

# Political Science

## B.A.I Minor /Elective

Semester : I / II

Course Title : FUNDAMENTALS OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INDIAN CONSTITUTION

Objectives:

To acquire an understanding of certain fundamental concepts of Political Science and to make aware of basics of Indian Constitution.

### UNIT-1: POLITICAL CONCEPTS

What is Political science – meaning definition, nature and scope, relation with other social science

State: Definition, Elements and Theories of Origin of State,

Sovereignty: Definition, Characteristics, pluralism

Equality , Liberty, Justice and Rights

### UNIT-2: INDIAN CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM

Basic Features: Federalism, Secularism, Parliamentary Democracy, Rule of Law Fundamental Rights,

Directive Principles of State Policies and Fundamental Duties

Basic Issues In Indian Politics: Communalism, Castism, Corruption, Good Governance.

Suggested readings:

1. Bhargava, Rajeev and Ashok Acharya (2008). Political Theory: An Introduction. New Delhi: Pearson Education
2. G. Almond & Sidney Verba (1989) The Civic Culture Revisited. New Delhi: Sage.
3. Johari, J. C., (2007). Principles of Modern Political Science. New Delhi: Sterling.
4. Ray, Amit and Mohit Bhattacharya (1988). Political Theory: Institutions and Ideas. Calcutta: The World Press.
5. Gauba, O. P. (2008). An Introduction to Political Theory. New Delhi: Macmillan India.
6. Dahl, Robert (2007). Modern Political Analysis. Oxford: Oxford University Press.



B.A. II Semester (Minor):

**Course Title:** Fundamentals of Political Science, Indian Constitution and Politics:

**Objectives:**

To acquire an understanding of certain fundamental concepts of Political Science and to make aware of basic features of Indian Constitution and Politics.

**UNIT-I:** Political Concepts:

Political science: Meaning and Scope

Nature of Political science: A Science or An Art

Sovereignty, Freedom, Justice, Equality, Fraternity and Human Dignity

**UNIT-II:** Indian Constitution:

Preamble, Citizenship, Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles State Policy, Fundamental Duties

**UNIT-III:** Indian Politics:

Basic Issues In Indian Politics:

Good Governance, Terrorism, Corruption in election, Election Reforms, Right to Information.

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## B.A. IV Semester (Minor):

**Course Title:** Concepts, Ideologies and Modern Themes of Political Science

### **Objectives:**

To acquire an understanding of certain fundamental concepts and Ideologies of Political Science.

### **Unit I: Concepts of Political Science:**

Meaning, Classification and Theories of the origin of the State: Divine, Social Contract and Historical or Evolutionary Theory

Democracy: Meaning, Characteristics and Types

### **Unit II: Dominant Ideologies:**

Liberalism

Communism

Nationalism

### **UNIT-III: Modern Themes:**

Globalization

Climate Change and Global Governance

Technology and Digital Politics

Kleptocracy

### **Suggested Readings:**

1. O.P. Gauba, An Introduction to Political Theory, Macmillan (latest edition)
2. Andrew Heywood, Political Theory, Palgrave (latest edition)
3. Andrew Heywood, Political Ideologies, Palgrave (latest edition)
4. Will Kymlicka, Contemporary Political Philosophy, OUP (latest edition)
5. P.M. Bakshi, The Constitution of India, Universal Law Pub. (latest edition)
6. D.D. Basu, Introduction to the Constitution of India, Lexis Nexis (latest edition)

