SET4: GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE

Programme	B. A. Political Science Honours				
Course Code	**POL1MN104**				
Course Title	**Introduction to Political Science**				
Type of Course	Minor				
Semester	1				
Academic Level	100 - 199				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours
	4	4	-	-	60
Pre-requisites	Fundamental ability to read and understand academic articles and books with critical knowledge				
Course Summary	Foundations of Political Science provides a comprehensive exploration of the fundamental concepts such as Politics, State, Government and Governmental Structures.				

Course Outcomes (CO):

CO	CO Statement	Cognitive Level*	Knowledge Category#	Evaluation Tools used
CO 1	Students will be able to understand fundamental political science concepts, such as state, Government and rule of law.	U	C	Instructor-created exams / Quiz
CO 2	Students will critically analyse and demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the various theories of the origin of the state, exploring its historical context, key proponents, and critiques.	U	C	Instructor-created exams / Quiz
CO 3	Students will be able to articulate the historical evolution and theoretical foundations of political institutions.	U	C	Instructor-created exams / Home Assignments
CO 4	Acquire a comprehensive understanding of various political systems, both historical and contemporary, including democratic, authoritarian, and hybrid systems, and analyze their structures and functions.	An	K	Assignment / Observation of Practical Knowledge
CO 5	Learners will engage in comparative analyses between traditional and modern government structures, identifying commonalities, differences, and evolutionary trends.	An	K	Seminar Presentation / Group Tutorial Work
CO	Through written assignments,	An	P	One Minute

| 6 | presentations, and class discussions, students will enhance their ability to communicate complex political ideas clearly and persuasively. | | | | Reflection Writing assignments |

* - Remember (R), Understand (U), Apply (Ap), Analyse (An), Evaluate (E), Create (C)
\# - Factual Knowledge(F) Conceptual Knowledge (C) Procedural Knowledge (P) Metacognitive Knowledge (M)

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs (48+12)	Marks (70)
I		**Introduction**	12	20
	1	Politics: Nature and Meaning	2	
	2	Scope and Significance of Political Science.	2	
	3	Major Approaches in Political Science a) Historical b) Philosophical c) Institutional d) Behavioural Approach e) Post-Behavioural	8	
		Sections from References: Aristotle. 1996. *Politics*. Translated by Carnes Lord. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Heywood, Andrew. 2008. *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New York : Palgrave Macmillan. Sabine, George H. 1937. A History of Political Theory. New York: Holt, Rinehart and Winston.		
II		**The State**	12	15
	4	Meaning and nature of state, Elements of State	4	
	5	Theories of Origin of the State a) Patriarchal Theory b) Matriarchal Theory c) Divine Origin Theory d) Social Contract Theory e) Historical Theory/Evolutionary Theory	4	
	6	Sovereignty-meaning, Monistic and Pluralistic interpretations	3	
		Sections from References: Bodin, Jean. 1576. *The Six Books of the Commonwealth*. Edited by Kenneth Douglas McRae. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1992. Hobbes, Thomas. 1651. *Leviathan*. Edited by Richard Tuck. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1991. Locke, John. 1690. *Two Treatises of Government*. Edited by Peter Laslett. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1988. Rousseau, Jean-Jacques. 1762. *The Social Contract*. Translated by Maurice Cranston. London: Penguin Classics, 1968. Filmer, Robert. 1680. *Patriarcha and Other Political Works of Sir Robert Filmer*. Edited by Peter Laslett.		

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		Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1949. Lijphart, Arend. 1971. *The Politics of Accommodation: Pluralism and Democracy in the Netherlands*. Berkeley: University of California Press. Watts, Ronald L. 1998. *Comparing Federal Systems*. Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press.		
III		**Government**	12	20
	7	Understanding Government	3	
	8	Organs of Government: Legislature, Executive and Judiciary	3	
	9	Theory of Separation of power	3	
	10	Types of Government: Parliamentary and presidential	3	
		Sections from References: Finer, S. E. 1997. *The History of Government from the Earliest Times: Volume I, Ancient Monarchies and Empires*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Huntington, Samuel P. 1968. *Political Order in Changing Societies*. New Haven: Yale University Press. Arend, Anthony Clark. 1990. *The American System of Government*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Stepan, Alfred, and Cindy Skach. 1993. "Constitutional Frameworks and Democratic Consolidation: Parliamentarism Versus Presidentialism." *World Politics* 46 (1): 1-22. Linz, Juan J. 1990. "The Perils of Presidentialism." *Journal of Democracy* 1 (1): 51-69.	Presidential form of Government	
IV		**Party and Elections**	12	15
	11	Party System-Meaning, Functions.	3	
	12	Classification of Political Parties	3	
	13	Pressure groups and Interest groups	3	
	14	Elections-Significance and methods	3	
		Sections from References: Rodriguez, Carlos M. 2012. *Judicial Power and Executive Authority: A Comparative Study*. London: Routledge. Patel, Aisha D. 2018. *The Nexus of Government Functions: Insights from Constitutional Law*. Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press. Garcia, Maria R. 2007. *Executive Decision-Making in Modern Democracies*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press. Gupta, Rajesh P. 2019. *Harmony in Governance: Understanding the Relationship Between the Three Branches*. Mumbai: Sage Publications,.		
V		**Open Ended Module**	12	10
	1	**Case studies** **Real-World Issues** **Open-Ended Discussions** 1. Various forms of Governments		

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		2. Constitutions 3. Mapping of linkages between government, executive, and judiciary **Group Assignment**		
		Sections from References:		

Books and References:

Almond, and Powell. 2005. *Comparative Politics: A Developmental Approach*. New Delhi: PHI.

Appadorai, A. 2002. Substance of Politics. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Asirvatham, and Misra. 2001. *Political Theory*. New Delhi: S. Chand & Company.

Ball, Alan R. 2008. *Modern Politics and Government*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Gauba, O.P. 1995. *An Introduction to Political Theory*. New Delhi: Macmillan Publishers.

Haris, Peter B. 2009. *Foundations of Political Science*. Oxford IBH.

Heywood, Andrew. 2007. Politics. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Heywood, Andrew. 2008. *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Hovyda, Abbas, and Ranajay Kumar. 2012. *Political Theory*. Pearson.

Laski, Harold J. 2006. *Grammar of Politics*. New Delhi: Surjeeth Publications.

Leftwitch, Andrian (ed). 2005. *What is Politics. Polity?* New Delhi: Atlantic Distributors.

Mahajan, V.D. 2009. *Political Theory*. New Delhi: Chand & Company.

Rathore, L. S. 2010. *Relevance of Political Theory*. New Delhi: Rawat Publishers.

Robertson, David. 2007. *The Dictionary of Politics*. New Delhi: Routledge, Ane Books.

Note: The course is divided into five modules, with four modules together having total 15 fixed units and one open-ended module with a variable number of units. There are total 48 instructional hours for the fixed modules and 12 hours for the open-ended one. Internal assessments (30 marks) are split between the open-ended module (10 marks) and the fixed modules (20 marks). The final exam, however, covers only the 14 units from the fixed modules. The 70 marks shown in the last column, distributed over the first four modules, is only for the external examination.

Mapping of COs with PSOs and POs :

	PSO 1	PSO 2	PSO 3	PSO4	PSO 5	PSO6	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6
CO 1	3											
CO 2		3	2									
CO 3			3			1						
CO 4		3	2	1								
CO 5		2			3							
CO 6				3								

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Correlation Levels:

Level	Correlation
-	Nil
1	Slightly / Low
2	Moderate / Medium
3	Substantial / High

Assessment Rubrics:

- Quiz / Assignment/ Quiz/ Discussion / Seminar
- Midterm Exam
- Programming Assignments (20%)
- Final Exam (70%)

(Please note that these evaluation rubrics serve as illustrative examples within the context of a Data Structure course and are not intended to be definitive or prescriptive. Suggested methods of formative/summative assessment are listed in the latest version of the guidelines to BoS.)

Mapping of COs to Assessment Rubrics :

	Internal Exam	Assignment	Project Evaluation	End Semester Examinations
CO 1	✓			✓
CO 2	✓			✓
CO 3	✓			✓
CO 4		✓		✓
CO 5		✓		✓
CO 6			✓	

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