

RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYAMANDIRA
BELURMATH, HOWRAH, WEST BENGAL

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
PROGRAMME OFFERED : B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE HONOURS
PROGRAMME CODE : PLSA

DURATION : 6 SEMESTERS
TOTAL CREDIT : 148

FULL SYLLABUS WITH COURSE OUTCOME
VALID & ONGOING AS ON 30TH JUNE, 2019

Following is the credit distribution for B.A. Political Science Hons. Programme:

	CR	CR	CR	CR	CR	CR	Total Credit
	SEM 1	SEM 2	SEM 3	SEM 4	SEM 5	SEM 6	
Core Course / Hons.	14	14	14	14	26	26	108
Generic Elective	6	6	6	6	--	--	24
AECC-Lang.	2	2	2	2	--	--	4
AECC-ENVS	--	--	--	--	--	--	4
SEC- ICSH	1	1	1	1	2	2	8
	23	23	23	23	28	28	148

Following is the Grade Point distribution:

% of Marks	Descriptor	Grade	Grade Point
85 - 100	OUTSTANDING	O	10
70 - 84.99	EXCELLENT	A+	9
60 - 69.99	VERY GOOD	A	8
55 - 59.99	GOOD	B+	7
50 - 54.99	ABOVE AVERAGE	B	6
40 - 49.99	AVERAGE	C	5
35 - 39.99	PASS (HONOURS)	P	4
30 - 34.99	PASS (OTHERS)	P	4
LESS THAN 35	FAILED (HONOURS)	F	0
LESS THAN 30	FAILED (OTHERS)	F	0

Name of the Core Course	Credit for the Core Course	Generic Elective Course and the Credit
Political Science Hons	108	Total Credit : 24 Guidelines to make Choice : Two from the generic subject courses as mentioned below choosing not more than one from a group. Group A : History, Sanskrit Group B : Bengali, English Group C : Philosophy, Economics

B.A. Political Science Hons. Programme has introduced Discipline Specific Elective Course (DSE) and/or Project in 5h and/or 6th semester:

Sl. No.	Name of the Programme	Discipline Specific Elective / Project
13	Political Science Hons	Project & Field Study

Students of B.A. Political Science Hons. Programme must take following courses :

- Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC):
 - Environmental Science : 4 Credit
 - English Language and MIL (Bengali Language/ Alternative English) : 4 Credit
- Value-Oriented Course (Indian Cultural and Spiritual Heritage) : 8 Credit

Total Credit to be earned by a student to complete B.A. Political Science Hons.

Programme: 148 Credit

Mark sheet after each semester will be given both with SGPA and detailed marks obtained by the examinee.

Similarly Mark sheet after the final semester will be given with CGPA and detailed marks obtained by the examinee.

Calculation of SGPA = $\frac{\text{Total Credit} \times \text{Total Grade Point} = \text{Total Credit Point}}{\text{Total Credit Points} / \text{Total Credits}}$

Calculation of CGPA = $\frac{\text{Total SGPA} \times \text{Total Credits in each Sem.}}{\text{Total Credits earned in all the semesters}}$

B.A. Political Science Honours

6 Semester Course

List of courses

Sl No	Name of the Course	Semester	Course Code	Credit	Marks in the Course	Course outcome
1	Western Political Thought	1	PLSA-P1	14	100	Exposure to ideas of key thinkers in the history of Western political thought helps identify the foundations of the conceptual framework of some major theories in Political Science. This activity provides the much needed skill to understand political theory, an academic area the understanding of which is fundamental in successfully clearing public examinations and for gainful employment. A snapshot of Indian Political Thought and Movement, from ancient to contemporary times, acquaints the student with the many different, often contending, approaches and streams that thinkers over time have delved into. The study of the struggle for Indian independence offers a canvas for understanding issues and movements that constitute the foundation of contemporary India. The activity equips the student for competitive exams conducted by UPSC, WBPS, SSC, NET, SET.
2	Indian Political Thought & Movement	2	PLSA-P2	14	100	A snapshot of Indian Political Thought and Movement, from ancient to contemporary times, acquaints the student with the many different, often contending, approaches and streams that thinkers over time have delved into. The study of the struggle for Indian independence offers a canvas for understanding issues and movements that constitute the foundation of contemporary India. The activity equips the student for competitive exams conducted by UPSC, WBPS, SSC, NET, SET.

3	Government & Politics in India	3	PLSA-P3	14	100	<p>A basic understanding of the Course is mandatory to express and articulate as a student of the subject.</p> <p>It equips the student by specifically developing skills needed for qualifying in competitive exams conducted by UPSC, WBPS, SSC, NET, SET.</p> <p>For those opting for a career in politics, especially in the context of parliamentary democracy, study of this Course is seen as an activity that greatly props meaningful engagement with policymaking and its implementation.</p>
4	International Relations	4	PLSA-P4	14	100	<p>This course spans understanding of major theories of International Relations as also the activities that reveal the dynamics of global politics and its institutional framework.</p> <p>Having a direct bearing on employability, it helps foster particular skills that enhance the recruitment chances by preparing for the general knowledge and current affairs components that are compulsory in any examination.</p>
5	Political Theory	5	PLSA-P5	13	100	<p>Introduction to the liberal as well as socialist strands of modern Political Theory is a stepping stone to analyze political phenomena in a more rational and systematic way. This course forms the basic constituent that comes handy to score in any evaluation process that recruits personnel and thereby provides employment.</p>
6	Public Administration	5	PLSA-P6	13	100	<p>The conceptual framework and theories elucidated by administrative thinkers over time facilitates understanding of how to go about in reaching out to the multitude in real life. Development of skills is essential to be able to live and serve in a state as a citizen. This Course gives an opportunity to not just engage with the theoretical aspects, but as a direct everyday activity.</p> <p>It equips for competitive exams conducted by UPSC, WBPS, SSC, NET, SET.</p> <p>For those inclined to serve as a politician in future, it gives an edge over others not similarly trained in the discipline by fostering managerial and administrative skills.</p>
7	Political Sociology	6	PLSA-P7	13	100	<p>This course ventures into identifying some key social determinants of politics in a systematic method. This helps understand the underlying social processes of political life. In any field of life, identities, primordial and achieved, need to be clearly grasped and insights developed so as to ensure cohesion and harmony in society. Study of this course directly influences the activities of learners.</p>

8	Comparative Politics & Governments	6	PLSA- P8:	13	100	This activity equips the student by enhancing skills to successfully face competitive exams conducted by UPSC, WBPS, SSC, NET, SET. The Course has , as its content, topics and issues that enhances the chances of getting employment. For those opting for a career in politics, especially in the context of parliamentary democracy, the pouring into different constitutions and governing structures in different political systems across the world helps develop insights and lifeskills.
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B.A. Political Science Honours
6 Semester Course
Mapping of the Employability etc

SI No	Name of the Course	Semester	Course Code	Employability. Skill Development and Entrepreneurship development
1	Western Political Thought	1	PLSA-P1	Exposure to ideas of key thinkers in the history of Western political thought helps identify the foundations of the conceptual framework of some major theories in Political Science. This activity provides the much needed skill to understand political theory, an academic area the understanding of which is fundamental in successfully clearing public examinations and for gainful employment.
2	Indian Political Thought & Movement	2	PLSA-P2	A snapshot of Indian Political Thought and Movement, from ancient to contemporary times, acquaints the student with the many different, often contending, approaches and streams that thinkers over time have delved into. The study of the struggle for Indian independence offers a canvas for understanding issues and movements that constitute the foundation of contemporary India. The activity equips the student for competitive exams conducted by UPSC, WBPS, SSC, NET, SET.
3	Government & Politics in India	3	PLSA-P3	A basic understanding of the Course is mandatory to express and articulate as a student of the subject. It equips the student by specifically developing skills needed for qualifying in competitive exams conducted by UPSC, WBPS, SSC, NET, SET. For those opting for a career in politics, especially in the context of parliamentary democracy, study of this Course is seen as an activity that greatly props meaningful engagement with policymaking and its implementation.

4	International Relations	4	PLSA-P4	This course spans understanding of major theories of International Relations as also the activities that reveal the dynamics of global politics and its institutional framework. Having a direct bearing on employability, it helps foster particular skills that enhance the recruitment chances by preparing for the general knowledge and current affairs components that are compulsory in any examination.
5	Political Theory	5	PLSA-P5	Introduction to the liberal as well as socialist strands of modern Political Theory is a stepping stone to analyze political phenomena in a more rational and systematic way. This course forms the basic constituent that comes handy to score in any evaluation process that recruits personnel and thereby provides employment.
6	Public Administration	5	PLSA-P6	The conceptual framework and theories elucidated by administrative thinkers over time facilitates understanding of how to go about in reaching out to the multitude in real life. Development of skills is essential to be able to live and serve in a state as a citizen. This Course gives an opportunity to not just engage with the theoretical aspects, but as a direct everyday activity. It equips for competitive exams conducted by UPSC, WBPS, SSC, NET, SET. For those inclined to serve as a politician in future, it gives an edge over others not similarly trained in the discipline by fostering managerial and administrative skills.
7	Political Sociology	6	PLSA-P7	This course ventures into identifying some key social determinants of politics in a systematic method. This helps understand the underlying social processes of political life. In any field of life, identities, primordial and achieved, need to be clearly grasped and insights developed so as to ensure cohesion and harmony in society. Study of this course directly influences the activities of learners.

8	Comparative Politics & Governments	6	PLSA-P8:	This activity equips the student by enhancing skills to successfully face competitive exams conducted by UPSC, WBPS, SSC, NET, SET. The Course has , as its content, topics and issues that enhances the chances of getting employment. For those opting for a career in politics, especially in the context of parliamentary democracy, the pouring into different constitutions and governing structures in different political systems across the world helps develop insights and lifeskills.
1	Indian Constitution	1	PLSG-P1	A basic understanding of the Course is mandatory to articulate as a student of the subject. This activity equips the student for competitive exams conducted by UPSC, WBPS, SSC, NET, SET and enhances employability. For those opting for a career in politics, study of this Course greatly props ones meaningful engagement with policymaking and its implementation by developing relevant skills..
2	Politics in India	2	PLSG-P2	This course provides an introduction to the dynamics of Indian politics. It equips the student for competitive exams conducted by UPSC, WBPS, SSC, NET, SET that directly provide employment. Those interested in making a career in politics would look forward to necessary skill development for contributing to policymaking.
3	Political Theory	3	PLSG-P3	
4	Comparative Politics & Governments	4	PLSG-P4	



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Department of Political Science: Syllabus for Political Science Honours

PLSA P1

Credit 14

1st Year

Total Marks: (4x50) = 200 * Classes per Year: 288

1st Semester: (July - December):

Net Classes: 12 Classes per Week (6 Days) x 12 Weeks
per Semester: 12x12 = 144

Paper I: Western Political Thought (100)

Unit I (Marks: 50/Classes: 72)

1. Greek Political Thought – Plato: Justice & Aristotle: State
2. Roman Political Thought – Cicero: Law & Citizenship
3. Mediaeval Political Thought – Augustine, Aquinas & Marsilio: Church-State Debate over Political Supremacy
4. Political Thought of the Renaissance – Contributions of Machiavelli
5. Political Thought of the Reformation – Martin Luther: Democratization of the Church Authority
6. Consolidation of Secular Authority – Bodin: Concept of Sovereignty

Readings

- G.H. Sabine & T.L. Thorson: A History of Political Theory
- Amal Kr. Mukhopadhyay: Western Political Thought: From Plato to Marx
- Amal Kr. Mukhopadhyay: Rashtradarshaner Dhara (in Bengali)
- S. Mukherjee & S. Ramaswamy: A History of Political Thought: Plato to Marx
- John Plamenatz: Man and Society, Vols.1-2
- David Thomson (ed.): Political Ideas
- Maurice Cranston: Western Political Philosophers
- W. T. Jones: Masters of Political Thought, Vol. 1
- Bertrand Russell: History of Western Philosophy
- Shephali Jha: Western Political Thought: Plato to Marx

Unit II (Marks: 50/Classes: 72)

1. Hobbes: founder of the Science of Materialist Politics – concept of Sovereignty and Political Obligation
2. Locke: founder of Liberalism: views on Natural Rights, Property & Consent
3. Rousseau: reconciliation of Liberty & Authority – concept of General Will
4. John Stuart Mill: revision of Liberalism – views on Liberty & Representative Government
5. Hegel: views on Civil Society & State

Readings

- G.H. Sabine & T.L. Thorson: A History of Political Theory
- Amal Kr. Mukhopadhyay: Western Political Thought: From Plato to Marx
- Amal Kr. Mukhopadhyay: Rashtradarshaner Dhara (in Bengali)
- S. Mukherjee & S. Ramaswamy: A History of Political Thought: Plato to Marx
- John Plamenatz: Man and Society, Vols.1-2

- David Thomson (ed.): Political Ideas
- Maurice Cranston: Western Political Philosophers
- W. T. Jones: Masters of Political Thought, Vol. 2
- Bertrand Russell: History of Western Philosophy

2nd Semester: (January - June): Net Classes: 12 Classes per Week (6 Days) x 12 Weeks per Semester: 12x12 = 144

PLSA P2

Credit 14

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Paper II: Indian Political Thought & Movement (100)

Unit III (Marks: 50/Classes: 72)

1. Ancient Indian Political Thought: main features(With special reference to Kautilya)
2. Mediaeval Indian Political Thought: main features(With special reference to Abul Fazl)
3. Political Thought in Modern India: Rammohan Roy as a pioneer of Indian Liberalism
4. Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, Rabindranath Tagore, Swami Vivekananda & Bal Gangadhar Tilak: views on Nationalism
5. MK Gandhi: State & Trusteeship
6. MN Roy: Radical Humanism
7. Jaiprakash Narain: Socialist Thought
8. BR Ambedkar: views on Social Justice
9. Community & Nation: Syed Ahmed Khan & Veer Savarkar

Readings

- R.S. Sharma: Aspects of Political Ideas and Institutions in Ancient India
- V.P. Varma: Hindu Political Thought
- A.T. Embree (ed.): Sources of Indian Tradition, Vol. 1
- V.R. Mehta: Foundations of Indian Political Thought
- Nrisingha Prasad Bhaduri: Dandaneeti (in Bengali)
- P.R. Tripathy: The State and Religion in Mughal India
- K.A. Nizami (ed.): Politics and Society During the Early Mediaeval Period
- M. Habit & A. Afzahuddin: Political Theory of the Delhi Sultanate
- Stephen Hay (ed.): Sources of Indian Tradition, Vol I & Vol. II
- T. Pantham & K.L. Deutsch (ed.): Political Thought in Modern India
- B.B. Majumdar: Political Ideas from Rammohun to Dayananda
- K.N. Mukherjee: The Philosophy of Rabindranath Tagore
- Jayantanuj Bandyopadhyay: Social and Political Thought of Gandhi
- B.R. Nanda: Gandhi and his Critics
- Satyabrata Chakraborty: Bharatbarsha: Rashtrabhabna (in Bengali)
- Nimai Pramanik (ed.): Adhunik Bharater Samajik O Rajnaitik Bhabna, Vol. 1 (in Bengali)

Unit IV (Marks: 50/Classes: 72)

1. Foundation of Indian National Congress
2. Bengal Partition & the Swadeshi Movement
3. Movements led by the INC: (a) Khilafat & Non-cooperation (b) Civil Disobedience (c) Quit India
4. Alternatives to Congress Politics: (a) Revolutionary Nationalism, (b) the Forward Bloc, (c) the Congress Socialist Party, (d) the Communists
5. Caste and Movements for Social Justice
6. Class Movements: the Peasants & the Workers

7. Communal Politics: the role of (a) the Muslim League & (b) the RSS
8. The INA & the Naval Uprising
9. Partition & Transfer of Power

Readings

- Sumit Sarkar : Modern India: 1885-1947
- Bipan Chandra et al: India's Struggle for Independence
- Shibani Kinkar Chaube: Colonialism, Freedom Struggle and Nationalism in India
- Sekhar Bandyopadhyay: From Plassey to Partition: A History of Modern India
- W.N. Kuber: Dr. Ambedkar, A Critical Study
- Pralay Kanungo: RSS, Twist with Destiny: From Hegdewar to Sudarshan
- Christophar Jaffrelot: Hindu Nationalism in India
- Sankar Ghosh: Socialism and Communism in India
- Subrata Banaerjee: RIN Mutiny
- B.C. Dutt: Mutiny of the Innocent
- Dipak Kr. Das: Revisiting Talwar

2nd Year Total Marks: (4x50) = 200 * Classes per Year: 288
 3rd Semester: (July - December): Net Classes: 12 Classes per Week (6 Days) x 12 Weeks per Semester: 12x12 = 144

PLSA P3

Credit 14

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Paper III: Government & Politics in India (100)

Unit V (Marks: 50/Classes: 72)

1. Framing of the Indian Constitution: role of the Constituent Assembly
2. The Preamble
3. Fundamental Rights & Duties – Directive Principles of State Policy
4. Federalism: Union-States relations
5. Executive: Union & State: structure, composition & functions
6. Legislature: Union & State: structure, composition & functions-Committee System: Estimates Committee, Public Accounts Committee.
7. Judiciary: Union & State: structure, composition & functions
8. Constitutional Amendment Procedure

Readings

- Government of India: Constitution of India (Latest edition)
- B.K.Sharma: Introduction to the Constitution of India
- Granville Austin: Working a Democratic Constitution of Indian Experience
- D.D. Basu: An Introduction to the Constitution of India
- M.V. Pylee: Constitutional Government in India (Latest edition)
- Government of India: Report of the National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution, Vol. I (Chapter XI)
- S.C. Kashyap: Perspectives of the Indian Constitution
- Ramesh Thakur: Politics and Government in India
- Bidyut Chakraborty: Indian Government and Politics

Unit VI (Marks: 50/Classes: 72)

1. Party System: features & trends – Major National Political Parties in India: ideologies & programmes – Coalition Politics in India: nature & trends – Political Parties in West Bengal: an overview

2. Electoral Process: Election Commission: composition, functions, role
3. Role of the Business & Working Classes & the Peasants in Indian Politics
4. Role of (a) Religion (b) Language (c) Caste (d) Tribe
5. Regionalism in Indian Politics
6. Politics of New Social Movements: Ecology & Gender

Readings

- Paul Brass: Politics of India since Independence
- Rajni Kothari: Omnibus
- Rakhahari Chatterji (ed.): Politics India: State-Society Interface
- S.L. Sikri: Indian Government and Politics
- Bipan Chandra (et al): India Since Independence
- T.V. Sathyamurthy: Social Change and Political Discourse in India, Vol.1
- Partha Chatterjee (ed.): State and Politics in India (Selected chapters)
- Sudipta Kaviraj (ed.): Politics in India (Selected chapters)
- Sobhanlal Dattagupta (ed.): India: Politics and Society (Selected essays)
- Ghanashyam Shaw: Social Movements: New and Old
- Nilanjan Dutta: 'From Subject to Citizen: Towards a History of the Indian Civil Rights Movement' in Michael Anderson, Sumit Guha (eds.) Changing Concepts of Rights and Justice in India
- Vina Agarwal & Indu Agnihotri: 'The women's Movement in India' in Bharati Roy & Aparna Basu (eds.) From Independence to Freedom: Indian Women Since 1947
- Mohit Ray: Prasanga Paribesh (in Bengali)

4th Semester: (January - June): Net Classes: 12 Classes per Week (6 Days) x 12 Weeks per Semester: 12x12 = 144

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Paper IV: International Relations (100)

Unit VII (Marks: 50/Classes: 72)

1. International Relations: a brief outline of its evolution as an academic discipline
2. Some representative theories of International Relations: (a) Realism (b) Pluralism (c) World Systems Theory
3. Some basic concepts in International Relations: (a) Balance of Power (b) Bi-polarity & Unipolarity (c) Neo-colonialism (d) Globalization and Transnational Actors
4. Emergent issues in International Relations: (a) Regionalism & Integration (b) Terrorism (c) Peace
5. Foreign Policy: concept & techniques: Diplomacy, Propaganda, Military

Readings

- A.A. Columbis & J. Wolfe: Introduction to International Relations
- K.J. Holsti: International Politics. A Framework for Analysis
- C. Kegley and E. Wittkopf: World Politics: Trends and Transformations
- Alvin So: Development and Social Change
- Jackson & Sorenson: International Relations
- J. Dougherty & R. Pflatzgraff: Contending Theories of International Relations
- J. Baylis, Steve Smith & Patricia Owen: The Globalisation of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations
- Roy Macridis (ed.): Foreign Policy in World Politics (Latest edition)
- Radharaman Chakrabarty: Theory and Practice of International Relations
- Daniel S. Papp: Contemporary International Relations: Framework for Understanding
- Brian White (ed.): Issues in World Politics
- Bwechll, Devetak (et al): Theories of International Relations

- Gautam Basu: Antarjatik Samparka: Tattwa O Bibartan

Unit VIII (Marks: 50/Classes: 72)

1. Cold War: a brief outline – Post-Cold War: an overview
2. Developing States in World Politics
3. Regional Organizations: EU, ASEAN, SAARC, BRICS
4. Indian Foreign Policy: basic principles & recent trends
5. Foreign Policies of China & USA: basic principles & recent trends
6. The UNO: (a) Background, (b) Organs with special reference to Security Council, General Assembly & Secretariat, (c) Role of UN in Peace Keeping & protecting Human Rights

Readings

- Brian White (ed.): Issues in World Politics
- Peter Calvo-coressi: World Politics since 1945 (Latest edition)
- C. Kegley & E. Wittkopf: World Politics: Trends and Transformations
- Purushaottam Bhattacharyya's article in Radharam Chakraborty (ed.): Samakaleen Antarjatik Samparka (in Bengali)
- M. Rhodes (ed.): Developments in West European Politics
- Leslie Holmes: Postcommunism: An Introduction
- Ramesh Thakur: Politics and Economics of India's Foreign Policy
- Roy Macridis (ed.): Foreign Policy in World Politics (Latest edition)
- Stephen Ryan: The United Nations and International Politics
- Radharaman Chakraborty: The United Nations
- Peter R. Baehr: Human Rights: Universality in Practice
- Sumit Ganguly (ed): Indian Foreign Policy
- M.R.Biju: New Horizons of Indian Foreign Policy
- M.T.Berger: The Battle for Asia
- Noam Chomsky, Latin America: From Colonization to Globalization (Ocean Press, 2002)
- Tukufu Zuberi, Tanji Gilliam (eds): Perspectives on Africa and the World (Feb 2011, Sage)

3rd Year

Total Marks: (4x100) = 400 * Classes per Year: 576

5th Semester: (July - December):

Net Classes: 24 Classes per Week (6 Days) x 12 Weeks per

Semester: 24x12 = 288

PLSA P5

Credit 13

Paper V: Political Theory (100)

Unit IX (Marks: 50/Classes: 72)

1. Approaches to the Study of Politics: (a) Normative; (b) Empirical – Systems Analysis & Structural Functionalism
2. Theories of State Sovereignty: (a) Monistic; (b) Pluralistic – challenges to State Sovereignty
3. Some representative Political Concepts: (a) Liberty (b) Equality (c) Rights
4. Liberalism and Neoliberalism – basic features: Rawls-Nozick Debate: an overview
5. Feminism – basic features; Varieties of Feminism: Liberal, Socialist, Marxist & Radical
6. Democracy: Protective, Developmental and Participatory
7. Anarchism and Fascism – basic features and forms

Readings

- N.P. Barry: Introduction to Modern Political Theory
- Andrew Haywood: Politics

- G. Ponton & P. Gill: Introduction to Politics
- G.C. Field: Political Theory
- D. Raphael: Problems of Political Philosophy
- John Gray: Liberalism
- David Held: Models of Democracy
- Stephen Wasby: Political Science: The Discipline and Its Dimensions
- S. Ramaswamy: Political Theory: Ideas and Concepts
- Richard Bellamy: Rethinking Liberalism
- Thomas A. Spragens jr: Reason and Democracy
- Michael H. Lesnoff: Political Philosophers of Twentieth Century
- Prakash Sarangi: Liberal Theories of State: Contemporary Perspectives
- David Apter: Political Analysis
- S.P. Verma: Modern Political Theory
- G. Charlesworth: Contemporary Political Analysis
- Robert Dahl: Modern Political Analysis
- M.R. Davies & G.A Lewis: Models of Political Systems
- Madan Gandhi: Modern Political Theory
- Austin Ranney: Governing: Brief Introduction to Political Science
- Dipak Kr. Das (ed.): Rajnitir Tattwakatha, Vol. 1 (in Bengali)
- Vincent: Political Ideologies

Unit X (Marks: 50/Classes: 72)

1. Socialism in Europe: Utopian Socialism – Emergence of Marxism
2. Dialectical Materialism & Historical Materialism
3. Marxian theory of Class & Class Struggle
4. Marxist theory of the State – the question of Relative Autonomy
5. Marxian theory of Revolution: contributions of Lenin & Mao
6. Gramsci: Hegemony and State
7. Democratic Socialism – an outline

Readings

- David McLellan: The Thought of Karl Marx
- David McLellan: Marxism After Marx
- L. Kolakowski: Main Currents of Marxism, Vols. 1-3
- David Riazanov (ed.): The Communist Manifesto
- J. Femina: Marxism and Democracy
- Manoranjan Mohanty: The Political Thought of Mao Tse Tung
- Tom Bottomore (ed.): A Dictionary of Marxist of Thought (New edition)
- Stuart R. Schram: The Political Thought of Mao Tse Tung
- Maurice Cornforth: Dialectical Materialism
- Dipak Kr. Das & Tapan Kr. Chattopadhyay: Varieties of Socialism
- Dipak Kr. Das (ed.): Rajnitir Tattwakatha, Vol. 2 (in Bengali)

PLSA P6

Credit 13

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Paper VI: Public Administration (100)
Unit XI (Marks: 50/Classes: 72)

1. Nature, Scope & Evolution of Public Administration – Private & Public Administration
2. Challenges to the discipline of Public Administration & responses: New Public Administration, Comparative Public Administration & Development Administration (with special reference to India)
3. Major Concepts of Administration: (a) Hierarchy (b) Unity of command (c) Span of control (d) Authority (e) Centralization, Decentralization & Delegation, Devolution (f) Line & Staff
4. Bureaucracy: views of Marx & Max Weber
5. Ecological approach to Public Administration: Riggsian Model
6. Administrative Processes: (a) Decision making (b) Communication & Control (c) Leadership (d) Co-ordination
7. Policy-making: Models of Policy-making – Policies & Implementation

Readings

- F.A Nigro & L.G. Nigro: Modern Public Administration
- Nicholas Henry: Public Administration and Public Affairs
- Mohit Bhattacharya: Public Administration
- George H. Frederickson: New Public Administration
- R.T. Golembiewski: Public Administration as a Developing Discipline (for Comparative Public Administration)
- B. Guy Peters: The Politics of Bureaucracy (for Comparative Public Administration)
- R.K. Saprú: Development Administration
- V.A. Pai Panandikar: Development Administration in India
- Mohit Bhattacharya: Development Administration: Search for Alternatives
- Rabindra Prasad (ed.): Administrative Thinkers (for Marx and Weber)
- Ramesh Arora: Comparative Public Administration
- S.R. Maheswari: Administrative Theory
- W.N. Gunn: Public Policy Analysis

Unit XII (Marks: 50/Classes: 72)

1. Evolution of Indian Administration: continuity and change
2. The Civil Service in India: recruitment (role of UPSC & SPSC), training
3. Organization of the Union Government: Secretariat Administration: PMO, Cabinet Secretariat; CAG
4. Organization of the State Government: Chief Secretary, Secretariat-Directorate relationship
5. District Administration: changing role of DM
6. Local Self-Government: Corporations, Municipalities & Panchayats in West Bengal (with special reference to the 73rd & 74th Constitutional Amendments)
7. Citizen & Administration: Lokpal, Lokayukta, Right to Information

Readings

- A. Avasthi & A.P. Avasthi: Indian Administration
- A. Avasthi & A.P. Avasthi: Public Administration in India
- S.R. Maheswari: Administration of India
- S.R. Maheswari: Public Administration in India
- A.K. Dubey: District Administration in India
- S.R. Maheswari: Local Government in India
- A.K. Mukhopadhyay: Municipal Government
- Prabhat Datta: Panchayats, Rural Development and Local Autonomy (for Panchayats in West Bengal, including 73rd and 74th Amendments)
- Siuli Sarkar: Public Administration in India
- Mohit Bhattacharya: Municipal Government: Problems and Prospects
- L.C. Jain: Decentralisation and Local Governance
- C.P. Bhambri: Administrators in a Changing Society: Bureaucracy and Politics in India
- Mohit Bhattacharya & Bidyut Chakraborty: Public Administration: A Reader
- Ashok Mukhopadhyay: Right to Information
- Ashok Mukhopadhyay: Panchayat Administration in WB

6th Semester: (January - June): Net Classes: 24 Classes per Week (6 Days) x 12 Weeks per Semester: 24x12 = 288

PLSA P7

Credit 13

Paper VII: Political Sociology (100)

Unit XIII (Marks: 50/Classes: 72)

1. Social Bases of Politics
2. Power, Authority & Legitimacy
3. Nationalism & Formation of Nation-state: processes & problems in West Europe & the Third World
4. Social Inequality & Politics: Caste, Class & Elite
5. Religion & Politics
6. Gender, Society & Politics

Readings

- Michael Rush: Politics and Society
- Keith Faulks: Political Sociology, A Critical Introduction
- Satyabrata Chakraborty (ed.): Rashtra, Samaj O Rajneeti (in Bengali)
- T.K.Oommen: State and Society: Studies in Nation-Building
- Myron Weiner & S.P. Huntington (eds.): Understanding Political Development
- C.E Fuller (ed.): Caste Today
- Barbara J. Nelson & Najma Choudhury (eds.): Women and Politics World-wide
- Tom Bottomore: Political Sociology
- Donald E. Smith (ed.): Religion and Political Modernization (Introduction only)

Unit XIV (Marks: 50/Classes: 72)

1. Political Culture & Political Socialization: nature, types & agencies
2. Political Participation: concept & types
3. Groups in politics: Political Parties & Pressure Groups
4. Political Communication
5. Election, Electorate & Electoral Behaviour
6. Military & Politics: conditions & modes of intervention
7. Politics of Development: an overview

Readings

- Ali Asraf & L.N. Sharma: Political Sociology: A New Grammar of Politics
- Amal Kumar Mukhopadhyay: Political Sociology
- Satyabrata Chakraborty (ed.): Rashtra, Samaj O Rajneeti (in Bengali)
- Satyabrata Chakraborty (ed.): Political Sociology
- Keith Faulks: Political Sociology: A Critical Introduction
- Rod Hayne & Martin Harrop: Comparative government and Politics: An Introduction
- Samuel Butler & Prannoy Roy: India Decides

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Paper VIII: Comparative Politics & Governments (100)

Unit XV (Marks: 50/Classes: 72)

1. Distinction between Comparative Politics & Comparative Government – Development of Comparative Politics
2. Approaches to the study of Comparative Politics
3. Federal Systems: USA & Russia
4. Liberal & Socialist Political Systems: Conventions, Rule of Law, Parliamentary Sovereignty (UK); Separation of Powers, Checks & Balances, Judicial Review (USA); Ideology, Democratic Centralism (PRC); Referendum, Initiative (Switzerland)
5. Political Parties & Party System: UK, USA & PRC; Interest Groups: UK & USA

Readings

- Rakhahari Chatterji: Comparative Politics (in English & Bengali)
- S.N. Ray: Comparative Politics
- G.A. Almond & G.B. Powell: Comparative Politics Today: A World View (Latest edition)
- S.E. Finer: Comparative Government (Latest edition)
- Amitabha Ray: Tulanamulak Rajniti
- Constitution of the Russian Federation

Unit XVI (Marks: 50/Classes: 72)

1. Legislature in UK & PRC: composition & functions of the Legislative Chambers – the NPC in PRC – Role of Second Chamber in UK & USA – Committee System in UK & USA – Role of Speaker in Parliamentary & Presidential Systems (UK & USA)
2. Executive in UK, USA & France: a comparative study of (a) British Prime Minister, French & American President; (b) British & US Cabinet Systems
3. Relation between Executive & Legislature in UK & USA : a comparative study
4. Judiciary in UK, USA & PRC (with special reference to the Procuratorate): a comparative study
5. Rights of the Citizens of UK, USA & PRC: a comparative study – Duties of the Citizens of PRC

Readings

- G.A. Almond & G.B. Powell: Comparative Politics Today: A World View (Latest edition)
- S.E. Finer: Comparative Government (Latest edition)
- Rajshri Basu: Tulanamulak Rajniti

Examination Pattern:

Total marks of each Paper will be 100.

For 1st and 2nd Year Honours Courses

- Continuous Assessment: Pre and Post Mid-Semester Tests of 20 marks per Paper (10 marks per Unit) will be held on the basis of seminar presentations/book reviews/ projects or any form of such assignment to be decided by the Department.
- Written Mid-Semester Test will be held with a total marks of 50 per Paper (taking 25 from each Unit) to be answered within 2 hours.
- End-Semester written Test will be conducted out of a total of 100 marks (taking 50 marks from each Unit) per Paper to be answered within 4 hours.
- 10% weightage will be given to the Pre and Post Mid-Semester Tests taken together, another 10% weightage will be given to the Mid-Semester written Test and 80% weightage will be given to the End-Semester Test.

For 3rd Year Honours Course

- There will be NO Mid-Semester Test
- Continuous Assessment: One Test from each unit of each paper of 20 marks per Paper (10 marks per Unit) will be held on the basis of seminar presentations/ book reviews/ projects or

any form of such assignment to be decided by the Department.

- End-Semester written Test will be conducted out of a total of 100 marks (taking 50 marks from each Unit) per Paper to be answered within 4 hours.
- 20% weightage will be given to the Continuous Assessment
- 80% weightage will be given to the End-Semester Test.

Question Pattern:

- Mid-Semester Test: Two essay type questions, one from each Unit of 15 marks each (to be answered within 700 words each) and four short notes, two from each Unit of 5 marks each (to be answered within 100 words each).
- End-Semester Test: Four essay type questions, two from each Unit of 15 marks each (to be answered within 700 words each) and eight short notes, four from each Unit of 5 marks each (to be answered within 100 words each)
- Options in each category of questions to be provided in 2:1 ratio.

B.A. Political Science Generic Elective

Course Structure

Sl No	Name of the Course	Semester	Course Code	Credit	Marks in the Course	Course outcome
1	Indian Constitution	1	PLSG-P1	3	75	A basic understanding of the Course is mandatory to articulate as a student of the subject. This activity equips the student for competitive exams conducted by UPSC, WBPS, SSC, NET, SET and enhances employability. For those opting for a career in politics, study of this Course greatly props ones meaningful engagement with policymaking and its implementation by developing relevant skills..
2	Politics in India	2	PLSG-P2	3	75	This course provides an introduction to the dynamics of Indian politics. It equips the student for competitive exams conducted by UPSC, WBPS, SSC, NET, SET that directly provide employment. Those interested in making a career in politics would look forward to necessary skill development for contributing to policymaking.
3	Political Theory	3	PLSG-P3	3	75	This course presents a basic understanding of some major theories of Political Science.
4	Comparative Politics & Governments	4	PLSG-P4	3	75	Course Outcome: It equips the student for competitive exams conducted by UPSC, WBPS, SSC, NET, SET. With an exposure to the functioning of different political systems across the world and their constitutions and governing structures, students would have a leeway in taking up leadership roles as a result of this activity that enhances skills.

Syllabus for Political Science General Course

1st Year: Total Marks: (2x75) = 150 * Classes per Year: 72x2= 144
1st Semester (July – December) Net Classes: 6 Classes per Week x 12 Weeks: 6x12=72

PLSGP1

Credit 3

Paper I: Indian Constitution (Marks 75 / Classes 72)

1. The Preamble
2. Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles & Fundamental Duties
3. Nature of Indian Federalism: Union-State Relations
4. Union Executive: President, Vice-President, Prime Minister & Council of Ministers
5. Union Legislature: Lok Sabha & Rajya Sabha: organization, functions, law making procedure & the Speaker of the Lok Sabha
6. Government in the States: Governor, Chief Minister & Council of Ministers
7. State Legislature: composition & functions
8. Judiciary: Supreme Court & the High Courts: composition & functions – Judicial Activism in India
9. Amendment Procedure

2nd Semester (January – June) Net Classes: 6 Classes per Week x 12 Weeks: 6x12=72

PLSGP2

Credit 3

Paper II: Politics in India (Marks 75 / Classes 72)

1. Electoral System in India – Election Commission: composition & functions
2. Party System in India: Major National Political Parties: ideologies & programmes
3. Role of Interest Groups in Indian Politics: Business, Workers & Peasants
4. Major Issues in Indian Politics: Caste, Tribe & Religion
5. Regionalism in Indian Politics: nature, roots & types
6. New Social Movements in India since 1970s: Women's Movements & Environmental Movements

2nd Year

Total Marks: (2x75) = 150 * Classes per Year: 72x2= 144

3rd Semester (July – December) Net Classes: 6 Classes per Week x 12 Weeks: 6x12=72

PLSGP3

Credit 3

Paper III: Political Theory (Marks 75 / Classes 72)

1. Nature & Scope of Political Science – Approaches to Political Science: (a) Normative & (b) Empirical
2. Theories of State: (a) Social Contract Theory, (b) Idealist Theory, (c) Liberal Theory
3. Sovereignty of the State: Monistic & Pluralistic Theories
4. Some Representative Concepts: (a) Nationalism: meaning & features, (b) Democracy: meaning & features & (c) Dictatorship: meaning & features
5. Marxist Political Theories: (a) Dialectical & Historical Materialism, (b) Class & Class Struggle, (c) State, (d) Revolution
6. Gandhian views on State & Social Change: Non-violence & ‘Satyagraha’

4th Semester (January – June) Net Classes: 6 Classes per Week x 12 Weeks: 6x12=72

PLSGP4

Credit 3

Paper IV: Comparative Politics & Governments (Marks 75 / Classes 72)

1. Political System: Liberal-democratic, Authoritarian & Socialist – Forms of Political Systems: Unitary & Federal, Parliamentary & Presidential
2. Nature of Liberal & Socialist Political Systems – their distinguishing features, with special reference to the Crown, Conventions, Rule of Law, Parliamentary Sovereignty (UK); Federalism, Separation of Powers, Checks & Balances, Judicial Review (USA); General Principles, Democratic Centralism (PRC)
3. Legislature in UK, USA & PRC: composition & functions of the Legislative Chambers – Committee Systems in UK & USA – Role of Speakers in UK & USA
4. Executive in UK, USA & PRC: a comparative study of (a) the British Prime Minister & the American President; (b) British & American Cabinet Systems; (c) the Executive in USA & PRC
5. Judiciary: (a) the Supreme Court of USA: composition & functions; (b) Judicial System in PRC (with special reference to the Procuratorate)
6. Party System in UK, USA & PRC - Role of the Communist Party in PRC & the Opposition in UK
7. Rights of the Citizens of UK, USA & PRC: a comparative study – Duties of the Citizens of PRC

Political Science(General)

Readings

- O.P. Gauba: An Introduction to Political Theory
- J.C. Johari: Political Theory
- Prakash Sarangi: Liberal Theories of State. Contemporary Perspectives
- Radharaman Chakrabarty: Theory and Practice of International Relations
- Tom Bottomore (ed.): A Dictionary of Marxist Thought

- J.C.Johari: Modern Political Systems
- G.A Almond & G.B. Powell: Comparative Politics Today: A World View (Latest edition)
- Constitution of the Russian Federation
- M.V. Pylee: India's Constitution (Latest edition)
- J.C. Johari: Indian Government and Politics, 2 Vols.
- Vina Agarwal & Indu Agnihotri : 'The Women's Movement in India' in
- Bharati Ray & Aparna Basu (eds.), From Independence to Freedom: Indian Women Since 1947

Examination Pattern:

- Total marks of each Paper will be 75.
- Internal Assessment to be conducted on the basis of written Mid-Semester Tests with a total marks of 25 per Paper to be answered within 1 hour.
- End-Semester written Tests will be conducted out of a total of 75 marks per Paper to be answered within 3 hours.
- 20% weightage will be given to the Mid-Semester Tests and 80% weightage will be given to the End-Semester Tests.

Question Pattern:

- Mid-Semester Test: One essay type question (to be answered within 600 words) with 15 marks and two short notes (to be answered within 100 words) with 5 marks each.
- End-Semester Test: Three essay type questions (to be answered within 600 words) with 15 marks each and five short notes (to be answered within 100 words) with 6 marks each.
- Options in each category of questions to be provided in 2:1 ratio.