

**Syllabi and courses of study
For
Political Science Semester-I
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Course

Title

Semester: 1st

PS-SI-C1

Western Political Thought

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Western Political Thought

Course no. PS-SI-C1

Unit:I

- 1.1 Political Philosophy: Nature, Significance and the Central Concerns of Political Philosophy.
- 1.2 Nature of Greek Society and Politics with a special focus on Athens and Sparta
- 1.3 Influences on Plato: Socrates and other influences

Unit:II

- 2.1 Plato:
 - a) A Comprehensive Study of the *Republic*
 - b) Critique—With Special reference to Aristotle's Critics of Plato
 - c) Laws—A General Introduction
- 2.2 Aristotle: *Politics*

Unit:III

- 3.1 Roman Political Thought; Cicero.
- 3.2 General Characteristics of Medieval Western Politics; Church-State Relationship.
- 3.3 St. Augustine; City of God and Earthly City.

Unit:IV

- 4.1 Thomas Aquinas; Classification of Law and Government.
- 4.2 Renaissance
- 4.3 Machiavelli

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Indian Political System

Course No. PS-SI-C2

Unit:I

- 1.1 Approaches to the Study of Indian Politics:
 - a) Institutional,
 - b) Political Economy, and
 - c) Humane-Governance Approach
- 1.2 Ideological Basis of Indian Constitution: Theory and Practice.
- 1.3 State in India: Democratic, Developmental and Coercive Dimensions.

Unit:II

- 2.1 Changing Nature of Indian Federalism;
 - a) Demands for State Autonomy; and
 - b) Decentralization and creation of New States.
- 2.2 Issues of Development and Sharing Resources.
- 2.3 The Parliamentary System: Functioning, Trends and Challenges.

Unit:III

- 3.1 Judicial System: Judicial Activism and Judicial Reforms.
- 3.2 Affirmative Actions and Forms of New Assertions: Caste, Religion, Tribals and Ethnicity.

Unit:IV

- 4.1 Parties and Politics: Evolving Nature of Indian Party System, Breakdown of one Dominant Party System; Emergence of Regional Parties.
- 4.1 Coalition Politics and Electoral Reforms
- 4.2 Development and Politics:
 - a. Liberalization of Indian Economy and Crisis of Nation-State
 - b. Regional and Social Disparities
 - c. Social Movements—Gender, Environment, Peasants and Workers
- 4.4 Working of Indian Democracy; An Assessment.

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International Politics

Course No. PS-SI-C3

Unit:I

- 1.1 Scope, Significance and Changing Nature of International Politics.
- 1.2 International Politics during the Cold War Era.
- 1.3 Decolonization and Emergence of Third World.
- 1.4 Post Cold War Politics: Changing Pattern of present International order
- 1.5 Non-Alignment and its Contemporary relevance

Unit:II Politics of Interdependence

- 2.1 U.N and International Order, Issues of Peace and Development, Collective Security.
- 2.2 Need for Reform in the UN; Different Perspectives.
- 2.3 Transnational Actors in World Politics; New Issues of Environment and Terrorism.

Unit:III: International Political Economy

- 3.1 International Political Economy in the Study of International Relations: Approaches—Traditional and Modern.
- 3.2 Neo-Colonialism and Dependency Theories.
- 3.3 Multilateralism, Regionalism and Role of WTO.

Unit: IV

- 4.1 Globalization: Different Perspectives.
- 4.2 North-South Divide: Dimensions and Emerging Trends; Expanding Centres of Power from G8 to G20.
- 4.3 Regional Integration: EU, SAARC and ASEAN

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Government And Politics In Jammu & Kashmir

Course No. PS-SI-C4

Unit I: State of Jammu and Kashmir: An Introduction

- 1.1 Jammu and Kashmir:
 - a. Geo Historical Background
 - b. Colonialism and Formation of the State
 - c. Position of the State vis-à-vis British Paramountcy
- 1.2 Ideology and Politics (1931-1947):
 - a. Ideological Orientation of the Freedom Movement
 - b. Naya Kashmir Manifesto and its Legacy
- 1.3 Birth of Kashmir Problem: Causes and Ramifications.

Unit II: Plurality and Federal Structure

- 2.1 Special Status: Article 370, Erosion and Debates for its Restoration.
- 2.2 State Constitution: Ideological Structure and Features.
- 2.3 Party System: Changes; Coalition Politics.
- 2.4 Models of Regional and Sub-regional Autonomy.

Unit III: Socio-Economic Structure and Politics:

- 3.1 Political Economy of Land Reforms with special reference to Abolition of Big Land and Estates Act, (1948-1976).
- 3.2 Dependency and Internal Resource Mobilization; Limitations and Challen
- 3.3 Corruption: Nature and Dimensions.
- 3.4 Cross-LOC Trade: Problems and Potential.

Unit IV: Political Issues and Concerns

- 4.1 Electoral Politics, Democracy and the Problems of Governance in the State.
- 4.2 Debates on Self-determination.

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- 4.3 Militancy; Dimensions and Implications.
- 4.4 Human Rights, Security Laws and Status of State Human Rights Commission.