BANGALORE UNIVERSITY
Department of Political Science

Curriculum Framework for Under Graduation

State Education Policy (SEP - 2024)

BA in Political Science
I & II Semester Syllabus

Approved by
Board of Studies (UG) in Political Science
(w.e.f Academic year 2024-2025)

July 2024, Bengaluru

PREAMBLE

Education is critical for realizing one's full potential, creating a more just and equal community, and advancing national progress. In terms of economic growth, social fairness and equality, scientific advancement, national integration, and cultural preservation, ensuring universal access to high-quality education is critical to India's continuing rise and leadership on the world arena. In this context, universal high-quality education is the most effective path ahead for developing and exploiting our country's vast skills and resources for the benefit of individuals, community, country, and globe. Over the next decade, India will have the world's largest young population, and our capacity to offer them with high-quality education and employment opportunities will decide the future of the country.

The Government of Karnataka had set up the State Education Policy (SEP) Task Force in 2023, the committee gave its recommendations in May 2024. As a result, Bangalore University, Bengaluru also took necessary steps to implement the SEP (2024-2025 academic year) and to go far beyond the traditional information creation and dissemination by incorporating them for a breakthrough with wider social and economic consequences.

The Board of Studies (BOS) in Political Science (UG), Bangalore University intends to make substantial changes to its undergraduate and graduate programs to satisfy the needs of students with a diverse set of talents, aspirations, and professional objectives. In this context, the syllabus is prepared to equip the students to understand Political Science discipline in term of the basic concepts, thoughts and theories; critically relate the theoretical aspects of Political Science to the socio-economic and political realities, and to enhance the knowledge of the students on regional, national and global politics.

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Proceedings of Under Graduate Political Science
SEP-2024 (Ist and Iind Semester Syllabus)

The Board of Studies (BOS) in Political Science (UG) meeting to prepare and finalize the Ist and Iind Semester BA in Political Science UG syllabus under the SEP, 2024 was held 2-3 July 2024 at the Board Room, Department of Political Science, Bangalore University. The BOS members have approved the syllabus, which will come into effect from the current academic year 2024-2025

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PROGRAM OBJECTIVES IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

- To understand the importance of concepts in Political Science.
- To familiarize the students with the basic ideas, thoughts and theories in Political Science.
- To help them understand and make a distinction between Political Theory, Political Philosophy, and Political Science and help them to understand the importance of these in the national and global contexts.
- To help understand the emergence and growth of modern States, and their functioning and relate them to the political realities.
- To equip them to critically relate the theoretical aspects of Political Science to the socio-economic and political realities of our times.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES IN POLITICAL SCIENCE:

At the end of the successful completion of the course, the students will be able to-

- Acquire domain knowledge.
- Study and analyze political contexts from a critical and constructive perspective
- Have a better understanding of the working of various political institutions including decentralized institutions state legislatures and parliament and relate this functioning to the greater cause of nation-building as a responsible citizen.
- Assess how global national and regional development affect polity and society.
- To gain critical thinking and develop the ability to make logical inferences about socio-economic and political issues, based on comparative and contemporary political discourses in India.
- Contemplate about national and international issues involving States having different political ideologies and historical contexts.
- Pursue higher education such as Post Graduate Studies and Research in Political Science and in other interdisciplinary areas to provide qualitative insights to create a better world.

MODEL CURRICULUM

Name of the Degree Program	BA
Discipline Core:	Political Science
Total Credits for the Program (1-6 Semester)	30
Year of Implementation	2024-2025

Program Outcomes:

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STRUCTURE FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE DISCIPLINE

Semester I				
Course	**Paper**	**Credits**	**No. of Teaching Hours/Week**	**Total Marks/ Assessment**
Discipline Core-1	Fundamental Concepts in Political Science	5	5	100 (80+20)
Semester II				
Discipline Core -2	Introduction to Political Theory	5	5	100 (80+20)

Semester I

FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
DSC-1

Course Title: FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE	
Total Contact Hours: 75	Course Credits: 5
No. of Teaching Hours/Week:5	Duration of ESA/Exam: 3 Hours
Formative Assessment Marks: 20	Summative Assessment Marks: 80+20=100

Course Objective:

- Develop an understanding about the nature and philosophy of Political Science and its interface with society. Enable the students to develop qualities of being responsible and active citizens in a democracy.

Learning Outcome:

At the end of the course the students shall understand -

- Political Science, theoretically and will gain knowledge to explain and analyze politics at large.
- The dynamics of politics.
- To inculcate the democratic spirit.

Unit	Contents of Course- 1	45 Hours
Unit-1	a. **Political Science:** Meaning of Politics, Nature, Scope and Importance of Political Science, b. **Approaches to the study of Political Science:** Traditional- Historical, Philosophical, Legal and Normative approaches, Modern- Behavioral and Post Behavioral	15 Hours
Unit-2	a. **State:** Meaning, Definition and Elements of State b. **Origin of State**: Devine Theory, Evolutionary Theory and Social Contract Theory of Thomas Hobbes, John Locke and J.J. Rousseau c. **Civil Society**- Meaning, Nature, Scope, Importance and Challenges.	15 Hours

Unit-3	**Sovereignty** a. **Sovereignty:** Emergence, Meaning, Characteristics and Kinds of Sovereignty. b. **Theories Sovereignty:** Monistic and Pluralistic, Challenges to the State Sovereignty in the age of Globalization.	**15 Hours**
Unit-4	**Law, Rights and Duties** a. **Law**: Meaning, Importance Source of Law and Kinds b. **Rights:** Meaning, Importance, Kinds and Safeguards of Rights c. **Duties:** Meaning, Importance, Kinds of Duties	**15 Hours**
Unit- 5	**Liberty, Equality and Justice** a. **Liberty:** Meaning and Kinds; Positive and Negative Liberty b. **Equality:** Meaning and Kinds (Social, Economic, and Political) c. **Justice**: Meaning and Kinds **Power**: Political Power, Authority and Obligation	**15 Hours**

Exercise:

- List out the modern elements of State
- List out the countries and identify the issues related to equality
- Identify an issue and discuss the role of civil society

Suggested Readings:

- Political Theory: Ideas & Concepts, S. Ramswamy, Delhi, Macmillan, 2002.
- Modern Political Theory, S. P. Verma, New Delhi, Vikas, 1983.
- Principles of Modern, Political Science, JC Johri, Sterling Publishers Pvt. Ltd. 1995.
- Principles of Political Science, AC Kapur, New Delhi, Sultan Chand and Sons, 2004.
- Principles of Political Science, N.N Agarwal, Vidya Bhushan, Vishnoo Bhawan, R. Chand & Co, New Delhi, 1998.
- Political Science Theory, S.C Pant, Prakashan Kendra, Lucknow, 1998.
- Political Science Theory, S. N Dubey, Lakshmi Narain Agarwal, Agra, 2002.
- Principle of Modern Political Science, J C Johari, Sterling Publications, New York, 2009.
- Principles of Political Science, Anup Chand Kapur, S Chand & Co Ltd, 2010.

Pedagogy:

- The course shall be taught through the Bridge Courses, Lecture, Tutorial, Interactive Sessions, Self-guided Learning Materials, Open Educational Recourses (OER) as reference materials, Field visit/Practical Exercises, Assignments, Seminars, Group Discussions and Week-end Counseling Classes.

Formative Assessment	
Assessment Occasion/ type	**Weightage in Marks**
Assessment Test	5
Seminar/Presentation/Group Discussion/Field visit	5
Assignment	5
Attendance	5
Total	**20**

Semester II

INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THEORY
DSC-2

Course Title: INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THEORY	
Total Contact Hours: **75**	Course Credits: **5**
No. of Teaching Hours/Week:**5**	Duration of ESA/Exam: **3 Hours**
Formative Assessment Marks: **20**	Summative Assessment Marks: **80+20=100**

Course Outcome:

- This course aims to introduce certain key aspects of conceptual analysis in political theory and the skills required to engage in debates surrounding the application of the concepts.

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the course the students shall understand -

- The nature and relevance of Political Theory.
- The different concepts like Liberty, Equality, Justice and Rights.
- To reflect upon some of the important debates in Political Theory.

Unit	Contents of Course- 2	75 Hours
Unit-1	**Political Theory** **a.** Meaning, Nature and Importance of Political Theory; Perspectives- Idealist, Materialist, Conservative, Liberal and Radical **b.** Political Theory: Decline, Resurgence and Relevance	**15 Hours**
Unit-2	**Democracy** a. Democracy: Evolution and Meaning, Types- Direct and Representative (Territorial, Minority, Proportional, Functional) **b.** Theories of Democracy- Classical, Liberal and Pluralist	**15 Hours**
Unit-3	**Liberalism:** **a.** Liberalism: Meaning, Nature and Characteristics **b.** Libertarianism and Neo-Liberalism **Socialism:** **c.** Meaning and Principles of Socialism	**15 Hours**

	Communism: a. Meaning and Principles of Communism b. Karl Marx- Dialectical and Historical Materialism	
Unit- 4	**Secularism** a. Meaning of Secularism and Debates on secularism **Communitarianism** a. Meaning Origin and growth of Communitarianism **Multiculturalism:** a. Meaning Origin and growth of Multiculturalism b. Discourses, Response and its Limitations	**15 Hours**
Unit-5	**Ideologies** a. Gandhism b. Fascism c. Feminism	**15 Hours**

Exercise:

- Write about the Myth and Reality on Communitarianism in India.
- Compare the concept of Liberty, Equality and Justice to the Modern world.
- Elucidate the understanding of Secularism in India.

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- Ahmed. V, Theory: Classes, Nations Literatures.: Verso, London, 1992.
- Arendt. H., On Revolution, Viking, New York, 1963
- Ashcroft. B, The Post-Colonial Studies Reader, Rout ledge London, 1995
- Bryson. V, Feminist political Theory, Macmillan, London, 1992.
- Christopher Butler. Postmodernism: A very Short Introduction, OUP Oxford, 2002.
- Christopher Norris, The Truth about Postmodernism.: Wiley- Blackwell, New Jersey, 1993.
- Connolly. W, Identity/Difference: Democratic Negotiations, Cornell University Press, NY, 1991.
- Edward Said, Orientalism, Pantheon Books, New York, 1978.
- Elshtain. J. B, Public Man, Private Man: women in Social and Political Thought, Princeton University Press, Princeton NJ, 1981.
- Fanon. F. Black skin, white Masks, translated by C. L. Markham, Grove Press, New York, 1967.
- Jean Francis Lyotard. The Postmodern Condition- A report on Knowledge. Parris: Minuit, 1979.
- Balagangadhara, S.N., and Jakob De Roover, "The Secular State and

"Religious Conflict: Liberal neutrality and the Indian Case of Pluralism". The Journal of Political Philosophy 15, no. 1: 67-92, 2007.

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- Nehru, Jawaharlal. 1946. The Discovery of India. Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 1988.
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Assessment Occasion/ type	**Weightage in Marks**
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Assignment	5
Attendance	5
Total	**20**

General Pattern of Political Science Question Paper (SEP- 2024)

Term End Examination for Discipline Core (DSC)

Total Marks	80
Duration	3 hrs

Section A

Answer the following questions in not more than 20- 30 words.
All the questions are compulsory (10x2=20)

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Section B:

Answer any three questions in not more than 200-250 words.

(3x10=30)

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Section C:

(2x15=30)

Answer any Two questions in not more than 500 words

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