

BA Political Science (Regular) Syllabus
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Year	Semester	Major/ Minor / Sec/ VAC	Paper	Title of the Paper	Credits	Hours per week
I	I	DSC- 101	Pep- I	Understanding Political Theory	5	5
	II	DSC- 201	Pep- II	Western Political Thought	5	5
II	III	DSC-301	Pep-III	Indian Political Thought	5	5
	IV	DSC-401	Pep-IV	Constitution and Politics of India	5	5
III	V	MDC	GE	Politics of Development	4	4
		DSE-501	ELC-A	International Relations	5	5
		DSE-501	ELC-B	Government and Politics in Telangana	5	5
		SEC- I			2	2
		SEC- II			2	2
		VAC	VAC		3	3
	VI	DSE-601	ELC-C	Global Politics	5	5
		DSE-601	ELC-D	Contemporary social movements	5	5
		SEC- III			2	2
		SEC- IV			2	2
		VAC	VAC- II		3	3
		GE/ Project Work		Contemporary Political Theory	4	4

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I st Semester Paper - I

Understanding Political Theory

Unit- I: Political Theory

- What is Political Theory?
- Political Theory: Evolution, Nature & Significance
- Debates on Political Theory
 - a) Normative
 - b) Empirical

Unit-II: What is Political?

- State: Theories of origin of the State, Divine, Social Contract, Evolution Theories
- Power and Authority
- Authoritative Allocation of Values
- Sovereign State: Challenges
- Policy Analysis and Governance

Unit- III: Political Values and Theoretical Perspective

- Liberty :- A) Liberal B) Marxist C) Feminist
- Equality:- A) Liberal B) Marxist C) Feminist
- Justice:- A) Liberal B) Marxist C) Feminist
- Political Decision Making

Unit-IV: Political Ideologies

- Liberalism
- Nationalism
- Multiculturalism
- Identity Politics

Unit-V: Political Institutions and Functions

- Legislature, Executive and Judiciary
- Role of Bureaucracy
- Political Parties, Pressure Groups,
- Media and Cyber Security

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IInd Semester Paper - II
Western Political Thought

Unit- I: Greek Political Thought

- Greek Political Thought – Sophists
- Plato:- Concept of Justice, Ideal State, Education and Communism.
- Aristotle:- Forms of Governments, On Revolutions, Slavery, Best state

Unit- II: Medieval and Early Modern Thought

- Thomas Aquinas :- Christianized Aristotle
- Church – State Controversy, Secularism
- Niccolo Machiavelli – Human Nature, Statecraft

Unit- III: Social Contractualists

- Thomas Hobbes :- Individualism and Absolute (State) Sovereignty
- John Locke :- Natural Rights, Limited Government, Civil Liberties -- Data Privacy Rights
- J. J. Rousseau :- Romanticism, General Will, Popular Sovereignty and Participatory Democracy

Unit- IV: Utilitarianism & Dialectics

- Jeremy Bentham : - Utilitarian Principals , Hedonism
- J. S. Mill :- On liberty , Representative Government
- G.W.F. Hegel:- Dialectics, Geist (Spirit), Theory of State

Unit V: Marxism and Feminist Thought

- Karl Marx:- Historical Materialism, Class Struggle and Proletarian Dictatorship
- Feminist Political Thought:- Mary Wollstonecraft, Simone de Beauvoir; Feminism and Political Representation


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