, and social rights. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Verma, Rahul and Vikas Tripathi. 2013. Making Sense of the House: Explaining the Decline of the Indian Parliament amidst Democratization, *Studies in Indian Politics*, 1(2), pp.153-177.

#### **Unit-IV**

Arora Balveer. 2015. "Foundations and Development of Indian Federalism: Lessons Learnt and Unlearnt", *Yojana*, pp. 22-26.

Arora, Balveer. et. al. 2013. "Indian federalism," in K.C. Suri (ed.) *ICSSR Research Surveys and Explorations: Political Science: Indian Democracy, Volume 2*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

*Indian Politics, Contemporary Issues and Concerns*, M.P Singh and Rekha Saxena, PHI pvt. Ltd, New Delhi, 2008.

Krishna, Anirudh. 2010. "Local Politics", in: Mehta, Pratap B. and Niraja Gopal Jayal (eds.). *The Oxford Companion to Politics in India*. New Delhi et al.: Oxford University Press, pp.299-316

Kumar, Rajiv. 2021. "NITI Aayog: Redefining Federalism", *Yojana*, pp. 8-11.

Manor, James. 2010. "Local Governance", in: Mehta, Pratap B. and Niraja Gopal Jayal (eds.). *The Oxford Companion to Politics in India*. New Delhi et al.: Oxford University Press, pp.61-79.

Pehl Malte and Subra Mitra. 2010. "Federalism", in: Mehta, Pratap B. and Niraja Gopal Jayal (eds.). *The Oxford Companion to Politics in India*. New Delhi et al.: Oxford University Press, pp.43-60.

Rao, M Govind. 2016. Role and Functions of NITI Aayog, *Economic and Political Weekly*, pp. 13-16, Vol. 50 No. 4

Tillin, Louise. 2019. Indian Federalism. (OSIIC) New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

## **Four Year Undergraduate Programme**

**Subject: Political Science**

**Semester: 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester**

**Course Name: POL 03-01: Perspectives on Public Administration (Core)**

**Existing Base Syllabus:**

**Course Level: 300**

**Theory Credit: 60**

**Practical Credit: 0**

**No. of Required Classes: 60**

**No. of Contact Classes: 60**

**No. of Non-Contact Classes: 0**

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**Course Objectives:**

- The course seeks to provide an introduction to the discipline of Public Administration and its significance in contemporary times.
- The course aims to encompass Public Administration in its historical context with an emphasis on the various classical and contemporary administrative theories.
- The course intends to explore some of the recent trends including good governance, new public management, feminism, ecological conservation and how the call for greater democratization is restructuring public administration.
- The course attempts to provide the students a comprehensive understanding on contemporary administrative developments.

**Course Outcomes:**

- Students will learn the basic concepts related to Public Administration and its significance

- Students will understand the major classical and contemporary administrative theories and approaches and a critical thinking on them.
- It will help students to understand importance of personnel administration in an administrative system and issues related to it including civil service neutrality and need, role and independence of Public Service Commission.
- Students will develop basic understanding on recent debates in public administration.

### **Unit-I: Public Administration as a Discipline**

- a. Meaning, Dimensions and Significance
- b. Public and Private Administration
- c. Evolution of Public Administration

### **Unit-II: Theoretical Perspectives**

- a. Scientific Management (Frederick Winslow Taylor)
- b. Administrative Management (Luther Gulick, Lyndall Urwick and Henri Fayol)
- c. Ideal-Type Bureaucracy (Max Weber)
- d. Human Relations Theory (George Elton Mayo)
- e. Ecological Approach (Fred Warren Riggs)

### **Unit-III: Personnel Administration**

- a. Recruitment-Training-Promotion
- b. Public Service Commission: Need, Role and Independence
- c. Neutrality in the Public Service

### **Unit -IV: Major Approaches in Public Administration**

- a. New Public Service Approach
- b. New Public Management
- c. Good Governance
- d. Feminist Perspective

## **Reading List:**

### **Unit-I**

- Basu, Rumki, *Public Administration: Concepts and Theories*, Sterling Publishers, New Delhi, 2014
- D. Rosenbloom, R. Kravchuk and R. Clerkin, (2009) *Public Administration: Understanding Management, Politics and Law in Public Sector*, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition, New Delhi: McGraw Hill, pp.1-40
- G. Alhson(1997): 'Public and Private Management', in Shafritz, J. and Hyde , A (eds) *Classics of Public Administration*, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition. Forth Worth: Hartcourt Brace. TX. PP 510-529
- M. Bhattacharya (2008) *New Horizons of Public Administration*, 5<sup>th</sup> Revised Edition. New Delhi: Jawahar Publishers, pp 37-44
- M. Bhattacharya , *Restructuring Public Administration: A New Look*, New Delhi: Jawahar Publishers, 2012
- M. Bhattacharya, *New Horizons of Public Administration*, New Delhi: Jawahar Publishers, 2011
- N. Henry, *Public Administration and Public Affairs*, 12<sup>th</sup> Edition, New Jersey: Pearson, 2013
- Nicholas Henry, *Public Administration and Public Affairs*, Prentice Hall, 1999
- P. Dunleavy and C. Hood, 'From old Public Administration to New Public Management', *Public Money and Management*, VOL. XIV No 3, 1994
- W.Wilson (2004) 'The Study of Administration', in B. Chakravarty and M. Bhattacharya (eds), *Administrative Change and Innovation : a Reader*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp.85-101.

### **Unit-II**

- A. Singh, *Public Administration: Roots and Wings*. New Delhi: Galgotia Publishing Company, 2002
- B. Miner, 'Elton Mayo and Hawthorne', in *Organisational Behaviour 3: Historical Origins and the Future*. New York: M.E. Sharpe, 2006
- D. Gvishiani, *Organisation and Management*, Moscow: Progress Publishers, 1972
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D. Ravindra Prasad, Y. Pardhasaradhi, V. S. Prasad and P. Satyrnarayana, [eds.], *Administrative Thinkers*, Sterling Publishers, 2010

E. J. Ferreira, A. W. Erasmus and D. Groenewald , *Administrative Management*, Juta Academics, 2010

F. Riggs, *Administration in Developing Countries: The Theory of Prismatic Society*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1964

F. Taylor, 'Scientific Management', in J. Shafritz, and A. Hyde, (eds.) *Classics of Public Administration*, 5th Edition. Belmont: Wadsworth, 2004

M. Weber, 'Bureaucracy', in C. Mills, and H. Gerth, *From Max Weber: Essays in Sociology*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1946

P. Mouzelis, 'The Ideal Type of Bureaucracy' in B. Chakrabarty, And M. Bhattacharya, (eds), *Public Administration: A Reader*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2003

R. Arora, 'Riggs' Administrative Ecology' in B. Chakrabarty and M. Bhattacharya (eds), *Public Administration: A reader*, New Delhi, Oxford University Press, 2003

Warren. G.Bennis, *Beyond Bureaucracy*, Mc Graw Hill, 1973

### **Unit-III**

Appleby, H Paul, 'Public Administration in India', Report of a survey, Manager of a publication, Govt. of India, Delhi, 1953, p-12.

Article 319 of the Indian Constitution.

Articles 315 to 317 of the Indian Constitution.

Chopra, K. Rakesh, *Management of Human Resources*, V. K. Publishing House Barrelly, 1989, p-10, 20.

First Report of UPSC, 1951, P-9.

Gladden, *The Civil Service: Its Problems and Future*, p-88, 180.



Goel, S. L., *Personnel Administration and Management*: Sterling Publishers, New Delhi, 1993 (ed) p-7, 40, 105-111.

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Jucious, M.J. *Personnel Management*, Richard Inco, Illinois, p-2.

Pfiffner, *Public Administration*, p-251.

Pigors, P, and Myres, C.A., *Personnel Administration*: McGraw Hill, Tokyo, 1961, p-1.

Rastogi, T. N. , *Personnel Management, Perspectives and Techniques*, Anand Publication Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi, 1995, p-46, 54, 137.

Refurbishing of Personnel Administration - Scaling New Heights.

Report of the Royal Commission on the Civil Services, 1929-31, pp, 6-69.

Tenth Reports of the Second Administrative Reforms Commission (Relevant Portions)

[https://darpg.gov.in/sites/default/files/personnel\\_administration10.pdf](https://darpg.gov.in/sites/default/files/personnel_administration10.pdf).

The Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal), Rules. Nos 38, 39, 42 and 44.

Tickner, E. J., *Modern Staff Training*, p-9.

#### **Unit-IV**

A. Gray, and B. Jenkins, 'From Public Administration to Public Management' in E. Otenyo and N. Lind, (eds.) *Comparative Public Administration: The Essential Readings*: Oxford University Press, 1997.

A. Leftwich, 'Governance in the State and the Politics of Development', in *Development and Change*. Vol. 25, 1994.

B. Chakrabarty, *Reinventing Public Administration: The India Experience*. New Delhi: Orient Longman, 2007.

Basu, Rumki, *Public Administration in the 21st Century: A Global South Perspective* , Taylor and Franchis, 2019.

C. Hood, 'A Public Management for All Seasons', in J. Shafritz, & A. Hyde, (eds.) *Classics of Public Administration*, 5th Edition, Belmont: Wadsworth, 2004.

F. Riggs, *The Ecology of Public Administration, Part 3*, New Delhi: Asia Publishing House, 1961.

H. Frederickson, 'Toward a New Public Administration', in J. Shafritz, & A. Hyde, (eds.) *Classics of Public Administration*, 5th Edition, Belmont: Wadsworth, 2004.

M. Bhattacharya, 'Chapter 2 and 4', in *Social Theory, Development Administration and Development Ethics*, New Delhi: Jawahar Publishers, 2006.

M. Bhattacharya, 'Contextualizing Governance and Development' in B. Chakrabarty and M. Bhattacharya, (eds.) *The Governance Discourse*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1998.

M. Bhattacharya, *Public Administration: Issues and Perspectives*, New Delhi: Jawahar Publishers, 2012.

R. B. Denhart & J. V. Denhart [Arizona State University] "The New Public Service: Serving Rather Than Steering", in *Public Administration Review*, Volume 60, No-6, November-December 2000.

Singh, Shivani. (2016), *Governance: Issues and Challenges*, New Delhi, Sage Publications.

Stivers, Camilla, 'Feminist Theory of Public Administration' in *Defining Public Administration*, eBook ISBN-9780429501074, 2000.

U. Medury, *Public administration in the Globalisation Era*, New Delhi: Orient Black Swan, 2010.

## **Four Year Undergraduate Programme**

**Subject: Political Science**

**Semester: 4<sup>th</sup> Semester**

**Course Name: POL 04-01: Understanding International Relations (Compulsory)**

**Existing Base Syllabus:**

**Course Level: 400**

**Theory Credit: 60**

**Practical Credit: 0**

**No. of Required Classes: 60**

**No. of Contact Classes: 60**

**No. of Non-Contact Classes: 0**

**Particulars of Course Designer:**

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**Course Objectives:**

- The course aims to introduce the students to the basic understanding of international relations.
- To the growing linkages and interactions between domestic and international issues under the evolving process of globalization imperative for knowing and understanding global politics is increasingly being felt.
- The course is designed to equip the students with theoretical, historical and conceptual insights to understand the evolving dynamics of international relations.

**Course Outcomes:**

- To make students understand the key theoretical approaches in international relations
- To familiarize students with the history of evolution of international relations in the twentieth century
- To enable students to comprehend the nature of global economy.
- To demonstrate the basic knowledge of some of the contemporary global issues.

### **Unit-I: Theoretical Perspectives**

- a. Classical Realism and Neo-Realism
- b. Liberalism and Neo-Liberalism
- c. Marxist Approaches
- d. Feminist Perspective

### **Unit-II: An Overview of Twentieth Century IR History-World War II onwards**

- a. World War II: Causes and Consequences
- b. Origin, Evolution and End of the Cold War
- c. Post Cold War Era and Emerging Centres of Power

### **Unit-III: The Global Economy**

- a. Global economic order and the Bretton Woods Institutions (IMF, WB and WTO)
- b. Neoliberal Economic Policies-Economic Globalization and TNCs
- c. Regionalism and Regional Economic Groupings-ASEAN and European Union
- d. Emerging Multilateralism-G20 and BRICS

### **Unit-IV: Contemporary Global Issues**

- a. Ecological Issues
- b. International Terrorism
- c. Human Security
- d. Migration

### **Reading List:**

#### **Unit-I**

- A. Frank, (1966) 'The Development of Underdevelopment' *Monthly Review*, pp. 17-30.
- E. Carr, (1981) *The Twenty Years Crisis, 1919-1939: An Introduction to the Study of International Relations*, London: Macmillan, pp. 63-94.
- F. Halliday, (1994) *Rethinking International Relations*, London: Macmillan, pp. 147-166.

H. Bull, (2000) 'The Balance of Power and International Order', in M. Smith and R. Little (eds), *Perspectives on World Politics*, New York: Routledge, pp. 115-124.

H. Morgenthau, (2007) 'Six Principles of Political Realism', in R. Art and R. Jervis, *International Politics*, 8th Edition, New York: Pearson Longman, pp. 7-14

I. Wallerstein, (2000) 'The Rise and Future Demise of World Capitalist System: Concepts for Comparative Analysis', in Michael Smith and Richard Little (eds), *Perspectives on World Politics*, New York: Routledge, pp. 305-317.

J. Galtung, (2000) 'A Structural Theory of Imperialism', in M. Smith and R. Little, (eds), *Perspectives on World Politics*, New York: Routledge, pp. 292-304.

J. Goldstein and J. Pevehouse, (2007) *International Relations*, New York: Pearson Longman, pp. 127-137. R. Jackson and G. Sorensen, (2007) *Introduction to International Relations: Theories and Approaches*, 3rd Edition, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 97-128.

J. Goldstein and J. Pevehouse, (2007) *International Relations*, New York: Pearson Longman, pp. 494-496; 500-503.

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- A. Vanaik, (2007) *Masks of Empire*, New Delhi: Tulika, pp. 103-128.
- Jindal, N. & Kumar, K. (2018), *Global Politics: Issues and Perspectives*, New Delhi, Sage Publications
- J. Kiras, (2011) 'Terrorism and Globalization', in J. Baylis, S. Smith and P. Owens (eds.) *Globalization of World Politics*, New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 366-380.
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- P. Bidwai, (2011) 'Durban: Road to Nowhere', in *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol.46, No. 53, December, pp. 10-12.
- P. Viotti and M. Kauppi, (2007) *International Relations*, New Delhi: Pearson, pp. 276-307.
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- S. Tadjbakhsh and A. Chenoy, (2007) *Human Security*, London: Routledge, pp. 13-19; 123-127; 236-243



## **Four Year Undergraduate Programme**

**Subject: Political Science**

**Semester: 4<sup>th</sup> Semester**

**Course Name: POL 04-02: Political Theory: Concepts and Debates (Compulsory)**

**Existing Base Syllabus:**

**Course Level: 400**

**Theory Credit: 60**

**Practical Credit: 0**

**No. of Required Classes: 60**

**No. of Contact Classes: 60**

**No. of Non-Contact Classes: 0**

**Particulars of Course Designer:**

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**Course Objectives:**

- Help the students familiarize with the basic normative concepts of political theory. Each concept is related to a crucial political issue that requires analysis with the aid of our conceptual understanding.
- Encourage critical and reflective analysis and interpretation of social practices through the relevant conceptual toolkit.
- Introduce the students to the important debates in the subject. These debates prompt us to consider that there is no settled way of understanding concepts and that in the light of new insights and challenges, besides newer ways of perceiving and interpreting the world around us, we inaugurate new modes of political debates.

**Course Outcomes:**

- Understand the dimensions of shared living through these political values and concepts.
- Appreciate how these values and concepts enrich the discourses of political life, sharpening their analytical skills in the process.
- Reflect upon some of the important debates in political theory.

- Develop critical thinking and the ability to make logical inferences about socio-economic and political issues, on the basis of comparative and contemporary political discourses in India.

### **Unit-I: Freedom and Equality**

- a. Freedom: Lockean notion of Negative Freedom & Amartya Sen's notion of Development as Freedom
- b. Equality: Procedural Equality and Substantive Equality
- c. Egalitarianism: Background inequalities and differential treatment

### **Unit-II: Justice**

- a. Distributive Justice: John Rawls
- b. Libertarian theories of Justice: F. A. Hayek
- c. Global Justice

### **Unit-III: Rights and Obligation**

- a. The Universality of Rights and Differentiated Rights
- b. Rights, Obligation and Civil Disobedience
- c. Theories of Political Obligation: Conservatism, Consent Theory, Anarchism

### **Unit-IV: Major Debates**

- a. Whatever happens to nation-state? *Sovereignty under Globalization*.
- b. How do we accommodate diversity in plural society? *Diversity and Multiculturalism*.
- c. How do we deal with the *climate changes*? *Ecological Rights* as human rights

### **Reading List:**

#### **Unit-I**

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

Knowles, Dudley. (2001) *Political Philosophy*. London: Routledge, pp. 69- 132.

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Swift, Adam. (2001) *Political Philosophy: A Beginners Guide for Student's and Politicians*. Cambridge: Polity Press, pp. 51-88, 91-132.

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Knowles, Dudley. (2001) *Political Philosophy*.London: Routledge, pp. 177-238.

McKinnon, Catriona. (ed.) (2008) *Issues in Political Theory*.New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 289-305.

## **Unit-III**

Seglow, Jonathan. (2003) 'Multiculturalism' in Bellamy, Richard and Mason, Andrew (eds.). *Political Concepts*. Manchester: Manchester University Press, pp. 156-168.

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Young, Iris M. 1989. 'Polity and Group Difference: A Critique of the Ideal of Universal Citizenship' *Ethics*, No.2 pp.250-274

#### **Unit-IV**

Hyums, Keith. (2008) 'Political Authority and Obligation', in Mckinnon, Catriona. (ed.) *Issues in Political Theory*, New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 9-26

Martin, Rex. (2003) 'Political Obligation', in Bellamy, Richard and Mason, Andrew. (eds.)

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M. Shamsul Haque, 'Environmental Discourse and Sustainable Development: Linkages and Limitations', *Ethics and the Environment*, Vol. 5, No. 1 (2000), pp. 3-21

Guha. Ramachandra (ed) *Social Ecology*, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 1990

**Four Year Undergraduate Programme**

**Subject: Political Science**

**Semester: 4<sup>th</sup> Semester**

**Course Name: POL 04-03: Political Processes in India (Compulsory)**

**Existing Base Syllabus:**

**Course Level: 400**

**Theory Credit: 60**

**Practical Credit: 0**

**No. of Required Classes: 60**

**No. of Contact Classes: 60**

**No. of Non-Contact Classes: 0**

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**Course Objectives:**

- An understanding of the political process thus calls for a different mode of analysis that is offered by political sociology.
- This course maps the working of 'modern' institutions, premised on the existence of an individual society, in a context marked by communitarian solidarities and their mutual transformation thereby.
- It also familiarizes students with the working of the Indian State, paying attention to the contradictory dynamics of modern state power.

**Course Outcomes:**

- This Course is helpful in making students familiar with the significant political processes shaping Indian Politics in last seven decades.
- As such, the paper would help the students to know in detail about electoral processes and trends, party system in India, dynamics of Indian politics including regionalism, caste and religion as well as the changing nature of the Indian State.
- Their engagement with the selected scholarly articles included in the reading list will essentially orient them towards the larger intellectual and research tradition on issues of Indian politics.
- The paper will be helpful in terms of competitive examinations including NET/JRF, SLET as well as research in the field of Indian Politics.

### **Unit-I: Electoral Process in India**

- a. Election Process: First Past the Post System, Proportional Representation System
- b. Representation of the People Act, 1951
- c. Election Commission of India and Electoral Reforms

### **Unit-II: Party System**

- a. National and State Party
- b. Trends in the Party System
- c. Voting Behaviour, Determinants of Voting Behaviour

### **Unit-III: Dynamics of Indian Politics**

- a. Regionalism and Secessionism
- b. Caste and Politics
- c. Religion and Politics, Debates on Secularism

### **Unit-IV: Changing Nature of Indian State**

- a. Developmental, Welfare and Coercive Dimensions
- b. Affirmative Action Policies

c. Development and Displacement Debate

**Reading List:**

**Unit-I**

A. Heywood, (2002) 'Representation, Electoral and Voting', in *Politics*, New York; Palgrave pp. 223-245

A. Evans, (2009) 'Elections System', in J. Bara and M. Pennington, (eds.) *Comparative Politics*, New Delhi: Sage Publications, pp. 93-119

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E. Sridhar and M. Vaishnav, (2017) 'Election Commission of India', in D. Kapur, P B Mehta and M Vaishnav, (eds.) *Rethinking Public Institutions in India*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 417-463.

Lok Sabha Secretariate, (2020) 'Electoral Reforms in India: Reference Note'

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P.B. Mehta. 2001. "Is Electoral and Institutional Reform the Answer?" , *Seminar*, 506 <https://www.indiaseminar.com/2001/506/506%20pratap%20bhanu%20mehta.htm>

U.K. Singh and A. Roy, (2019) 'Introduction' in *Election Commission of India: Institutionalising Democratic Uncertainties*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

**Unit-II**

A. H. Schakel, C. K. Sharma & W. Swenden, (2019). India after the 2014 general elections: BJP dominance and the crisis of the third-party system, *Regional & Federal Studies*, 29 (3), 329-354.

C. Jaffrelot, (2008) 'Why Should We Vote? The Indian Middle Class and the Functioning of World's Largest Democracy', in *Religion, Caste and Politics in India*, Delhi: Primus, pp. 604-619

E. Sridharan, (2012) 'Introduction: Theorizing Democratic Consolidation, Parties and Coalitions', in *Coalition Politics and Democratic Consolidation in Asia*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

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Y. Yadav, (2000) 'Understanding the Second Democratic Upsurge' in F. Frankel, Z. Hasan and R. Bhargava (eds.) *Transforming India: Social and Political Dynamics in Democracy*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 120-145

Y. Yadav and S. Palshikar, (2006). 'Party System and Electoral Politics in the Indian States, 1952-2002: From hegemony to convergence.' *India's Political Parties* 6, 73-116.

Y. Yadav (1999). Electoral Politics in the Time of Change: India's Third Electoral System, 1989-1999. *Economic and Political Weekly*, 34 (35), 2393-2399.

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### **Unit-III**

Narain Iqbal. 1976. "Cultural Pluralism, National Integration and Democracy in India", *Asian Survey*, 16(10), October, 903-17

Baruah, Sanjib. 2010. "Regionalism and Secessionism", in Jayal and Mehta (eds). *The Oxford Companion to Politics in India*. pp 181-92

M. Chadda, (2010) 'Integration through Internal Reorganization', in S. Baruah (ed.) *Ethnonationalism in India: A Reader*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 379-402

P. Brass, (1999) 'Crisis of National Unity: Punjab, the Northeast and Kashmir', in *The Politics of India Since Independence*, New Delhi: Cambridge University Press and Foundation Books, pp.192-227.

M. Weiner, (2001) 'The Struggle for Equality: Caste in Indian Politics', in Atul Kohli (ed.) *The Success of India's Democracy*, New Delhi: Cambridge University Press, pp. 193-225.

N. Chandhoke, (2010) 'Secularism', in P. Mehta and N. Jayal (eds.) *The Oxford Companion to Politics in India*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 333-346.

R. Kothari, (1970) 'Introduction', in *Caste in Indian Politics*, Delhi: Orient Longman, pp. 3-25

T. Pantham, (2004) 'Understanding Indian Secularism: Learning from its Recent Critics', in R. Vora and S. Palshikar (eds.) *Indian Democracy: Meanings and Practices*, New Delhi: Sage pp. 235-256

### **Unit-IV**

Ashok Acharya. (2008). Affirmative Action. In Rajeev Bhargava & Ashok Acharya (Eds.), *Political theory: An introduction*, Delhi: Pearson, pp.

Ashwini Deshpande. 2008. 'Quest for Equality: Affirmative Action in India', *Indian Journal of Industrial Relations*, 44 (2).

A Verma, (2007) 'Police Agencies and Coercive Power', in S. Ganguly, L. Diamond and M. Plattner (eds.) *The State of India's Democracy*, Baltimore: John Hopkins University Press, pp. 130-139.

Bina Agarwal. (1997). 'Bargaining and Gender Relations: Within and Beyond the Household', *Feminist Economics*, 3 (1).

Chandra, Kanchan. 2007. "Counting heads: a theory of voter and elite behavior in patronage democracies", in Herbert Kitschelt and Steven Wilkinson, (eds.) *Patrons, Clients and Policies: Patterns of Democratic Accountability and Political Competition*, Cambridge University Press: Cambridge, 84-140

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S. Palshikar, (2008) 'The Indian State: Constitution and Beyond', in R. Bhargava (ed.) *Politics and Ethics of the Indian Constitution*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 143-163.

T. Byres, (1994) 'Introduction: Development Planning and the Interventionist State Versus Liberalisation and the Neo-Liberal State: India, 1989-1996', in T. Byres (ed.) *The State Development Planning and Liberalisation in India*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1994, pp.1-35

**Four Year Undergraduate Programme**

**Subject: Political Science**

**Semester: 4<sup>th</sup> Semester**

**Course Name: POL 04-04: Public Policy and Administration in India (Compulsory)**

**Existing Base Syllabus:**

**Course Level: 400**

**Theory Credit: 60**

**Practical Credit: 0**

**No. of Required Classes: 60**

**No. of Contact Classes: 60**

**No. of Non-Contact Classes: 0**

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**Course Objectives:**

- The course seeks to provide an introduction to the discipline of public policy and its significance in contemporary times.
- The course seeks to explain the various aspects of public financial administration.
- The course seeks to provide an introduction to the interface between public policy and administration in India
- The course attempts to provide the students a comprehensive understanding on social welfare administration.

**Course Outcomes:**

- The students will understand the basic concept of public policy, policy analysis , public policy process and governance. The students also get the knowledge of different stages of public policy in terms of theoretical formulation.
- The student will learn about the principles of financial management, which are necessary for the examination purpose.
- Students will develop basic understanding on the best practices in public administration such as RTI, e-Governance etc
- The student will learn about the various welfare policies and the role of governance in it.

### **Unit -I: Public Policy**

- a. Concept, Relevance and Approaches
- b. Formulation, Implementation and Evaluation
- c. Public Policy Process in India

### **Unit-II: Financial Administration**

- a. Concept and Significance of Budget
- b. Various Approaches and Types of Budgeting
- c. Budget cycle in India

### **Unit -III: Citizen and Administration Interface**

- a. Public Service Delivery
- b. Redressal of Public Grievances: Lokpal
- c. Citizens' Charter

### **Unit-IV: Social Welfare Administration**

- a. Concept and Approaches of Social Welfare
- b. Social Welfare Policies
  - Education: Right to Education
  - Health: National Health Mission

- Food: Right to Food Security
- Employment: MNREGA

### **Reading List:**

#### **Unit-I**

Chakrabarty, B. & Chand, P. (2016), *Public Policy: Concepts, Theory and Practice*, New Delhi: Sage Publications

J. Anderson, (1975) *Public Policy Making*. New York: Thomas Nelson and sons Ltd.

M. Howlett, M. Ramesh, and A. Perl, (2009), *Studying Public Policy: Policy Cycles and Policy subsystems*, 3rd edition, Oxford: Oxford University Press

Mary Jo Hatch and Ann .L. Cunliffe *Organisation Theory :Modern, Symbolicand Postmodern Perspectives*, Oxford University Press,2006

Michael Howlett, *Designing Public Policies : Principles And Instruments*, Rutledge, 2011 *The Oxford Handbook Of Public Policy*, Oxford University Press, 2006

Prabir Kumar De, *Public Policy and Systems*, Pearson Education, 2012

R.B. Denhardt and J.V. Denhardt, (2009) *Public Administration*, New Delhi: Brooks/Cole

R.V. Vaidyanatha Ayyar, *Public Policy Making In India*, Pearson,2009

Surendra Munshi and Biju Paul Abraham [Eds.] *Good Governance, Democratic Societies and Globalisation*, Sage Publishers, 2004

T. Dye, (1984) *Understanding Public Policy*, 5th Edition. U.S.A: Prentice Hall, pp. 1-44 *The Oxford Handbook of Public Policy*, OUP, 2006

T. Dye, (2002) *Understanding Public Policy*, New Delhi: Pearson

Xun Wu, M.Ramesh, Michael Howlett and Scott Fritzen , *The Public Policy Primer: Managing The Policy Process*, Rutledge, 2010

Y. Dror, (1989) *Public Policy Making Reexamined*. Oxford: Transaction Publication

#### **Unit-II**

Caiden, N.(2004) ‘ Public Budgeting Amidst Uncertainty and Instability’, in Shafritz, J.M. &

Erik-Lane, J. (2005) *Public Administration and Public Management: The Principal Agent Perspective*. New York: Routledge  
Henry, N.(1999) *Public Administration and Public Affairs*. New Jersey: Prentice Hall  
Hyde, A.C. (eds.) *Classics of Public Administration*. Belmont: Wadsworth

### **Unit-III**

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**Four Year Undergraduate Programme**

**Subject: Political Science**

**Semester: 5<sup>th</sup> Semester**

**Course Name: POL 05-01: Western Political Philosophy (Compulsory)**

**Existing Base Syllabus:**

**Course Level: 500**

**Theory Credit: 60**

**Practical Credit: 0**

**No. of Required Classes: 60**

**No. of Contact Classes: 60**

**No. of Non-Contact Classes: 0**

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**Course Objectives:**

- This course attempts to introduce the close interconnectedness of philosophy and politics.
- It is attempted at taking the students through the history of western political thought in various periods of its development.
- This course also attempts to explore the political questions of different periods and their relevance in analysing the contemporary political developments.

**Course Outcomes:**

- It will help the students in understanding the interconnectedness of philosophy and politics and interpret ideas underlying traditions in political philosophy
- It will help to analyze the debates and arguments of leading political philosophers belonging to different traditions.



- The students will be in a position to appraise the relevance of political philosophy in understanding contemporary politics.

### **Unit-I: Antiquity**

- a. Plato: Theory of Forms, Justice, Philosopher Ruler
- b. Aristotle: Citizenship, Justice, Classification of governments

### **Unit-II: Interlude**

- a. Renaissance
- b. Machiavelli: Virtue, Morality and Statecraft, Republicanism

### **Unit-III: Social Contract Tradition**

- a. Hobbes: State of Nature, Social Contract, State
- b. Locke: Laws of Nature, Natural Rights, Social Contract, Property
- c. Rousseau: State of nature, Social Contract, General Will

### **Unit-IV: Liberal and Marxist Thought**

- a. J.S. Mill: Utilitarianism and Liberty
- b. Marry Wollstonecraft: Women and Rights
- c. Karl Marx: Historical Materialism, Class Struggle

### **Reading List:**

#### **Unit-I**

- C. Reeve, (2009) 'Plato', in D. Boucher and P. Kelly, (eds) *Political Thinkers: From Socrates to the Present*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 62-80
- C. Taylor, (1995) 'Politics', in J. Barnes (ed.), *The Cambridge Companion to Aristotle*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 232-258

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## **Unit-II**

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## **Unit-III**

A. Bloom, (1987) 'Jean-Jacques Rousseau', in Strauss, L. and Cropsey, J. (eds.) *History of Political Philosophy*, 2nd edition. Chicago: Chicago University Press, pp. 559-580.

A. Ryan, (1996) 'Hobbes's political philosophy', in T. Sorell, (ed.) *Cambridge Companion to Hobbes*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 208-245.

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- M. Keens-Soper, (2003) 'Jean Jacques Rousseau: The Social Contract', in M. Forsyth and M. Keens-Soper, (eds) *A Guide to the Political Classics: Plato to Rousseau*. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 171-202.
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#### **Unit-IV**

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- C. Jones, (2002) 'Mary Wollstonecraft's *Vindications* and their Political Tradition' in C. Johnson, (ed.) *The Cambridge Companion to Mary Wollstonecraft*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 42-58.
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**Four Year Undergraduate Programme**

**Subject: Political Science**

**Semester: 5<sup>th</sup> Semester**

**Course Name: POL 05-02: Indian Political Thought (Compulsory)**

**Existing Base Syllabus:**

**Course Level: 500**

**Theory Credit: 60**

**Practical Credit: 0**

**No. of Required Classes: 60**

**No. of Contact Classes: 60**

**No. of Non-Contact Classes: 0**

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**Course Objectives:**

- To introduce the students to the diversity of thinkers in the Indian political tradition.
- To enable them to understand the trajectory of development of Indian Political Thought spanning over two millennia
- To introduce students to the social context which influenced the formation of such ideas
- To provide a sense of the broad streams of Indian thought while encouraging a specific knowledge of individual thinkers and texts.

**Course Outcomes:**

- Better understand the themes and issues in political thought of India.
- Compare and contrast positions of leading political thinkers in India on issues that are constitutive of modern India.

- Comprehend the importance of the socio-political context for the emergence of the ideas.
- Assess the relevance of political thought of India in understanding contemporary politics.

### **Unit-I: Ancient Political Thought**

- a. Kautilya: Theory of State
- b. Manu: Social laws

### **Unit-II: Medieval Political Thought**

- a. Ziauddin Barani: Ideal Polity
- b. Abul Fazl: Governance and Administration

### **Unit-III: Modern Political Thought**

- a. Raja Ram Mohan Roy: Reformist ideas
- b. Gandhi: Swaraj; Satyagraha; Critique of Modern Civilisation
- c. Nehru: Secularism, Socialism

### **Unit-IV: Caste, Class and Gender in Indian Political Thought**

- a. Ambedkar: The Revolution against Caste
- b. Lohia: Socialism
- c. Tarabai Shinde: Patriarchy and Caste

### **Reading List:**

#### **Unit-I**

Kautilya, (1997) 'The Elements of Sovereignty' in R. Kangle (ed. and trns.), *Arthashastra of Kautilya*, New Delhi: Motilal Publishers, pp. 511- 514.

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### **Unit-III**

A. Parel, (ed.), (2002) 'Introduction', in *Gandhi, Freedom and Self Rule*, Delhi: Vistaar Publication.

B. Zachariah, (2004) *Nehru*, London: Routledge Historical Biographies, pp. 169-213.

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#### **Unit-IV**

B. Ambedkar, (1991) 'Constituent Assembly Debates', S. Hay (ed.), *Sources of Indian Tradition*, Vol. 2, Second Edition, New Delhi: Penguin, pp. 342-347.

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**Four Year Undergraduate Programme**

**Subject: Political Science**

**Semester: 5<sup>th</sup> Semester**

**Course Name: POL 05-03a: United Nations and Global Conflict (Optional)**

**Existing Base Syllabus:**

**Course Level: 500**

**Theory Credit: 60**

**Practical Credit: 0**

**No. of Required Classes: 60**

**No. of Contact Classes: 60**

**No. of Non-Contact Classes: 0**

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**Course Objectives:**

- This course provides a comprehensive introduction to the most important multilateral political organization in international relations.
- It provides a detailed account of the organizational structure and the political processes of the UN, and how it has evolved since 1945, especially in terms of dealing with the major global conflicts.
- The course imparts a critical understanding of the UN's performance until now and the imperatives as well as processes of reforming the organization in the context of the contemporary global system.

**Course Outcomes:**

- To make students learn the importance of United Nations as an organization.

- To enable students to have a basic understanding of the political processes of the United Nations.
- To make students learn the relevance of United Nations and its intervention in global conflicts critically.
- To help students identify and analyse the key conflicts that have shaped contemporary global politics.

### **Unit-I: The United Nations**

- a. A Historical Overview of the United Nations
- b. Principles and Objectives
- c. Structures and Functions: General Assembly; Security Council, and Economic and Social Council; the International Court of Justice

### **Unit-II: The United Nations in Conflict Resolution**

- a. Collective security during the Cold War
- b. Peace Keeping, Peace Making and Enforcement, Peace Building and Responsibility to Protect
- c. Reforming the UN

### **Unit-III: Specialised Agencies of the UN: Role and Challenges**

- a. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- b. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- c. United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- d. The World Health Organisation (WHO)

### **Unit-IV: Major Global Conflicts Since the End of the Cold War**

- a. The war in Afghanistan
- b. The war in Iraq
- c. The war in Ukraine

### **Reading List:**

## **Unit-I**

Armstrong, D., Lloyd, L. and Redmond, J. (2004) International organisations in world politics. 3rd edn. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 42-43.

Basu, Rumki (2014) United Nations: Structure and Functions of an international organization, New Delhi, Sterling Publishers

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## **Unit-II**

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Baylis, J. and Smith, S. (eds.) (2008) The globalization of world politics. an introduction to international relations. 4th edn. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 405-422.

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## **Unit-III**

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Goldstein, J. and Pevehouse, J.C. (2006) International relations. 6th edn. New Delhi: Pearson, pp. 265-282.

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**Four Year Undergraduate Programme**

**Subject: Political Science**

**Semester: 5<sup>th</sup> Semester**

**Course Name: POL 05-03b: Comparative Government and Politics (Optional)**

**Existing Base Syllabus:**

**Course Level: 500**

**Theory Credit: 60**

**Practical Credit: 0**

**No. of Required Classes: 60**

**No. of Contact Classes: 60**

**No. of Non-Contact Classes: 0**

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**Course Objectives:**

- Students will leave this course with the foundational knowledge they need to understand comparative politics.
- Understanding the topic of Political Science is facilitated by studying the many constitutions, each of which has its own history, institutions, and points of divergence.

**Course Outcomes:**

- To analyse the importance of different methods of “comparison”.
- To understand the different forms of governments..
- To assess the working of institutions .

**Unit-I: Introduction to Comparative Politics**

- a. Meaning and Nature
- b. Comparative methods
- c. Traditional and modern approaches to understanding of comparative politics

### **Unit-II: Introduction to British Constitution**

- a. History, Conventions, Features
- b. Monarchy
- c. Parliament
- d. PM and the cabinet

### **Unit-III: Introduction to US Constitution**

- a. History and Features
- b. President and the Congress
- c. Supreme Court
- d. Federalism

### **Unit-IV: Introduction to the Swiss Constitution**

- a. History and features
- b. Federal Council and the Federal Assembly
- c. Swiss Federation
- d. Federal Courts

### **Reading List:**

#### **Unit-I**

Bara, J & Pennington, M. (eds.). (2009) Comparative Politics. New Delhi: Sage.

Caramani, D. (ed.). (2008) Comparative Politics. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

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Bhagwan, Vishnoo and VidyaBhushan and VandhanaMohla (2022)World Constitutions: A comparative Study , Sterling Publishers.

Kapur, A.C. (2010) Select Constitutions, S. Chand.

Palekar, S.A. (2009) Comparative Government and Politics. New Delhi: PHI Learning Pvt. Ltd.

## **Unit-III**

Bhagwan, Vishnoo and VidyaBhushan and VandhanaMohla (2022)World Constitutions: A comparative Study , Sterling Publishers.

Kapur, A.C. (2010) Select Constitutions, S. Chand.

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## **Unit-IV**

Bhagwan, Vishnoo and VidyaBhushan and VandhanaMohla (2022) World Constitutions: A comparative Study , Sterling Publishers.

Kapur, A.C. & Mishra, K.K. (2010) Select Constitutions, S. Chand.

Palekar, S.A. (2009) Comparative Government and Politics. New Delhi: PHI Learning Pvt. Ltd.



**Four Year Undergraduate Programme**

**Subject: Political Science**

**Semester: 5<sup>th</sup> Semester**

**Course Name: POL 05-04a: Introduction to India's Foreign Policy (Optional)**

**Existing Base Syllabus:**

**Course Level: 500**

**Theory Credit: 60**

**Practical Credit: 0**

**No. of Required Classes: 60**

**No. of Contact Classes: 60**

**No. of Non-Contact Classes: 0**

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**Course Objectives:**

- The course seeks to provide basic knowledge of India's foreign policy.
- Foreign policy of India is dynamic and wider area of study.
- By exposing students to the various aspects of foreign policy formulation process in India, evolving nature of India's engagement with different powers and actors and its major foreign policy initiatives, the course is structured to equip them with the basic knowledge necessary to follow India's foreign issues and debates.

**Course Outcomes:**

- To enable students to learn about the evolution of India's engagement with the world and foreign policy formulation process in India.

- To familiarize students the nature of India's evolving relationship with major powers and its neighbours.
- To demonstrate the knowledge of multilateral diplomacy of India.

### **Unit-I: Making of India's Foreign Policy:**

- a. Evolution of India's foreign policy-Nehruvian tradition and India in the new world order
- b. Domestic and External determinants,
- c. Policy formulation process-the Institutional structure (MEA, PMO and Parliament)

### **Unit-II: India and Major Powers**

India's relations with

- a. USA,
- b. Russia
- c. China

### **Unit-III: India and its Neighbours**

- a. Pakistan,
- b. Bangladesh
- c. Sri Lanka
- d. Concept of 'Extended Neighbourhood' and India's Look (Act) East Policy.

### **Unit-IV: India's Multilateral Diplomacy**

- a. India and the United Nations
- b. India and International financial Institutions,
- c. India and Climate change

## **Reading List:**

### **Unit-I**

A. Appadorai (1982). *Domestic Roots of India's Foreign Policy: 1947-72*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

A.P. Rana: *The Imperatives of Non-Alignment: A Conceptual Study of India's Foreign Policy Strategy in the Nehru Period*. Macmillan, New Delhi, 1976

C. Mohan, (2013) 'Changing Global Order: India's Perspective', in A. Tellis and S. Mirski (eds.), *Crux of Asia: China, India, and the Emerging Global Order*, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace: Washington.

Ch. Ogden, (2011) 'International 'Aspirations' of a Rising Power', in David Scott (ed.), *Handbook of India's International Relations*, London: Routledge, pp.3-31

Chaudhury, Rudra, (2015). 'The Parliament' in David M. Malone et al (eds). *The Oxford Handbook of Indian Foreign Policy*, UK: Oxford University Press.

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Madan, Tanvi, (2015). 'Officialdom: South Block and Beyond' in David M. Malone et al. (eds). *The Oxford Handbook of Indian Foreign Policy*, UK: Oxford University Press.

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R. Rajgopalan and V. Sahni (2008), 'India and the Great Powers: Strategic Imperatives, Normative Necessities', in *South Asian Survey*, Vol. 15 (1), pp. 5–32.

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A. Tellis and S. Mirski, (2013) 'Introduction', in A. Tellis and S. Mirski (eds.), *Crux of Asia: China, India, and the Emerging Global Order*, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace: Washington.

D. Mistry, (2006) 'Diplomacy, Domestic Politics, and the U.S.-India Nuclear Agreement', in *Asian Survey*, Vol. 46 (5), pp. 675-698.

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H. Pant, (2011) 'India's Relations with China', in D. Scott (ed.), *Handbook of India's International Relations*, London: Routledge, pp. 233-242.

Li Li, (2013) 'Stability in Southern Asia: China's Perspective', in A. Tellis and S. Mirski (eds.), *Crux of Asia: China, India, and the Emerging Global Order*, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace: Washington.

M. Zafar, (1984), 'Chapter 1', in *India and the Superpowers: India's Political Relations with the Superpowers in the 1970s*, Dhaka, University Press.

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### **Unit-III**

Amitav Acharya, (2015). 'India's 'Look East' Policy' in David M. Malone et al, (eds.) *The Oxford Handbook of Indian Foreign Policy*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

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S. Muni, (2003) 'Problem Areas in India's Neighbourhood Policy', in *South Asian Survey*, Vol. 10 (2), pp. 185-196.

V. Sood, (2009) 'India and regional security interests', in Alyssa Ayres and C. Raja Mohan (eds), *Power realignments in Asia: China, India, and the United States*, New Delhi: Sage.

### **Unit-IV**

A. Narlikar, (2006) 'Peculiar Chauvinism or Strategic Calculation? Explaining the Negotiating Strategy of a Rising India', in *International Affairs*, Vol. 82 (1), pp. 59-76.

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Jason A. Kirk, (2015). 'India and the International Financial Institutions' in David M. Malone et al, (eds.) *The Oxford Handbook of Indian Foreign Policy*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Manu Bhagavan, (2015). 'India and United Nations: Or Things Fall Apart' in David M. Malone et al, eds. *The Oxford Handbook of Indian Foreign Policy*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

N. Dubash, (2012) 'The Politics of Climate Change in India: Narratives of Enquiry and Co benefits', Working Paper, New Delhi: Centre for Policy Research.

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## **Four Year Undergraduate Programme**

**Subject: Political Science**

**Semester: 5<sup>th</sup> Semester**

**Course Name: POL 05-04b: Understanding South Asia (Optional)**

**Existing Base Syllabus:**

**Course Level: 500**

**Theory Credit: 60**

**Practical Credit: 0**

**No. of Required Classes: 60**

**No. of Contact Classes: 60**

**No. of Non-Contact Classes: 0**

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**Course Objectives:**

- The course introduces the historical legacies and geopolitics of South Asia as a region.
- It imparts an understanding of political regime types as well as the socioeconomic issues of the region in a comparative framework.
- The course also appraises students of the common challenges and the strategies deployed to deal with them by countries in South Asia.

**Course Outcomes:**

- To identify geo-political and historical construction of South Asia as a region.
- To analyse the politics and socio-economic issues of the South Asian Region.

- To assess the relevance of regionalism in South Asia and India's position in the region.

### **Unit-I: South Asia- Understanding South Asia as a Region**

- a. Colonial Legacies
- b. Geopolitics of South Asia
- c. Regional cooperation in South Asia

### **Unit-II: Politics and Governance in Contemporary South Asia**

- a. Nepal: Monarchy and Democracy
- b. Pakistan: Political Stability and the Role of the Army
- c. Bangladesh: State of Democracy and Religious Fundamentalism
- d. Sri Lanka: Constitutional Crises and Economy

### **Unit-III: Foreign Policies of Countries of South Asia**

- a. Nepal
- b. Pakistan
- c. Bangladesh
- d. Sri Lanka

### **Unit-IV: South Asia: Regional Issues and Challenges**

- a. Human Development in South Asia
- b. Insurgency and Terrorism
- c. Refugees and Migration



## **Reading List:**

### **Unit-I**

Acharya, J. and Bose, T.K. (2001) 'The New Search for a Durable Solution for Refugees: South Asia', in Samaddar, S. and Reifeld, H. (eds.) Peace as Process: Reconciliation and Conflict Resolution in South Asia. New Delhi: Vedams ,pp-137-157 73

Baxter, C. (ed.) (1986) The Government and Politics of South Asia. London: Oxford University Press.

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Hagerty, D.T. (ed.) (2005) South Asia in World Politics, Oxford: Rowman and Littlefield.

Hewitt, V. (1992) 'Introduction', in The International Politics of South Asia. Manchester: Manchester University Press, pp.1-10.

Muni, S.D. (2003) 'South Asia as a Region', South Asian Journal, 1(1), August-September, pp. 1-6

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Rizvi, G. (1993) South Asia in a Changing International Order. New Delhi: Sage

Thakur, R. and Wiggin, O.(ed.) (2005) South Asia and the world. New Delhi: Bookwell.

### **Unit-II**

Burki, S.J. (2010) 'Pakistan's Politics and its Economy', in Brass, P. (ed.) Routledge Handbook of South Asian Politics. London: Routledge, pp. 83-97.

Jha, N.K. (2008) 'Domestic Turbulence in Nepal: Origin, Dimensions and India's Policy Options', in Kukreja, V. and Singh, M.P. (eds.) Democracy, Development and Discontent in South Asia. New Delhi: Sage, pp. 264-281

Kukreja, V. (2003) Contemporary Pakistan. New Delhi: Sage, pp. 75-111 and 112-153.

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Subramanyam, K. (2001) 'Military and Governance in South Asia', in V.A (ed.) Problems of Governance in South Asia. New Delhi: Centre for Policy Research &Konark Publishing House, pp.201-208.

### **Unit-III**

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#### **Unit-IV**

Haq, Khadija (ed.) (2017) , 'Human Security for South Asia', in Khadija Haq (ed.), *Economic Growth with Social Justice: Collected Writings of*

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Wilson, J. (2003) 'Sri Lanka: Ethnic Strife and the Politics of Space', in Coakley, J. (ed.) *The Territorial Management of Ethnic Conflict*. Oregon: Frank Cass, pp. 173-193.

**Four Year Undergraduate Programme**

**Subject: Political Science**

**Semester: 6<sup>th</sup> Semester**

**Course Name: POL 06-01: Human Rights: Traditions and Debates (Compulsory)**

**Existing Base Syllabus:**

**Course Level: 600**

**Theory Credit: 60**

**Practical Credit: 0**

**No. of Required Classes: 60**

**No. of Contact Classes: 60**

**No. of Non-Contact Classes: 0**

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**Course Objectives:**

- To understand human rights, its origin and debates. It is important for students to know how debates on human rights have taken distinct forms historically and in the contemporary world.
- To impart knowledge on the significant development of human rights starting from European tradition to Cairo Declaration.
- To deal with several issues which violate Human Rights through a comparative study. The course seeks to anchor all issues in the Indian context, and pulls out another country to form a broader comparative frame.
- To explore challenges on Human Rights and future possibility.

**Course Outcomes:**

- To understand various dimensions of Human Rights and multiple challenges.

- To make sense of institutional framework as well as theoretical perspectives of human rights.
- To develop critical thinking and the ability to make logical inferences about socio-economic and political issues.

### **Unit-I: Human Rights: Theories and Institutionalization**

- a. Growth and Evolution of Human Rights
- b. Three Generations of Human Rights
- c. Are Human Rights Universal? Issue of Cultural Relativism.
- d. Institutionalization: UDHR, ICCPR, ICESCR, Human Rights Council

### **Unit-II: Traditions of Human Rights**

- a. European Tradition: European Convention on Human Rights, 1953
- b. American Tradition: American Convention of Human Rights, 1969
- c. African Tradition: African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, 1986
- d. Islamic Tradition: Cairo Declaration on Human Rights in Islam, 1990

### **Unit-III: Structural Violence and Human Rights**

- a. Caste Question: India
- b. Gender and Domestic Violence: India
- c. Migration and Refugees: South Asia
- d. Race: South Africa

### **Unit-IV: Contemporary Debates, Issues and Possibilities**

- a. Challenges: Market economy & Ecological Crisis
- b. State Authoritarianism
- c. Issues: Human Development and Human Security

d. Possibilities: MDGs, SDGs

**Reading List:**

**Unit-I**

Alison Dundes Renteln , *The Concept of Human Rights* , Anthropos, Bd. 83, H. 4./6. (1988), pp. 343-364

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SAHRDC (2006) ‘Introduction to Human Rights’; ‘Classification of Human Rights: An Overview of the First, Second, and Third Generational Rights’, in *Introducing Human Rights*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

U. Baxi, (1989) ‘From Human Rights to the Right to be Human: Some Heresies’, in S. Kothari and H. Sethi (ed.), *Rethinking Human Rights*, Delhi: Lokayan, pp.181-166

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Yasin, Adil-Ul, and Archana Upadhyay, *Human Rights* Akansha Publishing House, New Delhi, 2004

## **Unit-II**

*A guide to the African human rights system: Celebrating 30 years since the entry into force of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights 1986 – 2017* (2017) Edited by Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria; South Africa: Pretoria University Press

C. Grabenwarter et al., (2014) *European Convention on Human Rights: Commentary*, Germany Beck/Hart Publishing

Irfaan Jaffer (2021), *Traditional Islamic Ethics: The Concept of Virtue and Its Implications for Contemporary Human Rights*, US: Vernon publish

Ludovic Hennebel, Hélène Tigroudja (2021) *The American Convention on Human Rights: A Commentary*, New York: Oxford University Press

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Thomas M. Antkowiak and Alejandra Gonza (2017) *The American Convention on Human Rights: Essential Rights*, New York: Oxford University Press

William A. Schabas (2015) *The European Convention on Human Rights: A Commentary*, United Kingdom: Oxford University Press

## **Unit-III**

A. Pinto, (2001) 'UN Conference against Racism: Is Caste Race?', in *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 36(30)

Ahmad, M. (2002) 'Homeland Insecurities: Racial Violence the Day after September 11', *Social Text*, 72, Vol. 20(3), pp. 101-116.

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Singh, U. (2007) 'The Unfolding of Extraordinariness: POTA and the Construction of Suspect Communities', in *The State, Democracy and Anti-terror Laws in India*, Delhi: Sage Publications, pp.165-219

## **Unit-IV**

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Caroline Thomas, ‘Global Governance, Development and Human Security: Exploring the Links’ , *Third World Quarterly*, Vol. 22, No. 2 (Apr., 2001), pp. 159-175

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**Four Year Undergraduate Programme**

**Subject: Political Science**

**Semester: 6<sup>th</sup> Semester**

**Course Name: POL 06-02: Feminism: Theory and Practice (Compulsory)**

**Existing Base Syllabus:**

**Course Level: 600**

**Theory Credit: 60**

**Practical Credit: 0**

**No. of Required Classes: 60**

**No. of Contact Classes: 60**

**No. of Non-Contact Classes: 0**

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**Course Objectives:**

- This course is designed to introduce students to the structural and institutional basis of patriarchy as well as the basic concepts in gender studies.
- It would also give them an introduction to feminist thought and its evolving theories including the contemporary developments.
- It attempts to highlight the contribution of women's movements in different parts of the world and also highlights the Indian Women's movement from its inception to the post colonial period with a special focus on gender issues in Northeast India.

**Course Outcomes:**

- It will help to better appreciate key concepts that offer an understanding of gender inequality.
- Students will be in a position to comprehend the meaning of feminism and the theoretical developments associated with it.
- It will help to appraise the origin and development of feminism in the West and Socialist states.
- This course will help the students to comprehend the trajectory of women's movement in India and the issues addressed.
- It will lead to analysing and understanding the importance of gender in Northeast India in certain key aspects.

**Unit-I: Understanding Patriarchy**

- a. Patriarchy and gender
- b. Sex/gender distinction: Nature-nurture debate
- c. Private-public dichotomy

**Unit-II: Feminism: Concept and Theories**

- a. Concept of Feminism
- b. Theories of Feminism: Liberal, Socialist, Marxist, Radical
- e. New developments in feminist thought: Eco-feminism, Black feminism, Queer

**Unit-III: History of Feminism**

- a. Origins of Feminism in the West: France, Britain and United States of America
- b. Feminism in the Socialist Countries: China, Cuba and erstwhile USSR

**Unit-IV: The Indian Experience**

- a. Social Reforms Movement and women in the nationalist movement

- b. Women's movement in the post-colonial period : issue of family and property rights, work and violence
- c. Gender issues in Northeast India: conflict, peacemaking and politics

### **Reading List:**

#### **Unit-I**

Bhasin, Kamla (1993), *What is Patriarchy?*, Kali for Women

Bhasin, Kamla (2000), *Understanding Gender*, Kali for Women

Davidoff, L. (1998). 'Regarding Some "Old Husbands"' Tales: Public and Private in Feminist History'. In J. Landes (Ed.), *Feminism, the Public and the Private*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Eagly, A. H., & Wood, W. (2013). The Nature-Nurture Debates: 25 Years of Challenges in Understanding the Psychology of Gender. *Perspectives on Psychological Science*, 8(3), 340–357.

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N. Menon (2008) 'Gender', in R. Bhargava and A. Acharya (eds), *Political Theory: An Introduction*, New Delhi: Pearson, pp. 224-233

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T. Shinde, (1993) 'Stree Purusha Tulna', in K. Lalitha and Susie Tharu (eds), *Women Writing in India*, New Delhi, Oxford University Press, pp. 221-234

Thornton, M. (1991). The Public/Private Dichotomy: Gendered and Discriminatory. *Journal of Law and Society*, 18(4), 448–463. <https://doi.org/10.2307/1410319>

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## **Unit-II**

B. Hooks, (2010) 'Feminism: A Movement to End Sexism', in C. Mc Cann and S. Kim (eds), *The Feminist Reader: Local and Global Perspectives*, New York: Routledge, pp. 51-57

Jagger, Alison. (1983) *Feminist Politics and Human Nature*. U.K.: Harvester Press, pp. 25- 350.

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**Four Year Undergraduate Programme**

**Subject: Political Science**

**Semester: 6<sup>th</sup> Semester**

**Course Name: POL 06-03a: Politics in Northeast India (Optional)**

**Existing Base Syllabus:**

**Course Level: 600**

**Theory Credit: 60**

**Practical Credit: 0**

**No. of Required Classes: 60**

**No. of Contact Classes: 60**

**No. of Non-Contact Classes: 0**

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**Course Objectives:**

- This course is designed to introduce students to the general perceptions about politics in Northeast India.
- It would also give them an introduction to colonial experience in Northeast India.
- It attempts to highlight the different ethnic movements in different parts of the Northeast India and contemporary politics in Northeast India.

**Course Outcomes:**

- It will help to better appreciate key concepts that offer an understanding about political development in Northeast India.
- Students will be in a position to comprehend the meaning of political development in Northeast India.
- This course will help the students to comprehend the trajectory of ethnic movement in Northeast India and the issues addressed.
- It will lead to analysing and understanding the importance of Issues of Northeast India in certain key aspects.

**Unit-I: Colonial Policy- Annexation and Administration**

- a. Geo-Strategic Location and Socio-Cultural Diversity.
- b. Expansion and Consolidation of Colonial Rule
- c. Excluded and Partially Excluded areas: Inner Line.
- d. Anti-Colonial revolts (Phulaguri Dhewa and Patharughat) and Freedom Struggle

**Unit-II: Post-Colonial Developments**

- a. Immigration and Problem of Refugees.
- b. Question of Identity: Naga Nationalism
- c. Sixth Schedule.
- d. Re-organisation of Northeast India

**Unit-III: Political Developments in Assam**

- a. Language Politics.
- b. Assam Movement.
- c. Bodo Movement.
- d. Rise of insurgency: ULFA and NDFB.

**Unit-IV: Changing Nature of State Politics in Assam**

- a. Emergence of Regional Parties: AGP.
- b. Formation of Autonomous Councils: Rabha and Mising.

c. Citizenship: NRC and CAA.

**Reading List:**

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**Four Year Undergraduate Programme**

**Subject: Political Science**

**Semester: 6<sup>th</sup> Semester**

**Course Name: POL 06-03b: Conflict and Peace Building (Optional)**

**Existing Base Syllabus:**

**Course Level: 600**

**Theory Credit: 60**

**Practical Credit: 0**

**No. of Required Classes: 60**

**No. of Contact Classes: 60**

**No. of Non-Contact Classes: 0**

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**Course Objectives:**

- To create an understanding of a variety of conflict situations among students in a way that they can relate to them through their lived experiences.
- To introduce practical conflict resolution techniques and strategies
- To encourages the use of new information technologies and innovative ways of understanding these issues by teaching students skills of managing and resolving conflicts and building peace.
- To pursue ways to reduce violent conflict and promote justice by means of negotiation and nonviolent action

## **Course Outcomes:**

- To learn the basic concepts about conflict and Peace Building.
- To Understand different approaches and theories to peace and conflict studies.
- To learn the various skills and techniques as conflict responses in the society.
- To understand the nature of socio cultural conflicts based on ethnic, religious and gender.
- Students will understand, compare and evaluate theories and research on the causes of intergroup and international conflict and violence.
- Develop a critical understanding of how societies develop nonviolent means of basic social change, recover from violence, and prevent it from reoccurring in the future.

### **Unit-I: Conflict and its Concepts**

- a. Understanding Conflict
- b. Conflict Resolution and Peace Building
- c. Conflict Management and Conflict Transformation

### **Unit-II: Dimensions of Conflict**

- a. Economic/Resource Sharing Conflicts
- b. Forms of conflicts: Ethnic, Religious and Gender
- c. Territorial Conflict

### **Unit-III: Conflict Responses: Skills and Techniques-I**

- a. Negotiations: Trust Building
- b. Mediation: Skill Building; Active Listening
- c. Role of UNO and Civil Society in Peace Building

### **Unit-IV: Conflict Responses: Skills and Techniques-II**

- a. Track I, Track II & Multi Track Diplomacy
- b. Gandhian Methods

## C. Media, NGOs and Peace Building

### **Reading List:**

#### **Unit-I**

Ashtosh Varshney, *Ethnic Conflict and Civic Life: Hindus and Muslims in India* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2002).

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### **Unit-III**

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**Four Year Undergraduate Programme**

**Subject: Political Science**

**Semester: 6<sup>th</sup> Semester**

**Course Name: POL 06-04a: Rural Local Governance: Theory & Practice (Optional)**

**Existing Base Syllabus:**

**Course Level: 600**

**Theory Credit: 60**

**Practical Credit: 0**

**No. of Required Classes: 60**

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**Course Objectives:**

- The course seeks to provide an introduction to the Rural Local Governance and its significance in contemporary times.
- This course encompasses local governance in its historical context. This course acquaints students with the Rural Local Institutions and their actual working.
- The course seeks to explain the various aspects of decentralization and democratic decentralization. It further encourages a study of rural local institutions in their mutual interaction and their interaction with the people.
- The course attempts to provide the students a comprehensive understanding on rural local finance.

**Course Outcomes:**

- This paper will help students understand the importance of grass root political institutions in empowering people.
- The students also gain knowledge about the important and significance of rural local governance.
- Student will learn the constitutional structure of the rural local bodies.
- Student will understand the inter relationship among the concepts of decentralization, democracy and participation.

### **Unit-I: Rural Local Governance: Concept and Evolution**

- Understanding Rural Local Governance
- Rural Local Governance: Views of M.K. Gandhi, B.R. Ambedkar, R.M. Lohia, Vinoba Bhave, J. P. Narayan
- Evolution and Important Committees: Balwant Rai Mehta Committee (1957), Ashok Mehta Committee (1978), L. M. Singvi Committee (1986)- 64<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment Bill (1989)- 65<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment Bill (1989)

### **Unit-II: Constitutional Perspectives of Rural Local Governance**

- 73<sup>rd</sup> Amendment Act: Major Features; 11<sup>th</sup> Schedule of the Constitution of India
- Rural Local Governance in Tribal Areas: 6<sup>th</sup> Schedule of the Constitution of India
- PESA (1996) : Key Provisions

### **Unit-III: Perspectives of Decentralization in Rural Local Governance**

- Democratic Decentralization: Key issues
- Delegation and Devolution
- Localization of Sustainable Development Goals: Challenges

### **Unit-IV: Rural Local Finance: Concept and Practice**

- Devolution of Funds to Panchayati Raj Institutions
- Social Audit and Audit Online



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**Reading List:**

**Unit-I**

- Chakrabarty, B. & Pandey, R.K, (2019), *Local Governance in India*, New Delhi, Sage
- Das, N. 2006, *Bharator panchayati raj and Asamor swayatwa sashan*, Mritunjoy
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- Raghunandan, J. R: *Decentralization and local governments: The Indian Experience*,
- Venkata Rao, V.: *A Hundred Years of Local Self Government in Assam*, Bani

**Unit-II**

- Alam, M.2007, *Panchayati Raj in India*, National Book Trust, New Delhi
- Baviskar, B.S and George Mathew (eds) 2009 *Inclusion and Exclusion in local governance: Field Studies from rural India*, New Delhi, Sage
- Gosh, B.K.2002, *The Assam Panchayat Act*, Assam Law House, Guwahati.
- Joshi, R.P and Narwani, G.S,2002, *Panchayati Raj in India*, Rawat Publication Jaipur
- Ray, B.Dutta,and Das, G. (Ed) *Dimensions of Rural Development in North East India*, Akansha, New Delhi

**Unit-III**

- Bidyut Chakrabarty, *Reinventing Public Administration: The Indian Experience*, Orient Longman, 2007
- D. A. Rondinelli and S.Cheema, *Decentralisation and Development*, Beverly Hills: Sage Publishers, 1983

Dube, M.P. and Padalia, M. (Ed.) 2002, *Democratic Decentralization and Panchayati Raj in India*, Anamika Publishers, New Delhi

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Mishra & Shweta Mishra: *Public Governance and Decentralisation*, Mittal Publications, New Delhi, 2003

M.P.Lester, *Political Participation- How and Why do People Get Involved in Politics* Chicago: McNally, 1965

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#### **Unit-IV**

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Bidyut Chakraborty and Rajendra Kumar Pandey, *Modern Indian Political Thought – Text and Context*, Sage, New Delhi, 2009.

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Sudhakar, V.: *New Panchayati Raj System: Local Self-Government Community Development* - Jaipur: Mangal Deep Publications, 2002.

**Four Year Undergraduate Programme**

**Subject: Political Science**

**Semester: 6<sup>th</sup> Semester**

**Course Name: POL 06-04b: Urban Local Governance: Theory and Practice (Optional)**

**Existing Base Syllabus:**

**Course Level: 600**

**Theory Credit: 60**

**Practical Credit: 0**

**No. of Required Classes: 60**

**No. of Contact Classes: 60**

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**Course Objectives:**

- The objective of this course is to make students aware of the significance of governance in the context of urban development and management.
- This course is intended to equip students with a basic understanding of the constitutional structure related to the governance of cities and of the urban areas.
- It will enhance different theoretical understanding and debates like public participation in urban governance, human environment interaction and of right to the cities.

**Course Outcomes:**

- Have a basic understanding of the policies and institutions governing cities and urban areas.

- Have a basic knowledge of the constitutional structure of urban governance.
- Understand the concepts and different dimensions of urban governance highlighting the major debates in the contemporary times.
- Evaluate the importance of urban governance in the context of a globalising world, environment, administration and development.
- Equipping students with the skill to analyse good governance practices and initiatives of urban governance system.

### **Unit-I: Introduction to Urban Local Governance**

- a. Urbanization Trends in globalizing 21st Century
- b. Sustainable Urban Development: Theory and Practice
- c. Genesis of 74<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the Constitution of India

### **Unit-II: Constitutional and Legal Structure of Urban Local Governance**

- d. Constitutional provisions of Urban Local Governance
- e. Overview of legislations on Urban Local Bodies: Parliament and State Legislatures
- f. Urban Policies and Schemes: Focus Areas

### **Unit-III: Development and Environmental Governance**

- a. Ecology conservation and environmental governance in urban areas
- b. Human-Environment interaction
- c. Smart Cities Mission, right to the city

### **Unit-IV: Good Governance Initiative and Practices**

- a. Urban Public Service Delivery
- b. Country and Town Planning
- c. Public Housing and Slum Development

## **Reading List:**

### **Unit-I**

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### **Unit-II**

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### **Unit-III**

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Burns H Weston and David Bollier, Green Governance: Ecological Survival, Human Rights, and the Law of the Commons, Cambridge University Press, 2013

### **Unit-IV**

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