

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.

III
B.A. 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)