

CROSS CUTTING ISSUES

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Semester – I (Honours)

Course Code: PLSACOR01T Course Title: Understanding Political Theory

Core Course: Credit – 6, FM – 75

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Course Content

Module 1. What is Political and what is political Science

Module 2.Approaches to the study:

- a) Traditional
- b) Marxist
- c) Behavioral
- d) Post Behavioral

Module 3. Models of studying Political Theory

- a) Authority : Models(Weber)
- b) Systems Analysis.
- c) Structural functional Model.
- d) Post Modernism(to be studied at the backdrop of the current debates)

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Semester – I (Honours)

Course Code: PLSACOR02T Course Title: Understanding Political Theory

Core Course: Credit – 6, FM – 75

Course Content

Module 1.Constituion of India (Article-wise) a) Preamble.

b) Fundamental Rights.

c) Directive Principles of State Policy.
Module 2. Federalism
Module - 3. Constitution of India: Structure, Process, Behaviour a) Union Government: Executive (total as it is in the constitution) Legislature (total, according to the Constitution) Judiciary (total, following the articles of the constitution with two additional dimensions: landmark decisions and PIL) b) State Government: Executive, Legislature, Judiciary. (In the same way as the Union government is to be studied)

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Semester – II (Honours)
Course Code: PLSACOR03T Course Title: Political Theory-Concepts and Debates
Core Course: Credit – 6, FM - 75

Course Content
Module – 1. Core political concepts: i. Nationalism and nation state. ii. Sovereignty: Monism, Pluralism.
Module – 2. Core Concepts and Debates: i. Rights, Liberty, Equality ii. Justice: Plato, Rawls.
Module – 3. Theories of State a) Idealist Theory. b) Liberal and Neo-liberal Theories.

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Semester – II (Honours)
Course Code: PLSACOR04T Course Title: Political Process in India
Core Course: Credit – 6, FM - 75

Course Content
Module – 1. Structure and process of election system a) Party system in India: features and trends; coalition Governments b) Electoral process: Election Commission— Composition and Functions
Module 2. Issues in contemporary politics. a) Regionalism in India. b) Role of Religion, Caste, Dalits , Women .
Module 3. The concerns

- a) Corruption and politics: Measures to curb corruption in Indian politics
b) Media and politics

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Semester – III (Honours)

Course Code: PLSACOR05T

Course Title: Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics

Core Course: Credit – 6, FM - 75

Course Content

Module – 1. Understanding Comparative Politics

- a. Nature and scope
- b. Going beyond Eurocentrism.

Module – 2. Historical context of modern government

- a. Capitalism: meaning and development: globalization
- b. Socialism: meaning, growth and development
- c. Colonialism and decolonization: meaning, context, forms of colonialism; anti-colonialism struggles and process of decolonization

Module – 3. Themes for comparative analysis

A comparative study of constitutional developments and political economy in the following countries: Britain, Brazil and China.

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Semester – III (Honours)

Course Code: PLSACOR06T

Course Title: Perspectives on Public Administration

Course: Credit – 6, FM - 75

Course Content

Module – I. Public Administration as a Discipline.

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

Module – 2. Theoretical Perspectives

- a. Classical Theories
 - ☐ Scientific management (F.W. Taylor)
 - ☐ Administrative Management (Gullick, Urwick And Fayol)
 - ☐ Ideal-type bureaucracy (Max Weber)
- b. NEO-CLASSICAL THEORIES
 - ☐ Human relations theory (Elton Mayo)

- ☐ Rational decision-making (Herbert Simon)
- c. Contemporary Theories
 - ☐ Ecological approach (Fred Riggs)
 - ☐ Innovation and Entrepreneurship (Peter Drucker)

Module – 3..

Major Approaches In Public Administration

- ☐ New Public Administration
- ☐ New Public Management
- ☐ New Public Service Approach
- ☐ Good Governance
- ☐ Feminist Perspectives

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Semester – III (Honours)

Course Code: PLSACOR07T

Course Title: Perspectives on International Relations and World History

Core Course: Credit – 6, FM - 75

Course Content

Module – 1. Studying International Relations

- a. How do you understand International Relations: Levels of Analysis
- b. History and IR: Emergence of the International State System
- c. Pre-Westphalia and Westphalia
- d. Post-Westphalia

Module – 2. II. Theoretical Perspectives

- a. Classical Realism & Neo-Realism
- b. Liberalism & Neo-liberalism
- c. Marxist Approaches
- d. Feminist Perspectives
- e. Eurocentrism and Perspectives from the Global South

Module – 3.

An Overview of Twentieth Century IR History

- a. World War I: Causes and Consequences
- b. Significance of the Bolshevik Revolution
- c. Rise of Fascism / Nazism
- d. World War II : Causes and Consequences
- e. Cold War: Different Phases
- f. Emergence of the Third World
- g. Collapse of the USSR and the End of the Cold War
- h. Post-Cold War Developments and Emergence of other Power Centers of Power

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Semester –IV (Honours)

Course Code: PLSACOR08T Course Title: Political Processes and Institutions in Comparative Perspective

Core Course: Credit – 6, FM - 75

Course Content

Module – 1. Approaches to Studying Comparative Politics

- a. Political Culture
- b. New Institutionalism.

Module – 2.

- a. Nation-state: What is nation–state? Historical evolution in Western Europe and postcolonial contexts ‘_Nation’ and ‘_State’: debates
- b. Process of democratization in postcolonial, post- authoritarian and post-communist countries

Module – 3.

III. Module III

- a. Federalism: Historical context Federation and Confederation: debates around territorial division of power: USA, CANADA, INDIA
- b. Nature of Party System :
 - i. Historical contexts of emergence of the party system and types of parties
 - ii. Nature of party System: USA, UK, China.

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Semester – IV (Honours)

Course Code: PLSACOR09T Course Title: Public Policy and Administration in India.

Core Course: Credit – 6, FM - 75

Course Content

Module – 1. Public Policy

- a. Concept, relevance and approaches
- b. Definition, characteristics and models
- c. Public Policy Process in India
- d. Formulation, implementation and evaluation
- e. Social Welfare Policies: Education: Right To Education, National Education Policy, Kothari Commission. Health: National Health Mission. Food: Right To Food Security
- a. Employment: JNNURM, MNREGA

Module – 2. II. a. Decentralization

- i. Meaning, significance and approaches and types
- ii. Local Self Governance: Rural and Urban – With Special Reference to West Bengal
- b. Citizen and Administration Interface
 - a. Public Service Delivery
 - b. Redressal of Public Grievances: RTI, Local, Citizens ‘Charter and E-Governance.

Module – 3.

Module III. Budget

- a. Concept and Significance of Budget
- b. Budget Cycle in India

- c. Various Approaches and Types Of Budgeting, Vote on Account, Zero Base Budgeting, Performance Budgeting
- f. Emergence of the Third World
- g. Collapse of the USSR and the End of the Cold War
- h. Post-Cold War Developments and Emergence of other Power Centers of Power

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Semester – IV (Honours)

Course Code: PLSACOR010T Course Title: Global Politics

Core Course: Credit – 6, FM – 75

Course Content

Module – 1. Globalization: Conceptions and Perspectives

- a. Understanding Globalization and its Alternative Perspectives
- b. Political: Debates on Sovereignty and Territoriality
- c. Global Economy: Its Significance and Anchors of Global Political Economy: IMF, World Bank, WTO, TNCs
- d. Cultural and Technological Dimension
- e. Global Resistances (Global Social Movements and NGOs)

Module – 2. Contemporary Global Issues

- a. Ecological Issues: Historical Overview of International Environmental Agreements, Climate Change, Global Commons Debate
- b. Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
- c. International Terrorism: Non-State Actors and State Terrorism; Post 9/11 developments
- d. Migration
- e. Human Security.

Module – 3.

Global Shifts: Power and Governance.

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Semester –V (Honours)

Course Code: PLSACOR011T Course Title: Classical Political Philosophy

Core Course: Credit – 6, FM - 75

Course Content

Module – 1. Antiquity

Plato: Philosophy and Politics, Theory of Forms, Justice, Philosopher King/Queen, Communism; Critique of Democracy; Women and Guardianship, Censorship
Aristotle: Virtue, Citizenship, Justice, State and Household - Classification of governments; man as zoon politikon.

Module – 2. Interlude:

Machiavelli: Virtue, Religion, Republicanism, morality and statecraft; vice and virtue.

Module – 3.

Hobbes , Locke and Rousseau

- a. Hobbes: Human nature, State of Nature, Social Contract, State; Social Contract; Leviathan; atomistic individuals.
- b. Locke : Laws of Nature, Natural Rights, Property, Natural rights; right to dissent; justification of property
- c. Rousseau: State of Nature, Social Contract, General Will.

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Semester –V (Honours)

Course Code: PLSACOR012T Course Title: Classical Political Philosophy

Core Course: Credit – 6, FM - 75

Course Content

Module – 1. Traditions of Pre-colonial Indian Political Thought

- a. Brahmanic and Shramanic
- b. Islamic and Syncretic.

Module – 2. Outline of ancient Indian Political Thought

- a. Ved Vyasa (Shantiparva): Rajadharma
- b. Manu: Social Laws
- c. Kautilya: Theory of State , Saptanga, Danda, Law
- d. Aggannasutta (Digha Nikaya): Theory of kingship

Module – 3.

Outline of Islamic and Syncretic Thought

- a. Barani: Ideal Polity
- b. Abul Fazal: Monarchy
- c. Kabir: Syncretism

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Semester –V (Honours)

Course Code: PLSADSE01T Course Title: Reading Gandhi

Course Content

Module – 1. Gandhi on Modern Civilization and Modern Industrialization based on Large and Heavy Industries and Alternative Modernity; critique of development.

Module – 2. Gandhian Thought: Theory and Action:
a. Theory of Satyagraha
b. Satyagraha in Action : Peasant Satyagraha: Kheda and the Idea of Trusteeship
c. Gandhi on all-inclusive Development Sarvodaya – on Untouchability and Dalit emancipation
Module – 3.
a. Gandhi on Women's Development and on Women's Movement
b. Gandhi on peace and Preservation of Nature.

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Semester –V (Honours)
Course Code: PLSADSE02T Course Title: Women, Power and Politics
Core Course: Credit – 6, FM - 75

Course Content

Module – 1. Approaches to understanding Patriarchy
• Feminist theorising of the sex/gender distinction. Biologism versus social constructivism
• Understanding Patriarchy and Feminism .
Module – 2. Schools of Feminism
Liberal, Socialist, Marxist, Radical feminism, New Feminist Schools/Traditions.
Module – 3.
The Indian Experience
• Traditional Historiography and Feminist critiques. Social Reforms Movement and position of women in India. History of Women's struggle in India
• Family in contemporary India - patrilineal and matrilineal practices. Gender Relations in the Family, Patterns of Consumption: Intra Household Divisions, entitlements and bargaining, Property Rights
• Understanding Woman's Work and Labour.

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Semester –VI (Honours)
Course Code: PLSACOR13T Course Title: Modern Political Philosophy
Core Course: Credit – 6, FM - 75

Course Content

Module – 1. Modernity and its discourse(Two essential readings)
a. Kant. (1784) _What is Enlightenment? ‘ b. George Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel: Civil Society and State.
Module – 2. Feminist Discourse
a. Mary Wollstonecraft: _Vindication of Rights of Women ‘

b. Betty Friedan: 'The Feminine Mystique'
Module – 3.
Liberal socialist and Radicals
a. John Stuart Mill: Liberty, suffrage and subjection of women, right of minorities; utility principle
b. Karl Marx: Alienation; Dialectical materialism, Historical Materialism, Class and class struggle
c. Antonio Gramsci: Civil Society and Hegemony.

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<p align="center">Semester –VI (Honours) Course Code: PLSACOR14T Course Title: Indian Political Thought - II Core Course: Credit – 6, FM – 75</p>
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Course Content
Module – 1. Introduction to Modern Indian Political Thought
a. Rammohan Roy: Rights
b. Pandita Ramabai: Gender
c. Vivekananda: Ideal Society
Module – 2
a. Gandhi: Swaraj
b. Ambedkar: Social Justice
c. Tagore: Critique of Nationalism
Module – 3.
a. Iqbal: Community
b. Savarkar: Hindutva
c. Nehru: Secularism
d. Lohia: Socialism.

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<p align="center">Semester –VI (Honours) Course Code: PLSADSE05T Course Title: Human Rights in a Comparative Perspective Core Course: Credit – 6, FM – 75</p>
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Course Content
Module – 1. Human Rights: Theory and Institutionalization
a. Understanding Human Rights: Three Generations of Rights
b. Institutionalization: Universal Declaration of Human Rights
c. Rights in National Constitutions: South Africa and India
Module – 2
Issues
a. Torture: USA and India

- b. Surveillance and Censorship: China and India
- c. Terrorism and Insecurity of Minorities: USA and India.

Module – 3.

Structural Violence

- a. Caste and Race: South Africa and India
- b. Gender and Violence: India and Pakistan
- c. Adivasis/Aboriginals and the Land Question: Australia and India.

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Semester –VI (Honours)

Course Code: PLSADSE06T Course Title: Governance: Issues and Challenges

Core Course: Credit – 6, FM – 75

Course Content

Module – 1. Government And Governance: Concepts

Role Of State In The Era Of Globalisation State, Market And Civil Society.

Module – 2

Environmental Governance

Human-Environment Interaction

Green Governance: Sustainable Human Development.

Module – 3.

Good Governance Initiatives In India: Best Practices

- ☐ Public Service Guarantee Acts
- ☐ Electronic Governance
- ☐ Citizens Charter & Right To Information
- ☐ Corporate Social Responsibility