

A GLANCE AT THE CORE CONCERNS

CURRICULUM

Unitized Syllabus (Honours)

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SL.NO	COURSES	TOPICS TAUGHT	PERIOD REQUIRED
1.	B.A. HONOURS 1 st SEM	Nature of Politics: What is political Science, its nature and scope: Political Science as Social Science; Politics as Process	7
		Nature and Significance of Political Theory: What is Political Theory, its features and relevance, Debate on the decline of Political Theory	8
	Core:02	Union Executive: President: Position & Functions, Vice-President, Prime Minister	7
		Union Legislature: Rajya Sabha and Lok sabha: Composition, Functions, relationship between the two house; Speaker	7
			The Judiciary: Supreme Court and High Court: Composition and functions, Judicial Activism
Government in the States: Governor, Chief Minister: Position, Functions, Role and Relationship			5

	B.A.HONOURS, 2 ND SEM	Rights: Idea of Rights— Theories of Rights (Laski & Barker)	3	
		Core:03	Sovereignty: Meaning and Characteristics— Monistic and Pluralistic theories of Sovereignty	6
			Socialism: Guild Socialism; Syndicalism and Democratic Socialism	5
			Democracy: Meaning and Theories of Democracy--- Protective, Participatory, Developmental	6
	Core:04	Comparative Politic: Definition and scope; Colonialism and process of decolonization; Going beyond Eurocentrism	6	
		Types of state and Government: (a) Unitary & Federal; (b) Liberal & Socialist; (c) Presidential & Parliamentary	8	
	B.A.HONOURS, 3 RD SEM	Core:05	Neo-Classical Theories: (a) Human Relations Theory (Elton Mayo); (b) Rational Decision- making (Herbert Simon)	4
			Contemporary Theories: Ecological Approach (Fred Riggs)	2
			Major Approaches in Public Administration: New Public Administration, New Public Management, Good Governance	5
	Core:06	International Relations: meaning, nature & scope; IR as an autonomous discipline	5	
Evolution of the International State		2		

		System and Crisis of nation-state system	
		Theoretical Perspectives: (i) Classical Realism: EH Carr, Morgenthau, (ii) Liberalism & Neo-Liberalism, (iii) Marxist Approaches	11
	Core:07	Social basis of politics, interrelations of society, state & politics	3
		Social Stratification and Politics: Class and Caste; Social Mobility	3
		Political Socialization: agencies with special reference to education and media	3
		Political Participation; Concepts and types; Non-Participation	4
	SEC-1	Laws relating to: (a) Environment (b) Dowry prohibition, (c) and domestic violence (provisions and their evaluation	4
		Project Report (written and internal marks) on any one topic e.g. (a) Arrest; (b) Sexual harassment; (c) Domestic violence (d) Child abuse; (e) filing of public interest litigation; (f) consumer grievance	3

	GE-1	United Nations: Structures, functions and role of –General Assembly;-Security Council, Economic and Social Council; the specialized agencies – (International Labour Organisation) {ILO}, United Nation Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), World Health Organisation (WHO), International Court of Justice	10
B.A.HONOURS, 4 TH SEM	Core:08	Politics in West Bengal: partition (1947) and its impact on society & politics	2
		Parties & Politics—The Indian National Congress; emergence of coalition politics; the Left in West Bengal, Left in power and in opposition; rule of Trinamul Congress	5
	Core:09	Raja Rammohan: Freedom of Press; Liberalism	2
		j.Phule: Anti-caste Movement	1
		Vivekananda: Socialism	2
		RN Tagore: Nationalism & Internationalism	3
	Core:10	Marxian Theory of Revolution	2
		Lenin—Dictatorship of the Proletariat	3
		Mao-Ze-Dong—Mao on New Democracy	4
	SEC-2	Legislative Committees: Types of Committee, Role of Committees in Reviewing Government Finances, Policy, Programmes, and Legislation	6

		Budget: An Overview of Budgetary Process	2
		Union and State Legislature— Composition, Power & Function	3
	GE-2	Union and State Executive—President, Prime Minister, Governor, Chief Minister	5
		Union and State Judiciary—Supreme Court, High Court— Composition, Power & Function	3
		Election Commission, Electoral Reforms	3
	B.A.HONOURS, 5 TH SEM	Greek Political Thought: Basic Features	2
	Core: 11	Plato: Ideal State, Justice, Education, Communism	4
		Aristotle: Aristotle `s Method, Notion of State, Justice, Slavery and Revolution	5
	Core:12	S.C. Bose: Doctrine of Samya	2
		Nehru: Secularism	1
		J.P.Narayan: Party-less Democracy	2
		Azad: Nationalism	1
		Ambedkar: Democracy & Constitutionalism	3
	DSE-1	Women Movement: Self-Employed Women`s Association (SEWA)	2
		Dalit Movements: Basic Features	2
	DSC-2	India Pakistan Relation: Challenges and Prospects	2
		India China Relations: Recent Dynamics	2
		Indo-US Relations	2

	B.A.HONOURS,6 TH SEM	Machiavelli: Ethics and Politics, Child of Renaissance	3
	Core:13	Hobbes: Theory of Social Contract	2
		Locke: Natural Law and Rights, Social Contract	5
	Core:14	United Nations: Structures, functions and role of –General Assembly;-Security Council, Economic and Social Council; the specialized agencies – (International Labour Organisation) {ILO), United Nation Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), World Health Organisation (WHO), International Court of Justice	8
	DSE-3	Terrorism in South Asia	2
		Security Challenges and Nuclear Policy: An Appraisal	3
	DSE-4	Empowerment of Indian Women: Concept and Trend, 73 rd & 74 rd Constitution Amendment Act	4
		Legal Provisions for Women: Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace ACT (2013); National Commission for Women- Composition and Role.	3
2.	B.A.PROGRAMME, 1 ST SEM	Political Theory: Meaning	1
	DSC-I	Concepts: Democracy, Liberty, Equality, Justice, Rights, Gender, Citizenship	7
	B.A.PROGRAMME,2 ND SEM	Institutionals Functioning: President,	5

	DSC-II	Prime Minister, and the Supreme Court		
		Religion and Politics: debates on secularism and Communism	4	
		Parties and Party System in India	2	
	B.A.PROGRAMME, 3 RD SEM	The Nature, Scope and Methods of Comparative Analysis	2	
		DSC-III	Comparing Regimes: Authoritarian and Democratic	3
	Classification of Political System		2	
	Parliamentary and Presidential—UK & USA		4	
	SEC-I	Urban Administration: Composition and Municipalities—power & functions with special reference to West Bengal	4	
		Rural Administration: Panchayati Raj Institutions---power & functions with special reference to West Bengal	4	
		B.A.PROGRAMME, 4 TH SEM	DSC-IV	Indian's Foreign Policy—(a) Basic Determinants (Historical, Geo-Political, Economic, Domestic and Strategic), (b) Indian's Policy of Non-Alignment, (c) India: An Emerging Power
SEC-II				Religion, Society and Politics: Different Views
		Political Culture and Political Socialization: Nature, Types and Agencies	5	
		Political Participation: Concepts and Types	4	
B.A.PROGRAMME, 5 TH SEM		Ideas, Interests and Institutions in Public Policy	3	

DSC-V SEC-3	Institutions of Policy Making---Parliament, Cabinet, Niti Ayog	3	
	Regulatory Institutions—SEBI, TRAI	2	
	Interest Groups in India: Chambers of Commerce and Industries, Trade Unions, Farmers Associations	5	
	Public Interest Litigation and the Expansion of Certain Rights under Article 21 of the Indian Constitution	3	
	Laws Relating to Dowry, Sexual Harassments and Domestic Violence against Women	3	
	Laws Relating to Consumer Rights, Cyber Crimes	3	
GE-1	Human Rights, Laws and Institutions in India; the role of the National Human Rights Commission	4	
	Human rights of Marginalized Groups: Dalits, Adivasis, Women	4	
	B.A.PROGRAMME, 6 TH SEM	Contemporary World Issues—Global Environmental Issue (Global Warming), Poverty and Inequality, international Terrorism	4
	DEC-VI		
SEC-4	Women`s Empowerment: An Overview of Policies in India	2	

		Action taken to Empower Women in India—Ministry for Women and Child Development, National Commission for Women, Swayamsidha Programme, Self-help Group (SHG)	5
	GE-2	Gandhi`s View of Human Nature-Quest for Truth— Sarvadharm Sambhava	3
		Gandhian Concept of Politics—Goals and Methods: Theory of Satyagraha; Non-Cooperation; Idea of Trusteeship	5