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**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 (5<sup>th</sup> 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 (5<sup>th</sup> 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

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II + PLSG CC1

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CC2 - Module  
I + PLSG CC2

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

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

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



## QUESTION TYPE AND EXAM PATTERN

EXAM PATTERN: <b>CC5, CC6,CC7</b>	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: <b>SEC</b>	MARKS
ATTENDANCE	10
INTERNAL (10 QUESTIONNS OF 1 MARKS EACH)	10
THEORY PAPER	80
TOTAL	100

## DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

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

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