



VIKRAMA SIMHAPURI UNIVERSITY::NELLORE

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(A.P. State of Council of Higher Education)

B.A. Political Science Core Syllabus under CBCS

(with effect from the Academic Year 2020-21)

Course Structure

Structure of B.A. Political Science Core Syllabus under CBCS

PROGRAMME: FOUR-YEAR B.A

(With History, Economics and Political Science Disciplines)

Sl. No	Sem	Name of Course (Each Course consists 5 Units with each Unit having 12 hours of class-work)	Sem	Hours/ Week	Credits	Marks		
						Int	Univ	Total
1	1	Introduction to Political Science	I	5	4	25	75	100
2	2	Basic Organs of the Government	II	5	4	25	75	100
3	3	Indian Government and Politics	III	5	4	25	75	100
4	4	Indian Political Process	IV	5	4	25	75	100
5	5	Western Political Thought	IV	5	4	25	75	100
Total					20	125	375	500

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SEMESTER I

COURSE-I : INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE

Learning Outcomes:

- On successful completion of the course the students will be able to;
- Recall the previous knowledge about Political Science and understand the nature and scope, traditional and modern approaches of Political Science.
- Understand concepts intrinsic to the study of Political Science.
- Have solid theoretical understanding of Rights and its theories along with the basic aspects of certain political ideologies.
- Apply the knowledge to observe the field level phenomena

UNIT-I :	INTRODUCTION
	1. Definition, Nature, Scope and Importance of Political Science – Relations with allied disciplines (History, Economics, Philosophy and Sociology)
	2. Approaches to the study of Political Science: Traditional Approaches-Philosophical, Historical. Modern Approaches-Behavioral and System Approach.

UNIT-II :	STATE
	1. Definition of the State, Elements of the State, Theories of Origin of the State-(Divine Origin, Force, Evolutionary and Social Contract).
	2. Concepts of Modern State and Welfare State.

UNIT-III :	CONCEPTS OF POLITICAL SCIENCE	
	1.	Law, Liberty, Equality.
	2.	Power, Authority and Legitimacy.

UNIT-IV :	THEORIES OF RIGHTS	
	1.	Meaning, Nature and Classification of Rights
	2.	Theories of Rights.

UNIT-V :	POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES	
	1.	Liberalism, Individualism, Anarchism.
	2.	Socialism, Marxism and Multiculturalism.

REFERENCE BOOKS:

➤ A.C. Kapur	:	<i>Principles of Political Science</i>
➤ R.C. Agarwal	:	<i>Political Theory</i>
➤ J.C. Johari	:	<i>Contemporary Political Theory</i>
➤ Amaj Ray & Bhattacharya	:	<i>Political Theory and Institutions</i>
➤ O.P. Gauba	:	<i>An Introduction to Political Theory</i>
➤ Abbas, Hoveyda & Ranjay Kumar	:	<i>Political Theory</i>
➤ Andrew Hakes	:	<i>Political Theory: Philosophy, Ideology, Science</i>
➤ J.C. Johari	:	<i>Principles of Modern Political Science</i>
➤ Rajeev Bhargava & Ashok Acharya (ed)	:	<i>Political Theory-An Introduction</i>
➤ Andrew Heywood	:	<i>Political Ideologies-An Introduction</i>
➤ Norman Barry	:	<i>An Introduction to Modern Political Theory</i>
➤ J. M. Musalialah, V. Vasundhara Devi & V. Bhogendracharyulu, Prof. V. Ravindra Sastry (ed)	:	<i>Political Science Concepts, Theories & Institutions</i>
➤ Laski, H.J.	:	<i>Grammar of Politics</i>
➤ A. Appadorai	:	<i>Substance of Politics</i>

➤ Eddy Ashirvadam&K.K.Misra	:	<i>Political Theory</i>
➤ SushilaRamaswamy	:	<i>Political Theory: Ideas & Concepts, Political Theory & Thought, Key Concepts in Political Theory</i>
➤ VidyaDhar Mahajan	:	<i>Political Theory (Principles of Political Science)</i>
➤ S.P.Varma	:	<i>Modern Political Theory</i>

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CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES RECOMMENDED

<i>Measurable Co-curricular Activities (A uniform format may be designed and marks allotted)</i>
Simple, medium and critical Assignments on current topics
Class Seminars
Quiz Programme
Study Projects on field related problems, individual and Group
Preparation of Alternate Theoretical Models to the existing systems/functions
Debates on current issues.
<i>General Co-Curricular Activities</i>
Preparation of Photo Album. Students' Open Forums
Collection of news reports from dailies and magazines and maintaining a record of paper clippings.
Group Discussions on problems relating to the syllabus and outside
Watching TV discussions, recording individual observations and preparing summary points
Celebration of important events.
Encouragement to students to use various digital online tools (Google forms, Google Class room, edmodo, testmoz, kahoot, edpuzzle, moodle etc.), Open source software, Open educational resources
Cooperative Learning and Peer Teaching
Comparative study of the Rights that citizens are enjoying around the globe
Creative and imaginative activities beyond the prescribed syllabus

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SEMESTER II

COURSE-II : BASIC ORGANS OF THE GOVERNMENT

Learning Outcomes:

On successful completion of the course the students will be able to:

Understand the Origin and Evolution of the concept of Constitutionalism and classification of Constitutions.

Acquaint themselves with different theories of origin of State.

Understand and analyses organs and forms of Governments along with a deep insight into the various agents involved in the political process.

Apply the knowledge to analyse and evaluate the existing systems

UNIT-I :	CONSTITUTION
	1. Meaning, Definition, Origin and Evolution of Constitution.
	2. Classification of the Constitutions-Written and Unwritten; Rigid and Flexible.

UNIT-II :	ORGANS OF THE GOVERNMENT
	1. Theory of Separation of Powers-B.D. Montesquieu.
	2. Legislature-Unicameral and Bicameral-Power and Functions, Executive-Types, Powers and Functions. Judiciary-Powers and Functions.

UNIT-III :	FORMS OF GOVERNMENT
	1. Unitary and Federal forms of Governments-Merits and Demerits.
	2. Parliamentary and Presidential forms of Governments- Merits and Demerits.

UNIT-IV :	DEMOCRACY
	1. Meaning, Definition, Significance, Theories and Principles of Democracy.
	2. Types of Democracy: Direct and Indirect Democracy-Methods, Merits and Demerits-Essential Conditions for Success of Democracy.

UNIT-V :	POLITICAL PARTIES, PRESSURE GROUPS AND PUBLIC OPINION
	1. Meaning, Definition and Classification of Political Parties: National and Regional-Functions of Political Parties.
	2. Pressure Groups (Interest Groups)- Meaning, Definition, Types, Functions and Significance of Public Opinion.

REFERENCE BOOKS:

➤ SukhbirBhatnagar	:	<i>Constitutional Law and the Governance</i>
➤ A.C.Kapur	:	<i>Select Constitutions</i>
➤ R.C.Agarwal	:	<i>Political Theory</i>
➤ VidyaDhar Mahajan	:	<i>Political Theory (Principles of Political Science)</i>
➤ M.R.Biju	:	<i>Democratic Political Process</i>
➤ PeterRonald de Souja&E.Sreedharan (ed)	:	<i>Indian Political Parties</i>
➤ JadiMusalaiah, V.Vasundhara Devi &V.Bhogendracharyulu, Prof.V.RavindraSastry (ed)	:	<i>Political Science Concepts, Theories & Institutions</i>
➤ Laski. H.J.	:	<i>Grammar of Politics</i>
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➤ Eddy Ashirvadam&K.K.Misra	:	<i>Political Theory</i>
➤ SushilaRamaswamy	:	<i>Political Theory: Ideas & Concepts</i>
➤ S.P.Varma	:	<i>Modern Political Theory</i>

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CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

All Co-curricular activities recommended at Course – I
Study of the outline features of Constitutions of U.S.A, U.K., Australia, Canada, South Africa, China and Japan in comparison to the Constitution of India.
Study projects on selected local real time problems.
Field visits to government establishments.

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SEMESTER III
COURSE-III : INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

Learning Outcomes:

On successful completion of the course the students will be able to:

Acquire knowledge about the historical background of Constitutional development in India, appreciate philosophical foundations and salient features of the Indian Constitution.

Analyze the relationship between State and individual in terms of Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy.

Understand the composition of and functioning of Union Government as well as State Government and finally

Acquaint themselves with the judicial system of the country and its emerging trends such as judicial reforms.

UNIT-I :	SOCIAL AND IDEOLOGICAL BASE OF THE INDIAN CONSTITUTION
	1. Constitutional Development in India during British Rule-A Historical Perspective with reference to Government of India Acts, 1909,1919 and 1935.
	2. Constituent Assembly-Nature, Composition, Socio-Economic, Philosophical Dimensions and Salient Features of the Indian Constitution.

UNIT-II :	INDIVIDUAL AND STATE
	1. Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles of State Policy and Fundamental Duties-Differences between Fundamental Rights and

	Directive Principles of State Policy.
	2. The 'Doctrine of Basic Structure of the Constitution' with reference to Judicial Interpretations and Socio-Political Realities.

UNIT-III :	UNION EXECUTIVE
	1. President of India-Mode of Election, Powers and Functions.
	2. Parliament-Composition, Powers and Functions, Legislative Committees, Prime Minister and Council of Ministers-Powers and Functions, Role in Coalition Politics

UNIT-IV :	STATE EXECUTIVE
	1. Governor-Mode of Appointment, Powers and Functions.
	2. Legislature-Composition, Powers and Functions, Chief Minister and Council of Ministers-Powers and Functions

UNIT-V :	THE INDIAN JUDICIARY
	1. Supreme Court-Composition and Appointments, Powers and Functions or Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, Judicial Review, Judicial Activism.
	2. High Court-Composition, Powers and Functions, Debates on the mode of appointment of Judges-National Judicial Appointments Commission and Judicial Reforms.

REFERENCE BOOKS:

➤ M.V.Pylee	:	<i>Indian Constitution, Constitutional Government in India Constitutional History of India</i>
➤ Durga Das Basu	:	<i>An Introduction to the Constitution of India</i>
➤ Rajni Kothari	:	<i>Politics in India</i>
➤ SanghMittra	:	<i>Indian Constitution Acts (East India Company to Independence)</i>
➤ Hoshiar Singh, P.C.Mathur&Pankaj Singh (ed)	:	<i>Coalition Governments & Good Governance</i>
➤ B.C.Fadia	:	<i>Indian Government and Politics</i>
➤ SubhashC.Kashyap	:	<i>Concise Encyclopedia of Indian Constitution</i>
➤ P.B.Rathod&VimlaRathod	:	<i>Indian Constitution, Government and Political System</i>
➤ Verinder Grover (ed)	:	<i>Federal System, State Autonomy and Centre-State Relations in India.</i>
➤ Prof.Lalajah,P.Venkataramana, K.SaiBaba&K.Mallesam, Prof.V.RaveendraSastry (ed)	:	<i>Indian Government-Politics</i>
➤ M.Lakshmikant	:	<i>Indian Polity</i>
➤ R.C.Agarwal& Mahesh Bhatnagar	:	<i>Constitutional Development and National Movement of India</i>
➤ Singh &Saxena	:	<i>Indian Politics : Contemporary Issues and Concerns</i>
➤ Austin Granville	:	<i>The Indian Constitution : Cornerstone of a Nation, Working of a Democratic Constitution : The Indian Experience</i>
➤ W.H.Morris Jones	:	<i>Government and Politics of India</i>
➤ M.P.Jain	:	<i>Indian Constitutional Law</i>
➤ Subhash C. Kashyap.	:	<i>Our Constitution, Our Parliament, Our Political System</i>

➤ A.S.Narang	:	<i>Indian Political System, Process and Development</i>
➤ Rajeev Bhargav	:	<i>Politics and Ethics of the Indian Constitution</i>
➤ Bipin Chandra	:	<i>Nationalism & Colonialism in Modern India</i>
➤ Paul R.Brass	:	<i>The Politics in India since Independence</i>
➤ K.SubrataMitra	:	<i>Politics in India : Structure, Process and Policy</i>
➤ S.H.Patil	:	<i>The Constitution, Government and Politics in India</i>
➤ VishnoolBhagwan&VidyaBhusan	:	<i>Indian Administration</i>

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CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

All Co-curricular activities recommended at Course – I
Peers and self-assessment outputs from individual and collaborative work.
Individual observations in field studies and recordings in the areas related to syllabus
Conduct of a Mock Parliament on important current issues for awareness about the proceedings of the Parliament, intensity of debates and understanding the outcomes.
A Field Visit to a Court to observe the structure and its exercise of powers.
Discussion of Previous Question Papers relating to Services (Service Commissions and other Recruitment Agencies) for an understanding of different approaches
Study projects on selected local real time problems.

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SEMESTER IV
COURSE-IV : INDIAN POLITICAL PROCESS

Learning Outcomes:

On successful completion of the course the students will be able to :

Know and understand the federal system of the country and some of the vital contemporary emerging issues.

Evaluate the electoral system of the country and to identify the areas of electoral reforms.

Know the constitutional base and functioning of local governments with special emphasis on 73rd & 74th Constitutional Amendment Acts.

Understand the dynamics of Indian politics, challenges faced and gain a sensitive comprehension to the contributing factors.

Apply the knowledge and critically comprehend the functioning of some of the regulatory and governance institutions.

Propose theoretical outline alternate models

UNIT-I :	FEDERAL PROCESSES
	1. Features of Indian Federal System- Centre-State Relations- Legislative, Administrative and Financial
	2. Emerging Trends in Centre-State Relations-Restructuring Centre-State Relations-Recommendations of Sarkaria Commission, M.M.Punchi Commission

UNIT-II :	ELECTORAL PROCESSES
	1. The Election Commission of India, Powers and Functions.
	2. Issues of Electoral Reforms, Voting Behaviour-Determinants and Problems of Defections

UNIT-III :	GROSSROOT DEMOCRACY-DECENTRALISATION
	1. Panchayat Raj system-Local and Urban Governments-Structure, Powers and Functions.
	2. Democratic Decentralization-Rural Development and Poverty alleviation with reference to 73 rd and 74 th Constitutional Amendment Acts, Challenges and Prospects.

UNIT-IV :	SOCIAL DYNAMICS AND EMERGING CHALLENGES TO INDIAN POLITICAL SYSTEM
	1. Role of Caste, Religion, Language and Regionalism in India.
	2. Politics of Reservation, Criminalization of Politics and Internal threats to Security.

UNIT-V :	REGULATORY AND GOVERNANCE INSTITUTIONS
	1. NITI Ayog, Finance Commission, Comptroller and Auditor General of India.
	2. Central Vigilance Commission, Central Information Commission, Lokpal and Lokayukta.

REFERENCE BOOKS:

➤ M.V.Pylee	:	<i>Indian Constitution Constitutional Government in India</i>
➤ D.D.Basu	:	<i>An Introduction to the Constitution of India</i>
➤ Rajni Kothari	:	<i>Politics in India, Caste in Indian Politics</i>
➤ PeuGhosh	:	<i>Indian Government and Politics</i>
➤ Prof.Lalaiah, P.Venkataramana, K.SaiBaba&K.Mallesam, Prof.V.RaveendraSastry (ed)	:	<i>Indian Government-Politics</i>
➤ M.R.Biju	:	<i>Democratic Political Process</i>
➤ J.K.Chopra (ed)	:	<i>Local Self-Government and Municipal Administration</i>
➤ Susan Bayly	:	<i>Caste, Society and Politics in India (From the Eighteenth Century to the Modern Age)</i>
➤ SubharataDutta	:	<i>Democratic Decentralisation and Grassroot Leadership in India</i>
➤ H.V.Hande	:	<i>Dr.B.R. Ambedkar& The Making of the Indian Constitution</i>
➤ S.K.Sharma&UshaSarma	:	<i>Politics and Administration in India- A Retrospective Survey</i>
➤ Hari Prasad Chhetri	:	<i>Panchayatraj System and Development Planning</i>
➤ B.C.Fadia	:	<i>Indian Government and Politics</i>
➤ UpendraBaxi&Biku Parekh	:	<i>Crisis and Change in Contemporary India</i>
➤ M.Lakshmikant	:	<i>Indian Polity, Governance in India</i>
➤ N.G.Jayal (ed)	:	<i>Democracy in India</i>
➤ Peter Ronald deSouza&E. Sridharan	:	<i>India's Political Parties</i>
➤ O.P.Tiwari	:	<i>Federalism and Centre-State Relations in India</i>
➤ AthulKohli (ed)	:	<i>The Success of India's Democracy</i>
➤ C.B.Raju	:	<i>Social Justice and the Constitution of India</i>
➤ V.K.Garg	:	<i>Caste and Reservation in India</i>

➤ U.Baxi	:	<i>The Indian Supreme Court and Politics Parliamentary Procedure, Law Privilege, Practice &Precedents</i>
➤ VishnooBhagwan & VidyaBhushan	:	<i>Indian Administration</i>
➤ S.H.Patil	:	<i>The Constitution, Government and Politics in India</i>

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CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

All Co-curricular activities recommended at Course – I & III
A Field Visit to a Court / District Jail / Local Government Office to observe the structure and functioning
Viva voce interviews.
Computerized adaptive testing, literature surveys and evaluations.
Encouragement to students to contribute articles to the magazines and seminars

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SEMESTER IV
COURSE-V : WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT

Learning Outcomes:

On successful completion of the course the students will be able to:

Understand the fundamental contours classical, western political philosophy, basic features of medieval political thought and shift from medieval to modern era.

Understand the Social Contract Theory and appreciate its implications on the perception of State in terms of its purposes and role.

Acquaint with the Liberal and Marxist philosophy and analyze some trends in Western Political Thought.

Critically analyse the evolution of western political thought

UNIT-I :	ANCIENT GREEK POLITICAL THOUGHT
	1. Plato-Rule of Philosopher Kings-Theory of Justice-Ideal State and Education
	2. Aristotle-Theory of State-Classification of Governments-Citizenship, Slavery and Theory of Revolutions.

UNIT-II :	MEDIEVAL AND MODERN POLITICAL THOUGHT
	1. St. Augustine-Theory of Two Cities.
	2. Niccolo Machiavelli-State and Statecraft.

UNIT-III :	CONTRACTUAL POLITICAL THOUGHT
	1. Thomas Hobbes- Social Contract and Absolute Sovereignty.
	2. John Locke- Human Nature, State of Nature, Social Contract, Natural Rights and Limited Government

	3. Jean Jacques Rousseau- Human Nature, State of Nature, Social Contract, General Will and Popular Sovereignty
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UNIT-IV :	UTILITARIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT
	1. Jermy Bentham-Theory of Utility, Law and Reforms.
	2. J.S.Mill-Theory of Liberty and Representative Government.

UNIT-V :	MARXIST POLITICAL THOUGHT
	1. Karl Marx-Dialectical Materialism, Theory of Surplus Value and Class Struggle.
	2. Antonio Gramsci-Hegemony and Civil Society.

REFERENCE BOOKS:

➤ O.P.Gauba	:	<i>Western Political Thought</i>
➤ G.H.Sabine	:	<i>A History of Political Theory</i>
➤ E.Baker	:	<i>Greek Political Theory : Plato and His Predecessors</i>
➤ Subrata Mukherjee & Sushila Ramaswamy	:	<i>A History of Political Thought-Plato to Marx</i>
➤ ShefaliJha	:	<i>Western Political Thought -From Plato to Marx</i>
➤ B.N.Ray	:	<i>Western Political Thought</i>
➤ RadheyShamChaurasia	:	<i>History of Western Political Thought</i>
➤ P.B.Rathod	:	<i>Ancient and Medieval Political Thinkers-From Plato to Padua</i>
➤ Andrew Hakes	:	<i>Political Theory :Philosophy, Ideology and Science</i>
➤ HaratiDwarakanath, Prof.G.Lalaiah, K.Saibaba, K.Ramachandra Murthy &V.Bhogendracharyulu, Prof.V.RavindraSastry (ed)	:	<i>Political Thought</i>
➤ Anil Kumar Mukopadhyay	:	<i>An Introduction to Political Theory, Western Political Thought</i>
➤ William Ebenstien	:	<i>Great Political Thinkers-Plato to the Present Modern Political Thought, The Great Issues</i>
➤ J.P.Sudha	:	<i>History of Political Thought</i>
➤ H.J.Laski	:	<i>Political Thought from Bentham to Locke</i>
➤ C.L.Wayper	:	<i>Political Thought</i>

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CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

All Co-curricular activities recommended at Course – I & III
Peers and self-assessment, out puts from individuals and collaborative work.
Assignments that encourage the study of standard Reference Books available at library
Assignments of the emerging trends after Marxian Philosophy in the era of globalisation

