UNDERGRADUATE (MAJOR)
SYLLABUS
2017

POLITICAL SCIENCE
FIRST SEMESTER:
POLS 0101: Foundations of Political Theory
POLS 0102: Colonialism and Nationalism in India

SECOND SEMESTER:
POLS 0201: Western Political Thought - I
POLS 0202: Indian Political Thought

THIRD SEMESTER:
POLS 0301: Indian Constitution: Major Aspects
POLS 0302: Indian Politics since Independence
POLS 0303: International Relations

FOURTH SEMESTER:
POLS 0401: Western Political Thought - II
POLS 0402: Comparative Politics
POLS 0403: Multilateralism and India’s Foreign Policy

FIFTH SEMESTER:
POLS 0501: Public Administration
POLS 0502: Optional Paper
POLS 0503: Optional Paper
POLS 0581: Sessional
POLS 0582: Sessional: Applied Politics Project

Optional Papers:
POLS 0502a: Foundations of Peace and Conflict Studies
POLS 0502b: Select Indian Political Thinkers
POLS 0502c: Foundations of Political Economy
POLS 0503a: Nation and Nationalism
POLS 0503b: Gender Studies

SIXTH SEMESTER:
POLS 0601: Political Sociology
POLS 0602: Optional Paper
POLS 0603: Optional Paper
POLS 0681: Sessional
POLS 0682: Sessional

Optional Papers:
POLS 0602a: Foundations of Global Politics
POLS 0602b: Marxist Political Theory
POLS 0603a: Emerging Issues in the Study of Politics
POLS 0603b: Foundations of Civil Society and Democracy

All papers carry 50 marks and 4 credits each.
Total Marks: 1000
POLS 0101: Foundations of Political Theory

1. Meaning of politics; What is political theory?
2. Approaches to the study of politics
3. Theories of the State
4. Theories of Sovereignty; Changing concept of Sovereignty in the context of Globalization
5. Rights, Liberty and Equality and Justice

References:

Andrew Heywood, *Key Concepts in Politics*.

Andrew Heywood, *Political Ideologies: An Introduction*.

Andrew Heywood, *Political Theory: An Introduction*.

Andrew Heywood, *Politics*.


C. E. M. Joad, *Introduction to Modern Political Theory*.

Chris Beasley, *What is Feminism*?

E. Barker, *Principles of Social and Political Theory*.


Murray Knutttila Wendee Kubik, *State Theories*.


Rajeev Bhargava, *What is Political Theory and Why do We Need It*?

Ralph Miliband, *Maxism and Politics*.

S. P. Varma, *Modern Political Theory*.


Stephen L. Wasby, *Political Science: The Discipline and Its Dimensions*. 
POLS 0102: Colonialism and Nationalism in India

1. Colonialism and Nationalism: Historiography
2. Nature of Colonial Rule in India
3. Emergence of Nationalism and Gandhian Movements
4. Alternative Movements in Colonial India
5. Rise of Communalism in India

References:

Anil Seal, (1971) *The Emergence of Indian Nationalism: Competition And Collaboration In The Later Nineteenth Century*, Cambridge: CUP


Bipan Chandra, et al, eds. *India’s Struggle for Independence*

Christophe Jaffrelot, *Hindu Nationalism: A Reader*


V. I. Lenin; *Imperialism, the Highest Stage of Capitalism*
POLS 0201: Western Political Thought – I

1. Greek Political Thought: Features
   a) Plato
   b) Aristotle
2. Roman Political Thought: An Overview
3. Medieval Political Thought: Contributions of St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas
4. Renaissance and Machiavelli
5. Political thought of Hobbes, Locke and Rousseau

References:


Bertrand Russell, *History of Western Philosophy.*

Bronowski and Mazlish, *Western Intellectual Tradition.*

Bruce Haddock, *A History of Political Thought.*

E. Barker, *The Political Thought of Plato and Aristotle.*


Karl Popper, *Open Society and Its Enemies.*

Leo Strauss and Joseph Cropsey (ed.) *History of Political Philosophy.*


Quentin Skinner, *The Foundations of Political Thought (2 vols.)*


S. Mukherjee and S. Ramaswami, *A History of Political Thought, Plato to Marx.*

Shefali Jha, *Western Political Thought: From Plato to Marx*

William Ebenstein, *Great Political Thinkers.*
POLS 0202: Indian Political Thought

1. Important Features of Ancient Political Thought: Kautilya
2. Important Features of Medieval Political Thought: Barani
3. Liberalism: Raja Rammohun Roy
4. Nationalism and its Critique: Bankimchandra Chatterjee and Rabindranath Tagore
5. Swaraj: M. K. Gandhi
7. Radical Humanism: M. N. Roy
8. Gender: Pandita Ramabai

References:


Thomas Pantham and kenneth L Deutsch, eds. *Political Thought in Modern India*.

POLS 0301: Indian Constitution: Major Aspects

1. The Constitution of India: Philosophy and Amendment Procedures
2. Fundamental Rights; Fundamental Duties; Directive Principles of State Policy.
3. Executive: Union and the States.
4. Legislature: Union and the States
5. Judiciary: Supreme Court and the High Courts
6. Distribution of Power between the Union and the States
7. Election Commission

References:

Alladi Krishnaswami Aiyer, Constitution and Fundamental Rights.
D. N. Sen, From Raj to Swaraj
Durga Das Basu, Introduction to the Constitution of India.
Durga Das Basu, Shorter Constitution of India.
Granville Austin, The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation.
Granville Austin, Working a Democratic Constitution: The Indian experience.
J. C. Johari, Indian Government and Politics.
M. C. Setalvad, Union and State Relations under the Constitution.
M. V. Pylee, Constitutional Government in India.
P. M. Bakshi, The Constitution of India.
Pran Chopra (ed.), The Supreme Court versus the Constitution: A Challenge to Federalism.
Shiva Rao, The Framing of India’s Constitution.
Subhas C. Kashyap, Our Constitution.
POLS 0302: Indian Politics since Independence

1. Study of Indian Society and Politics: Major Approaches
2. Nature of Party system in India
3. Interest Groups in Indian politics: Business, Working Class and Peasants
4. Religion in Indian politics—secularism and the Indian state
5. Caste in Indian politics—the issue of reservation
6. New social movements in India: An Overview

References:

Atul Kohli (ed), *The Success of Indian Democracy.*

Atul Kohli, *Democracy and Discontent in India.*

C. P. Bhambri, *The Indian State: Fifty years.*


Ghanashyam Shah, *Social Movements and the State.*

Manoranjan Mohanty, *Class, Caste and Gender.*

N. G. Jayal and P. B. Mehta (ed.), *Oxford Companion to Indian Politics.*


Partha Chatterjee (ed.), *State and Politics in India.*

Paul Brass, *The Politics of India since Independence.*

Rajeev Bhargava (ed.), *Secularism and its Critics.*

Rajni Kothari, *Caste in Indian Politics.*

Rakhahari Chatterjee (ed.), *Politics in India– State Society Interface.*


Sudipta Kaviraj (ed.), *Politics in India.*

T. V. Sathyamurthy (ed.), *Social Change and Political Discourse in India, vol. 3.*

Z. Hasan (ed.), *Parties and Party Politics in India.*
POLS 0303: International Relations

1. Origin and Growth of International Relations, Meaning and Scope
2. Major Theories of International Relations
   a) Liberal Theory and its Variants
   b) Realist Theory and its Variants
   c) Marxist Theory
   d) Feminist Theory
3. Cold War: Origins and Outline; Non Proliferation Regime
4. Decolonization and Emergence of the Third World
5. Post Cold War Era and Globalization

References:


J. Baylis, S. Smith and P. Owens, *The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations*


Joshua S. Goldstein, *International Relations.*


R. Jackson and G. Sorensen, *Introduction to International Relations: Theories and Approaches.*

Stephanie Lawson, *International Relations.*

POLS 0401: Western Political Thought - II

1. The Enlightenment
2. Utilitarianism: Bentham and J. S. Mill
3. Philosophical Idealism: Hegel
4. Scientific Socialism: Marx and Engels
5. Varieties of Socialism: Fabian Socialism, Guild Socialism, Anarchism and German Revisionism

References:


Bertrand Russell, *History of Western Philosophy.*

Bruce Haddock, *A History of Political Thought.*

C. E. M. Joad, *Political Thought.*


John Plamenatz, *Man and Society (2 Vols.)*

John Stuart Mill, *Utilitarianism, Liberty, Representative Government*

Leo Strauss and Joseph Cropsey (ed.), *History of Political Philosophy.*


Peter Laslett (ed.), *John Locke: Two Treatises of Government*

S. Mukherjee and S. Ramaswami, *A History of Political Thought, Plato to Marx.*

Shefali Jha, *Western Political Thought: From Plato to Marx*
POLS 0402: Comparative Politics

1. Development of Comparative Politics
2. Approaches to the study of Comparative Politics
3. Political systems and major governing principles
4. Comparative studies of organs of Government
5. Federalism
6. Political parties and Interest groups: features and role

References:

A. Appadorai, *The Substance of Politics.*


D. Olson, *Legislative Institutions: A Comparative View.*

Dorothy Pickles, *The Government and Politics of France (2 Vols.)*

G. Almond et. al., *Comparative Politics Today: A World View.*

G. Roberts, *An Introduction to Comparative Politics.*

Gokulesh Sharma, *Constitutions of the SAARC Nations.*

H. Eckstein and P. E. Apter (ed.), *Comparative Politics: A Reader.*

J. Blondel, *An Introduction to Comparative Government.*


J. T. Dreyer, *China’s Political System: Modernization & Tradition.*


Judith Bara and Mark Pennington (ed.), *Comparative Politics.*


R. Sakwa, *Russian Politics and Society.*

Rakhahari Chatterjee, *Introduction to Comparative Political Analysis.*


S. N. Ray, *Comparative Politics.*


Tony Saich, *Governance and Politics of China.*


Zoya Hasan (ed.), *Democracy in Muslim Societies: The Asian Experience.*
POLS 0403: Multilateralism and India’s Foreign Policy

1. India’s Foreign Policy: Principles and Evolution
3. International Political Economy: Present Economic Order and India
4. Regionalism and Regional Organizations
   a) SAARC
   b) ASEAN
5. ‘New’ Regionalism: BRICS, Global Climate Change

References:
C. L. Gates and M. Than, ASEAN Enlargement: Impacts and Implications.
D. Dinan, Europe Recast: A History of European Union.
D. J. Whittaker, United Nations in the Contemporary World.
E. Nahar, SAARC: Problems and Prospects.
Harsh V. Pant (ed.), Indian Foreign Policy in a Unipolar World.
R. O. Keohane, After Hegemony: Cooperation and Discord in the World
S. Hix, The Political System of the European Union.
V. P. Dutt, India’s Foreign Policy in a Changing World.
Y. Kahol, SAARC through the New Millennium.
POLS 0501: Public Administration

1. Introduction to Public Administration
2. Theories of administration
3. Major concepts of administration
4. Theories of bureaucracy
5. Organization of the Union & State Government in India
6. Administrative accountability
7. Local Self-governments

References:

A. Avasthi and A. P. Avasthi, Indian Administration.
B. Chakrabarty and M. Bhattacharya, Public Administration: A Reader.
G. H. Frederickson, New Public Administration.
Mohit Bhattacharya, Public Administration: Structure, Processes and Behaviour.
Moitree Bhattacharya, Panchayati Raj in West Bengal.
Nicholas Henry, Public Administration and Public Affairs.
R. B. Jain, Contemporary Issues in Indian Administration.
R. K. Sapru, Development Administration.
R. T. Golembeiwski, Public Administration as a Developing Discipline.
Ramesh Arora, Comparative Public Administration.
S. R. Maheshwari, Administrative Theories.
S. R. Maheshwari, Indian Administration.
S. R. Maheshwari, State Governments in India.
POLS 0502a: Foundations of Peace and Conflict Studies

1. Evolution of Peace and Conflict Studies
2. Contending Issues of Peace and Conflict
3. Theories of Conflict Resolution
4. Sources and Levels of Conflict
5. Challenges to Peace in contemporary world: few case studies

References:


David Barasch (ed.), *Approaches to Peace: A Reader in Peace Studies*.


Elise Boulding (ed.) *New Agendas for Peace Research: Conflict and Security Reexamined* (Boulder: Lynne Rienner)


Johan Galtung, *Theories of Peace: A Synthetic Approach to Peace*.


POLS 0502b: Select Indian Political Thinkers

1. Jawaharlal Nehru and Subhas Chandra Bose
2. Syed Ahmad Khan and Md. Iqbal
3. B. G. Tilak and Aurobindo
4. Vivekananda and Savarkar
5. Narendra Dev, Ram Manohar Lohia and Jayaprakash Narayan

References:

A. T. Embree (ed.), Sources of Indian Tradition (Vol. 1)

Bidyut Chakraborty and Rajendra Kumar Pandey (ed.), Modern Indian Political Thought: Text and Context.

Sankar Ghose, Socialism and Communism in India.

T. Pantham and K. L. Deutsch (ed.), Political Thought in Modern India.

V. R. Mehta, Foundations of Indian Political Thought: An Interpretation
POLS 0502c: Foundations of Political Economy

1. Theories of the State, politics and economics
2. Marxist Approach: Marxist economics and Value Theory
3. Welfare economics and State
4. Post Structural theories of capitalism
5. Institutionalism

References:


Hayek, Frederick. Chapters 1, 2, 4, and 5 in Individualism and Economic Order. Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press, 1996.


POLS 0503a: Nation and Nationalism

1. Origin of Nationalism in the West
2. Development of Nationalism in Post-Colonial Societies
3. Theories of Nationalism
4. Diaspora and Nationalism
5. Nationalism: Challenges and Critique

References:

Anthony D Smith, *The Ethnic Origins of Nations*

Benedict Anderson, *Imagined Communities*

Benedict Anderson, *Spectres of Comparison*

Eric Hobsbawm, *Nations and Nationalism Since 1780*

Ernest Gellner, *Nations and Nationalism*

Michael Leifer, *Asian Nationalism*
POLS 0503b: Gender Studies

1. Understanding Gender: Conceptual Issues
2. Gender, Nation and Community
3. Gender, Identity and Democracy in India
4. Gender and Development
5. Militarisation, Conflict and Gender
6. Gender Movements in India: perspectives and debates

References:


Anne Philips, Feminism and Politics


Chandra Mohanty Talpade, Feminism Without Borders: Declonizing Theory, Practising Solidarity, New Delhi, Zubaan 2003


Nandita Gandhi and Shah Nandita (1992) Issues at Stake: Theory and Practice of Women’s Movement in India, New Delhi: Kali for Women


Nivedita Menon, Seeing Like a Feminist


Raewyn Connell, *Gender in World Perspective*


Tong, Rosemarie, *Feminist Thought: A More Comprehensive Introduction*

Will Kymlicka, *Contemporary Political Philosophy*


POLS 0601: Political Sociology

1. Introduction to Political Sociology
2. Social stratification and politics
3. Concept of power and Elite Theories
4. Political culture and Political socialization
5. Political participation
6. Political communication
7. Political development and modernisation

References:

Ali Asraf, L. N. Sharma, Political Sociology.

Almond and S. Verba, Civic Culture.

Amal Kumar Mukhopadhyay, Political Sociology.

Brian McNair, An Introduction to Political Communication.

C. E. Fuller (ed.), Caste Today.

Dipankar Gupta, Political Sociology in India

Donal E. Smith (ed.), Religion and Political Modernization.

Kate Nash, Contemporary Political Sociology.

Lucian Pye, Aspects of Political Development.

M. Rush, Politics and Society.

R. Bendix (ed.), State and Society.


Satyabrata Chakraborty (ed.), Political Sociology.

Tom Bottomore, Classes in Modern Society.

Tom Bottomore, Political Sociology.
POLS 0602a: Foundations of Global Politics

1. Introduction to Global Politics
2. Global Security
3. Global Political Economy
4. Development, Ecology and Global Politics
5. Global Energy Distribution
6. Globalism and Regionalism
7. India in Global Politics

References:


Mary Farrell, Bjorn Hettne and Luk Langenhove, *Global Politics of Regionalism: Theory and Practice*

Peter Hough, *Understanding Global Security.*

Radharaman Chakrabarti, *India’s External Relations in a Globalized World Economy.*

Robert Gilpin, *Global Political Economy.*
POLS 0602b: Marxist Political Theory

1. Marxist Approach to politics
2. Dialectical & Historical Materialism
3. Marxist concept of State
4. Gramsci on Hegemony
5. Marxist concept of Party – Lenin-Luxemburg debate
6. Marxist concept of Democracy

References:


David Mclellan, *Marxism After Marx.*

David Mclellan, *The Thought of Karl Marx*

Ernest Fischer, *Marx in His Own Words.*


Joseph Femia, *Marxism and Democracy.*

Karl Marx and Frederick Engels, *The Communist Manifesto.*

L. Kolakowski, *Main currents of Maxism Vol-I.*


Sobhanlal Dattagupta (ed.), *Rosa Luxemburg and Her Critics.*

Tom Bottomore (ed), *A Dictionary of Marxist Thought.*
POLS 0603a: Emerging Issues in the Study of Politics

1. Modernity
2. Postcolonialism
3. Communitarianism
4. Multiculturalism
5. Development & Environmentalism

References:

A. Eisenberg and Jeff Spinner Minorities within Minorities


Edward Said Orientalism

Gurpreet Mahajan The Multicultural Path


Leela Gandhi, Postcolonial Theory.

Mark Bevir, ed., Encyclopedia of Governance

Noel O’Sullivan (ed), Political Theory in Transition.

Peter Barry, Beginning Theory.

Ramchandra Guha, Environmentalism: A Global History

Richard Bellamy, Theories and Concepts of Politics: An Introduction.

S. Hall et. al. (ed.), Modernity and Its Features.

Seyla Benhabib, The Claims of Culture


Sumit Sarkar, Modern Times: India 1880s-1950s Environment, Economy, Culture (Permanent Black, Ranikhet, 2014)

Will Kymlicka, Contemporary Political Philosophy.
POLS 0603b: Foundations of Civil Society and Democracy

2. Approaches to the understanding of civil society: Locke, Hegel, Marx and Gramsci
3. Non-Marxist theories of Democracy: David Held’s classification
4. Marxism and Democracy

References:

Carolyn M. Elliott (ed.), *Civil Society and Democracy: A Reader*.

J. Keane, *Civil Society and the State*.

J. L. Cohen and A. Arato, *Civil Society and Political Theory*.

Neera Chandhoke, *State and Civil Society, Explorations in Political Theory*

Sudipta Kaviraj and Sunil Khilnani (ed), *Civil Society: History and Possibilities*. 