

BACHELOR OF ARTS

POLITICAL SCIENCE/ III SEMESTER

INDIAN CONSTITUTION: INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

Subject Code: NS 201

Total Hours: 75

Teaching Hours per week: 5

Credits: 5

Objectives:

1. The course aims to give students a thorough understanding of the structures of Indian government and politics.
 2. To expose students to democratic institutional traditions of India.
 3. To students with the constitutional design of state structures and institutions, and their actual Working overtime.
 4. To familiarize students with the Democratic experiments of India.
 5. To make students understand the significance of Decentralization in India.
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Course Learning Outcomes: On successful completion of the course, students would be able

to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the different viewpoints on Indian politics and the nature of Indian state
- Show knowledge of the text of the Indian Constitution and an awareness of constitutional and

legal rights

- Understand the structure of society in India and how social inequalities have an impact on political institutions and processes

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: FRAMING OF THE CONSTITUTION (18hrs)

Constitutional History: an overview

Constituent Assembly: Evolution, Composition & working

Preamble, Sources of the Constitution, Salient Features of the Constitution,

Major Constitutional Amendments: 42nd, 44th, 73rd & 74th.

II CHAPTER: KEY COMPONENTS (12hrs)

Citizenship: Constitutional Provisions

Citizenship Act of 1950 & 1955, recent trends.

Fundamental Rights

Directive Principles of State Policy

Fundamental Duties

III CHAPTER: UNION AND STATE LEGISLATURE (15hrs)

Union and State Legislature: Composition Power and Functions

Law Making Procedure

Committees in Parliament

IV CHAPTER: UNION AND STATE EXECUTIVE (15hrs)

President; Vice President; Prime Minister; Council of Ministers;

Governor; Chief Minister; Role, Powers and Functions

V CHAPTER: JUDICIARY (15hrs)

Supreme Court; High Courts: Composition and Jurisdiction

Judicial Review, Public Interest Litigation, Judicial activism,

New Judicial Reforms

Books for Reference:

1. Austin, G: *Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation*, OUP, New Delhi, 1999
2. Avasthi, A.P.: *Indian government and Politics*, Lakshmi Narain Agarwal, Agra, 2011.
3. Basu, D.D.: *Introduction to the Constitution of India*, Prentice Hall, Latest Edition.
4. Chakravarthy B and Pandey K.P.: *Indian Government and Politics*, Sage, New Delhi, 2006.
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8. Zoya Hasan: *Parties and Party Politics in India*. OUP, New Delhi, 2011
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10. Neera Chandoke and Praveem Priyadarshi, eds., *Contemporary Indian Economy, Society, Politics*, Pearson, New Delhi, 2009
11. M.P. Singh and Rekha Saxena, *Indian Politics*, PHI Learning, New Delhi, 2011
12. Atul Kohli, *Democracy and Discontent: India's Growing Crisis of Governability*, Cambridge, CUP, 1999.
13. Moin Shakir, *State and Politics in Contemporary India*, Delhi, Ajanta, 1986.
14. W.H. Morris Jones; *The Government and Politics of India*, Delhi, BI Pub., 1974.
15. S.H. Rudolph and L.I. Rudolph, *In Pursuit of Lakshmi – The Political Economy of the Indian State*, Delhi, Orient Longman, 1987.
17. S.R. Sharma, *The Indian Federal structure*, Allahabad, Central Book Depot, 1967.
18. Granville Austin, *Working a Democratic Constitution, The Indian Experience*, Delhi, OUP, 1999.
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20. Upendra Baxi; *The Indian Supreme Court and Politics*, Delhi, Eastern Book Company, 1980.
21. P. Brass, *Politics of India since Independence*, Hyderabad, Orient Longman, 1990.
22. A.H. Hanson and C. Douglass, *India's Democracy*, Delhi, Vikas, 1972.
23. S. Kashyap, *Our Parliament*, New Delhi, NBT, 1992.
24. M. Weiner, *Party Politics in India*, Princeton NJ, Princeton University Press, 1957.
25. R. Thakur, *The Government and Politics of India*, London, Macmillan, 1995.
26. *Social Movements*, Ghanshyam shah.

Books for Study:

1. D.D. Basu, *Introduction to the constitution of India*, New Delhi, Prentice Hall, 1994.
2. Government of India, *The Constitution of India (As on Jan. 2002)* (Jain Book Company, C-9, Cannought Place, New Delhi, 110001)

3. M.V. Pylee, An Introduction to the Constitution of India, New Delhi, Vikas, 1998.
 4. Granville Austin, The Indian Constitution; The cornerstone of a nation, Oxford, OUP,
 5. 1966.
 6. H.M. Rajasekara, Bharatada Samvidhana Mattu Sarakara (Kannada)
 7. K. Santhanam, Union-State relations in India.
 8. Rajni Kothari, Party Systems and Election Studies, Bombay, Asia Pub. House, 1967.
 9. Rajni Kothari, Politics in India, New Delhi, Orient Longman, 1970.
 10. S.K. Chaube, Constituent Assembly of India : Springboard of Revolution, New Delhi,
 11. PPH, 1973.
 12. S. Kaushik, Indian Government and Politics, Delhi, Delhi University, 1990.
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Journals

- Mainstream
- Seminar
- Indian Journal of Political Science
- Economic and Political Weekly
- Frontline
- India Today