

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
B N COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), DHUBRI,
ASSAM

Semester: 1st

Paper Name: Introduction to Political Theory (CORE)

Paper Code: POL-DSC-141 (Major & Minor)

Credit: 4

Lecture: 60

Tutorials: 0

Hours: 60

Practical: 0

Full Marks: 100

Course Outcome

- a. After completion of the course, the students will be able to understand the key concepts in Political Theory.
- b. Students will be able to understand and analyse the various approaches and theories in Political Science.
- c. Students will be able to evaluate the contemporary trends and debates in Political Theory.

Main Syllabus

Unit No	Syllabus	Class Hour	Allotted Marks
1	Understanding Political Science <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Concept, Origin and Developmentb. Approaches to Political Science<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Traditional Approach (Historical, Philosophical, and Institutional)ii. Modern Approach: Behaviouralism and Post-behaviouralism	15	25

2	Understanding Politics and Political Theory <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What is Politics? Political Theory: Concept, Types and Relevance Political Theory and Political Philosophy: Relations and Importance 	15	25
3	Approaches and Contemporary Perspectives on Political Theory <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Liberal: Origin and Concept Marxist: Origin and Concept Feminist: Origin and Concept 	15	25
4	Concepts in Political Theory <ol style="list-style-type: none"> State: Meaning, Elements and Its relations with government and society Sovereignty: Origin and Concept Power, Authority and Legitimacy: Concept and Relations 	15	25

Suggested Readings

1. Bhargava, R. and Ashok Acharya (2008)(Eds.) Political Theory: An Introduction, New Delhi: Pearson Longman.
2. Bhargava, R, (2010) 'What is Political Theory and Why Do We Need it', New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
3. Bhambhri, C. P. (2008): Democracy in India, New Delhi: National Book Trust.
4. Dutta, A. R. (2011): Political Theory: Issues and Debates, Guwahati: Arun Prakashan.
5. Gauba, O. P. (2007): An Introduction to Political Theory, New Delhi: MacMillan.
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7. Ghai, K. K. (2019): An Introduction to Political Theory, New Delhi

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Semester: B. A. 1st Semester

Paper Name: Public Opinion and Democracy (SEC)

Paper Code: POL-SEC-131

Credit: 3
Lecture: 45

Tutorials: 0

Hours: 45
Project/Practical:
01
Full Marks: 75

Course Outcome

1. To make the students understand the key concepts of democracy.
2. To enable the students to analyse the working of modern democracy.
3. To make students able to evaluate the value of public opinion in democracy.

Main Syllabus

Unit No.	Syllabus	Class Hour	Allotted Marks
1	Understanding Public Opinion a. Meaning of Public Opinion b. Features c. Agencies d. Importance and Role	15	25
2	Understanding Democracy a. Meaning of Democracy b. Principles c. Conditions for success of democracy d. Debates related to democracy (Participatory Vs. Procedural and Direct Vs. Indirect)	15	25

Project:

The students will need to carry out a Project of 25 marks (1 credit) having 15 class hours. The Project is compulsory. The Students will require to submit their Project on any of the following topics which will be followed by a presentation/ viva-voce.

Project Topics:

- a. Role of Political Party in democracy
- b. Participation of Women in Indian democracy
- c. Role of media in forming public opinion

Suggested Readings

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2. Dutta, A. R. (2011): Political Theory: Issues and Debates, Guwahati: Arun Prakashan.
3. Chaube, S (2009): The Making and Working of the Indian Constitution, New Delhi: National Book Trust.
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5. Granville Austin (2010): Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation: New Delhi: OUP.
6. Hassan, Zoya (ed.) (2004): Parties and Party Politics in India, New Delhi: OUP.
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Semester: 1st

Paper Name: Introduction to Political Science (MDC)

Paper Code: POL-MDC-131

Credit: 3
Lecture: 45
Tutorials: 0

Hours: 45
Practical: 0
Full Marks: 75

Course Outcome

1. To make the Students understand the key concepts in Political Science.
2. To make the students able to analyse different aspects of conceptual analysis.
3. To enable the students to grasp the understanding the basic structure of the Constitution.

Main Syllabus

Unit No.	Syllabus	Class Hour	Allotted Marks
1	Introduction to Political Science a. Meaning and Definitions b. Nature and Scope c. Utility of Studying Political Science d. Relation of Political Science with other branches of Social Sciences (History, Sociology, Economics)	15	25
2	Concepts in Political Science a. Rights b. Equality c. Democracy d. State and its Elements	15	25
3	Understanding Constitution a. Meaning and Definitions	15	25

	b. Characteristics		
	c. Classification		
	d. Importance		

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Semester: 2nd

Paper Name: Understanding Indian Constitution (CORE)

Paper Code: POL-DSC-142 (Major & Minor)

Credit: 4

Lecture: 60

Tutorials: 0

Hours: 60

Practical: 0

Full Marks: 100

Course Outcome

1. After completion of the course, the students will be able to understand about the basic structure of Indian Constitution.
2. Students will be able to analyse functioning of the Government and its various organs.
3. Students will be able to evaluate the concept of decentralization and the role of Panchayati Raj Institution and Municipalities at the grass root level.

Main Syllabus

Unit No.	Syllabus	Class Hour	Allotted Marks
1	The Constituent Assembly and the Constitution c. Constituent Assembly: Historical Backdrop and formation (Government of India Act 1909, 1919, 1935 and 1947) d. Preamble and the basic features of Indian Constitution. e. Amendment of Constitution: Nature and Procedure.	15	25
2	Fundamental Rights and Fundamental Duties d. Fundamental Rights: Types and	15	25

	<p>Importance</p> <p>e. Fundamental Duties: Importance and relation with Fundamental Rights.</p> <p>f. Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSP): Types and Importance</p>		
3	<p>Organs of the Government</p> <p>a. Legislature- Parliament: Composition, Powers and Functions</p> <p>b. Executive: President, Prime Minister, Council of Ministers</p> <p>c. Judicial Review: Concept and Importance</p> <p>d. Judicial Activism: Concepts and Importance</p>	15	25
4	<p>Federalism and Decentralisation</p> <p>d. Federalism: Concept, Characteristics , Emergency Provisions</p> <p>e. Centre-State Relations: Conflict and Accommodation</p> <p>f. Decentralisation: Concept, Characteristics and Importance</p> <p>g. Panchayati Raj and Municipalities: 73rd and 74th Amendments and 11th, 12th Schedule of the Constitution.</p> <p>h. Sixth Schedules of the Indian Constitution.</p>	15	25

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Semester: 2nd

Paper Name: Leadership Development (SEC)

Paper Code: POL-SEC-132

Credit: 3
Lecture: 45
Tutorials: 0

Hours: 45
Project/Practical: 01
Full Marks: 75

Course Outcome

1. To enable students to understand the paths of personal and professional leadership development.
2. To make the students able to analyse as to why and how leadership skills are necessary for personal and organizational success.
3. To develop critical appreciation and evaluate effective leadership skills.

Main Syllabus

Unit No.	Syllabus	Class Hour	Allotted Marks
1	Introduction to leadership f. Meaning of leadership g. Evaluation and growth of leadership h. Characteristics and functions i. Types of leadership	15	25
2	Theories of leadership g. Trait Theory h. Behavioural Theory i. Great man Theory j. Situational Theory	15	25

Project:

The students will need to carry out a Project of 25 marks (1 credit) having 15 class hours. The Project is compulsory. The Students will require to submit their Project on any of the following topics which will be followed by a presentation/ viva-voce.

Project Topics:

- a. Emerging Trends in Leadership
- b. Challenges to Effective Leadership
- c. Leadership and Gender
- d. Communication Skill and Leadership

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Semester: 2nd

Paper Name: Introduction to Constitution of India (MDC)

Paper Code: POL-MDC-132

Credit: 3
Lecture: 45
Tutorials: 0

Hours: 45
Practical: 0
Full Marks: 75

Course Outcome

- To make the students understand the constitutional development in India.
- To make the students able to analyse the philosophy of the constitution of India..
- To impart knowledge to the students and evaluate the working of the organs of the government.

Main Syllabus

Unit No.	Syllabus	Class Hour	Allotted Marks
1	Making of the Indian Constitution j. A brief history of constitutional development in India. iii. Morley- Minto Reform Act, 1909 iv. Montegu-Chelmsfrod Reforms Act, 1919. v. Government of India Act 1935 k. Constituent Assembly	15	25
2	Philosophy of the Indian Constitution k. The preamble l. Basic features of the Indian Constitution m. Fundamental Rights and Duties	15	25
3	Organs of the Government	15	25

	e. Union Executive f. Union Legislature g. Judiciary (Supreme Court of India)		
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