

BACHELOR OF ARTS
POLITICAL SCIENCE/ II SEMESTER
POLITICAL THEORY

Subject Code: NS 102

Total Hours: 75

Teaching Hours per week: 5

Credits: 5

Objective:

1. This course will familiarize students with the basic normative concepts in political theory and encourage them to understand how they manifest in social practices.
 2. The course will also help students learn how we make use of these theories in organizing our social living.
 3. To enhance their skill to relate themselves to the day to day Political happenings.
 4. To develop interest in larger understanding of the study of political theory.
 5. To engage and relate themselves in the larger socio political expressions needed for the social change.
 6. To make students to articulate and preserve the traditions of democratic expressions through social movement.
 7. To develop an ability to read and reflect upon the major contributions of identified thinkers
 8. To make students to derive inspirations from the thinkers and preserve the values that integrates and helps them to build healthy society.
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Course Learning Outcomes: On successful completion of the course, students would be able to:

- Gain an understanding of the different theoretical perspectives and the emergence of political theory.
- Understand the contribution of various political theorists.
- Appreciate how the values emphasized and propounded by the theorist enrich the discourses of political life; sharpen their analytical and critical skills in the process

Teaching Learning Process: The teaching-learning process for this course would involve class lectures, class discussion, class presentation, debates on contemporary issues and relevant cases. Teaching would also involve methods like power point and film screening.

Assessment Methods: Students will be assessed at different stages during the course learning process. After completing every unit, they will be asked to take part in group discussions on any one important event or issue relevant for that unit. They will also do one presentation and one assignment.

I CHAPTER: DEMOCRACY (18hrs)

Meaning and kinds of Democracy

Theories of Democracy: Classical, Liberal and Elitist

Liberalism: Meaning and Features of Classical and Neo-Liberalism

Prerequisites for the Success of Democracy: Challenges to Democracy

II CHAPTER: SOCIALISM AND CAPITALISM (17hrs)

Democratic Socialism: Meaning & Features Scientific Socialism: Meaning & Features

Market Socialism: Meaning & Features

Gandhian Socialism: Meaning & Features

Capitalism: Meaning & Features

III CHAPTER: FASCISM, NAZISM AND NATIONALISM (12hrs)

Fascism: Origin & Features

Nazism Origin & Features

Nationalism: Meaning Kinds & Trends

IV CHAPTER: CONTEMPORARY DEBATES (15hrs)

Behaviouralism: Post-Behaviouralism

Modernism and Post Modernism

Multi-Culturalism

V CHAPTER: SOCIAL MOVEMENTS (13hrs)

Meaning, Characteristics, Kinds of Social Movements

Gandhian related movements: Non-Cooperation, Civil Dis-obedience, Quit- India Movement, Gender related movements, Peasant Movements, Workers Movements, Anti-Globalization Movements

Books for Reference:

1. Johari J.C. (1989). Principles of Modern Political Science. New Delhi: Sterling.
2. M.J Vinod and Meena Deshpande. (2013). Contemporary Political Theory, New Delhi: PHI.
3. A.C Kapoor. (2011). Principles of Political Science. New Delhi: S. Chand & Company.

4. Andrew Heywood. (1994). Political Ideas and Concepts. New Delhi: Macmillan.
5. Andrew Heywood. (2005). Political Theory: An Introduction. New Delhi: Macmillan.
6. Johari J.C. (1987) "Contemporary Political Theory", New Delhi: Sterling.
7. S.K. Kabburi- Political Theory, Veena Publications Bangalore

Kannada Books

1. H.C. Lohitashva: Pashimatya Rajkiya Chintkaru, Vidyanidhi Prkashana, Gadaga
2. J.N. Joshi Mattu M.N. Joshi: Paschimatya Rajkiya Tatvajnaniglu.
3. M.S.Patil: Rajakiya Chintakaru
4. S.A. Palekar: Paschimatya Rajkiya Chintkaru
5. N.B.Patil Mattu Shilavantar: Rajkiya Chintane, Aruna Prakashana

Journals

- Mainstream
- Seminar
- Indian Journal of Political Science
- Economic and Political Weekly