



**VSKUB SEP Proposed Curricular and Credits Structure in
Political Science for the Three Years B.A. Undergraduate Programme
with effect from 2024-25
(Three Major Combination)**

Syllabus (I & II Semester)
for
Political Science Discipline

Curriculum Structure for Political Science as one of the Majors

Semester	Paper Type	Title of the Paper	Credit	Hours/Week	Duration of SEE In Hrs	Total Marks
1 st Sem	Core	Understanding Political Science a) Fundamentals of Political Science b) Political Theory	5	5	3	100 (80+20)
	Compulsory	Constitution of India	2	2	1.5	50(40+10)
2 nd Sem	Core	Political Process in India	5	5	3	100 (80+20)
3 rd Sem	Core	Government and Politics of Karnataka	5	5	3	100 (80+20)
	Elective	Human Rights	2	2	2	50(40+10)
4 th Sem	Core	Political Thought a) Western Political Thinkers b) Indian Political Thinkers	5	5	3	100 (80+20)
	Elective	Good Governance	2	2	2	50(40+10)
5 th Sem	Core	Basic Principles of Public Administration	4	4	3	100 (80+20)
	Core	Comparative Governments and Politics	4	4		100 (80+20)
	SEC	Elementary Research Methodology	2	2	2	50(40+10)
6 th Sem	Core	International Relations	4	4	3	100 (80+20)
	Core	Local Self Governments	4	4	3	100 (80+20)
	SEC	Elementary Research Project	2	2(FW)*	-	50(40+10)
		Total	46			

*One Credit (01) = One Field Study (F) period of one (1) hour

Department: Political Science**Semester I**

Course Title: Basic Principles of Political Science	Course Code: 24MJPOSILT
Total Contact Hours: 5 Hours	No.of Credits: 5
L:T:P: 4:1:0 One credit (01) = One Tutorial (T) period of one (1) hour	Internal Assessment Marks: 20
Duration of SEE: 3 Hours	Semester End Examination Marks: 80

Course Pre-requisite(s):

Develop a conceptual understanding regarding the nature and philosophy of Political Science and its interface with society. The course enables students to develop qualities of responsible and proactive citizenship in a democracy. The course also aims at familiarizing the theories of politics and Political Science synthesizing it with the skills required to engage in debates surrounding the application of politics and the Science of Politics.

Course Outcomes (COs): At the end of the course the students shall understand -

C01: Political Science conceptually and will gain knowledge to explain and analyze pragmatic politics in day to day life.

C02: The dynamics of politics and appreciate its importance in a life of citizen.

C03: The democratic spirit and the democratic functioning of a state.

C04: The nature, relevance of Political Theory and its application.

C05: And analyse the concepts like Liberty, Equality, Justice and Rights.

Contents	56 Hrs
Unit-1:	
Chapter-1 Meaning, Nature, Scope and Importance of Political Science	10
Chapter-2 Relationship with other Social Sciences: History, Sociology, Economics, Philosophy and Law	
Chapter-3 Recent trends Political Science	
Unit.2:	
Chapter-1 State: Meaning, Definitions and Elements of State and Origin of State- Divine Theory, Social Contract (Hobbes, Lock and Rousseau)	10
Chapter-2 Sovereignty: Meaning, Characteristics and types	
Chapter-3 Liberty: Meaning and Kinds ; Positive and Negative.	
Unit-3:	
Chapter-1 Equality: Equality - Meaning and Kinds (Social, Economic and Political).	10
Chapter-2 Justice: Meaning and kinds.	
Chapter-3 Rights and Duties: Meaning, kinds and Importance	

Unit-4:	
<p>Chapter-1 Political Theory: Meaning, Nature and Importance.</p> <p>Chapter-2 Approaches: Traditional and Modern (Normative, Philosophical, Institutional, Behavioral, Post-Behavioral, Systems (David Easton) and Marxian.</p> <p>Chapter-3 Relevance of Political Theory, Decline and Resurgence of Political Theory.</p>	16
Unit-5:	
<p>Chapter-1 Democracy-Concept, Kinds, Essentials and importance</p> <p>Chapter-2 Theories of Democracy - Classical, Liberal, Elite and Pluralist</p> <p>Chapter-3 Working of Democracy: Procedural, Deliberative, Participative and Representative.</p> <p>Further Readings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Political Theory: Ideas & Concepts, S. Ramswamy, Delhi, Macmillan, 2002. 2. Modern Political Theory, S. P. Verma, New Delhi, Vikas, 1983. 3. Principles of Modern, Political Science, J C Johri, Sterling Publishers Pvt. Ltd. 1995. 4. Principles of Political Science, AC Kapur, New Delhi, Sultan Chand and Sons, 2004. 5. Principles of Political Science, N.N Agarwal, Vidya Bhushan, Vishnoo Bhawan, R. Chand & Co, New Delhi, 1998. 6. Political Science Theory, S.C Pant, Prakashan Kendra, Lucknow, 1998. 7. Political Science Theory, S. N Dubey, Lakshmi Narain Agarwal, Agra, 2002. 8. Principle of Modern Political Science, J C Johari, Sterling Publications, New York, 2009. 9. Principles of Political Science, Anup Chand Kapur, S Chand & Co Ltd, 2010. 	10

Pedagogy:

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

Formative Assessment for Theory	
Assessment	Marks
Assessment Test-1	5
Seminar/Presentation/Group Discussion	5
Assessment Test-2	5
Assignment	5
Total	20

Department: Political Science**Semester II**

Course Title: Political Process in India	Course Code: 24MJPOS2LT
Total Contact Hours: 5 Hours	No.of Credits: 5
L:T:P: 4:1:0 One credit (01) = One Tutorial (T) period of one (1) hour	Internal Assessment Marks: 20
Duration of SEE: 3 Hours	Semester End Examination Marks: 80

Course Pre-requisite(s): An understanding of the political process in India calls for a mode of analysis, which takes into consideration social and economic relations in society, and the manner in which they impact upon and are shaped by the institutional frameworks of politics.

Course Outcomes (COs): At the end of the course the students shall understand -

C01: the functioning of Indian Democratic System is essential for a comprehensive understanding of the Indian Political System.

C02: the insights of the interconnections between social and economic relations and the political process in India.

C03: the challenges arising due to caste, class, gender and religious diversities and also analyse the changing nature of the Indian state in the light of these diversities.

C04: the specificities of the political processes in India in the light of changes of the state practices, electoral system, representational forms and electoral behavior.

C05: how electoral rules and procedure in India effect election outcomes

Contents	56 Hrs
Unit-1:	
Chapter-1 Parliamentary Democracy: Meaning and Features	10 Hrs
Chapter-2 Indian Federalism: Meaning, Features and types	
Chapter-3 Centre-State Relations : Administrative, Legislative and Financial	
Unit.2:	
Chapter-1 Political Parties: Meaning, Nature, Features, Functions and Kinds (National and Regional parties)	11 Hrs
Chapter-2 Trends in the Party System; Single to Multi-Party	
Chapter-3 Role of opposition parties and Pressure Group	
Unit-3:	
Chapter-1 Coalition Government: Meaning, Causes and Working.	12 Hrs
Chapter-2 Election Commission of India: Composition, Powers and Functions.	
Chapter-3 Electoral Reforms	
Unit-4:	
Chapter-1 Politics of Defection- Meaning, Causes and Acts	13 Hrs
Chapter-2 Affirmative Action Policies in India: Meaning, importance and	

implications	
Chapter-3 Role of Caste, Religion, Language and Regionalism in India.	
Unit-5:	
Chapter-1 National Human Rights Commission: Structure, Powers and Functions. Chapter-2 National Commission for SC and ST: Structure, Powers and Functions. Chapter-3 National Women's Commission: Structure, Powers and Functions	10 Hrs
Further Readings	
1) Indian Government & Politics, K.K Ghai, Kalyani Publishers, New Delhi, 2002. 2) The Constitution of India, P.M Bakshi, Universal Law Publishing Co.Ltd, New Delhi, 2003. 3) India's Constitution, M.V. Pylee, S.Chand&Co.Pvt.Ltd, New Delhi, 1999. 4) Indian Government & Politics, D.C. Gupta, Vikas Publishing House, Pvt.Ltd, 1994. 5) The Indian State: Fifty years, C. P. Bhambri, New Delhi, Shipra, 1999 6) Politics in India, Delhi, S. Kaviraj, Oxford University Press, 1998	

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Question Paper Pattern for Core Papers

Semester I and II

Course Code:		Course Title:	
Duration of Exam	3 Hours	Max Marks	80
Instruction:	Answer all the sections		
Term End Examination			
Each paper will be for maximum of 80 mark. The minimum mark to pass the examination is 40% (32 mark) in each theory paper.			
Note: Duration of Examination is 3 hours. Question paper pattern – Section A: Short Answer Questions Section B: Medium Answer Questions Section C: Long Answer Questions			
Section A: Short Answer Questions			
Answer any 10 Questions in two to three sentences each.			
(10x2=20)			
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Section B: Medium Answer Questions			
Answer any 5 Questions in eight to ten sentences each.			
(5x6=30)			
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Section C: Long Answer Questions

Answer any 3 Questions

(3x10=30)

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