



2022

**KHUDIRAM BOSE CENTRAL
COLLEGE**

**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
HONOURS**

**SEMESTER -1
JULY - DECEMBER**

SYLLABUS

CC1

Understanding Political Theory: Concepts – Code: PLS-A-CC-1-1-TH+TU

Module I:

1. Conceptualising politics: meaning of *political*.
2. Key concepts I: State; Nation; Sovereignty (evolution); Power and Authority – types and linkages.
3. Key Concepts II: Law, Liberty, Equality – interrelationships.

Module II:

4. Key Concepts III: Rights; Justice (with special reference to Rawls); Freedom.
5. Key Concepts IV: Democracy (with special reference to David Held); Authoritarianism.
6. Key Concepts V: Citizenship.

REFERENCES

1. S. Ramaswamy: Political Theory – Ideas and Concepts
2. Bhargava, R. (2008) 'What is Political Theory' in Bhargava, R and Acharya, A. (eds.) Political Theory: An Introduction. Pp.2-16.
3. O. P. Gauba: An Introduction to Political Theory (5th Edition).
4. S. P. Verma: Modern Political Theory
5. Andrew Heywood: The Basic Political Concepts.

CC2

Understanding Political Theory: Approaches and Debates - Code: PLS-A-CC-1-2- TH+TU

Module I:

1. Approaches I: Normative; Legal-Institutional; Empirical-Behavioral---Systems Analysis; Structural Functionalism.
2. Liberalism; Social Welfarism; Neo-Liberalism.
3. Postcolonial; Feminist.

Module II:

4. Marxian approach – Dialectical Materialism and Historical Materialism
5. Key concepts: State (focus on Relative Autonomy); Class and Class Struggle; Surplus Value; Alienation
6. Party--- Democratic Centralism; Lenin-Rosa Luxemburg debate; Revolution--- Lenin and Mao. Hegemony and Civil Society: Gramsci.

REFERENCES

- 1.D. Held: Political Theory Today
- 2.K. Marx and F. Engels: The Communist Manifesto
3. Andrew Heywood: The Basic Political Concepts.
4. R. Young: Postcolonialism: A Very Short Introduction.
5. [http://www.oxfordjournals.org/](#) (Oxford Journals): [http://www.oxfordjournals.org/](#) (Oxford Journals)
6. Chaitali Basu: Rajnitishastro o obhigyotabaadirashtrontro

PLSG – CC1

Introduction to Political Theory – Code: PLS-G-CC-1-1-TH-TU

Module I

1. Political Science: nature and scope; Different approaches – Normative, Behavioural, Post- Behavioural, Marxist, Feminist
2. State: Contract theory; Idealist theory; Marxist theory; Gandhian theory. Sovereignty of the State: Monistic and Pluralist theories. Doctrine of Popular Sovereignty.
3. Foundational concepts: Law; Right; Liberty; Equality – meanings, sources, interrelationships
4. Key Concepts: Nationalism and Internationalism – meanings and features; Democracy – meaning and nature

Module II

5. Marxism: Dialectical and Historical Materialism; Class and Class Struggle; Theory of Revolution; Lenin's Theory of Imperialism
6. Fascism: meanings, features, significance
7. Political parties and interest groups: function and role; Methods of representation: territorial, functional, proportional.

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1. S. Ramaswamy: Political Theory – Ideas and Concepts
2. O. P. Gauba: An Introduction to Political Theory (5th Edition).
3. S. P. Verma: Modern Political Theory
4. Mohit Bhattacharya, Biswanath Ghosh: Aadhunik Rashtrobigyan
5. Himachal Chakroborty: Rashtrobigyan
6. Debashish Chakrobarty: Rashtrobigyan

COURSE DISTRIBUTION AMONG TEACHERS

CC1 - Module
I + PLSG CC1

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CC1 - Module
II + PLSG CC1

• **SOMIRAN DAS (SD)**

CC2 - Module
I + PLSG CC2

• **SUPREETA MEHTA (SM)**

CC2 - Module
II + PLSG CC2

• **SHILPA NANDY(SN)**

MONTH-WISE SYLLABUS DISTRIBUTION (TENTATIVELY)**CC1**

MONTH WISE	SYLLABUS DISTRIBUTION	NO. OF CLASSES (PER CLASS IS OF 1 HOUR DURATION)
JULY	Module I: 1. Conceptualising politics: meaning of <i>political</i> . 2. Key concepts I: State; Nation; Sovereignty (evolution); Power and Authority – types and linkages.	12
AUGUST	Module I: 3. Key Concepts II: Law. Liberty, Equality – interrelationships.	12
SEPTEMBER	Module II: 4. Key Concepts III: Rights; Justice (with special reference to Rawls); Freedom. 5. Key Concepts IV: Democracy (with special reference to David Held); Authoritarianism.	12
OCTOBER (FIRST WEEK)	Module II: 6. Key Concepts V: Citizenship.	03
NOVEMBER	PUJA VACATION POST PUJA VACATION REVISION/ INTERNAL/ TUTORIAL EXAMS	
DECEMBER	SEMESTER THEORY EXAMS	

MONTH-WISE SYLLABUS DISTRIBUTION (TENTATIVELY)

CC2

MONTH WISE	SYLLABUS DISTRIBUTION	NO. OF CLASSES (PER CLASS IS OF 1 HOUR DURATION)
JULY	Module I: 1. Approaches I: Normative; Legal-Institutional; Empirical-Behavioral---Systems Analysis; Structural Functionalism. 2. Liberalism; Social Welfarism; Neo-Liberalism.	14
AUGUST	Module I: 3. Postcolonial; Feminist.	12
SEPTEMBER	Module II: 4. Marxian approach – Dialectical Materialism and Historical Materialism 5. Key concepts: State (focus on Relative Autonomy); Class and Class Struggle; Surplus Value; Alienation	12
OCTOBER (FIRST WEEK)	Module II: 6. Party--- Democratic Centralism; Lenin-Rosa Luxemburg debate; Revolution--- Lenin and Mao. Hegemony and Civil Society: Gramsci. PRE PUJA VACATION	06
NOVEMBER	POST PUJA VACATION REVISION/ INTERNAL/ TUTORIAL EXAMS	
DECEMBER	SEMESTER THEORY EXAMS	

MONTH-WISE SYLLABUS DISTRIBUTION (TENTATIVELY)**PLSG CC1**

MONTH WISE	SYLLABUS DISTRIBUTION	NO. OF CLASSES (PER CLASS IS OF 1 HOUR DURATION)
JULY	Module I: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Political Science: nature and scope; Different approaches – Normative, Behavioural, Post-Behavioural, Marxist, Feminist 2. State: Contract theory; Idealist theory; Marxist theory; Gandhian theory. Sovereignty of the State: Monistic and Pluralist theories. Doctrine of Popular Sovereignty. 	10
AUGUST	Module I: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Foundational concepts: Law; Right; Liberty; Equality – meanings, sources, interrelationships 4. Key Concepts: Nationalism and Internationalism – meanings and features; Democracy – meaning and nature Module II: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marxism: Dialectical and Historical Materialism; Class and Class Struggle; Theory of Revolution; Lenin’s Theory of Imperialism 	08
SEPTEMBER	Module II: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Fascism: meanings, features, significance 3. Political parties and interest groups: function and role; Methods of representation: territorial, functional, proportional. 	10
OCTOBER (FIRST WEEK)	REVISION PUJA VACATION	02
NOVEMBER	POST PUJA VACATION REVISION/ INTERNAL/ TUTORIAL EXAMS	
DECEMBER	SEMESTER THEORY EXAMS	

QUESTION TYPE AND EXAM PATTERN

EXAM PATTERN: CC5, CC6,CC7	MARKS
ATTENDANCE	10
INTERNAL (10 QUESTIONNS OF 1 MARKS EACH)	10
TUTORIAL (TERM PAPER OF 1000 WORDS/ FIELD STUDY REPORT/ BOOK REVIEW)	15
THEORY PAPER	65
TOTAL	100

EXAM PATTERN: SEC	MARKS
ATTENDANCE	10
INTERNAL (10 QUESTIONNS OF 1 MARKS EACH)	10
THEORY PAPER	80
TOTAL	100

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

JULY	ACTIVITIES
AUGUST	WALL MAGAZINE/PROJECT
SEPTEMBER	TEACHER'S DAY/FRESHER'S WELCOME
OCTOBER	FIELD VISIT
DECEMBER/JANUARY	PTM

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