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F. Y. B. A. Political Science Syllabus
(Semester & Choice Based Credit System)

(To be implemented from the Academic Year 2023-24)



F. Y. B. A. Political Science (Non Grant)
(CBCS pattern to be implemented from 2023-2024)
Discipline Specific Course : DSC1 (Major)
Understanding Political Concepts
Total Credits : 04

Course Objective

Acquaint Students with basic concepts from Political Science

Semester-I

Unit 1 : Basic Concepts

Nation, State, Civil Society

Unit 2 : Key Concepts

Liberty, Equality, Justice

Unit 3 : Political Concepts

Sovereignty, Secularism, Democracy

Unit 4 : Modern Political Concepts

Power, Authority, Legitimacy

Course Outcomes

CO1 : To explain fundamental political concepts

CO 2 : To apply the concepts with broader understanding of Political phenomena



F. Y. B. A. Political Science (Non Grant)
(CBCS pattern to be implemented from 2023-2024)
Discipline Specific Course : DSC 2 (Major)

Know Your Government

Total Credits : 02

Course Objective

Acquaint the students with basic analytical framework for studying Politics in India

Semester- I

Unit 1: Legislature

Parliament, Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha : Structure, Powers and Role

Unit 2: Executive

- a) President : Powers, Functions and Role
- b) Prime Minister & Council of Ministers

Unit 3: Judiciary

- a) Supreme Court : Composition and Jurisdiction
- b) High Court : Composition and Jurisdiction

Course Outcomes

CO 1 : Understand governmental structures in India

CO 2 : Explain the working of organs of the government

CO 3 : Analyse the role of and relationship between different functionaries



F. Y. B. A. Political Science (Non Grant)
(CBCS pattern to be implemented from 2023-2024)
Open Elective : OE 1 (For Science and Commerce)
We the People (Introduction to Constitution of India)
Total Credits : 02

Course Objective

Make students familiar with the historical background and making of Constitution of India and get acquainted with the philosophical foundation of Constitution of India

Semester-I

Unit 1 : Making of the Constitution

- a) Historical Background
- b) Constituent Assembly

Unit 2 : Philosophy and features of the Constitution

- a) Preamble
- b) Salient Features

Unit 3: Fundamental Rights, Duties and Directive Principles

- a) Fundamental Rights and Fundamental Duties
- b) Directive Principles of State Policy

Course Outcomes

- CO1 : Understand historical background and making of Constitution of India
- CO2 : Explain philosophical foundation of Constitution of India
- CO3 : Enumerate and compare the Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of state policy



F. Y. B. A. Political Science (Non Grant)
(CBCS pattern to be implemented from 2023-2024)
Open Elective : OE 2 (For Science and Commerce)

Know Your Government

Total Credits : 02

Course Objective

Acquaint the students with basic analytical framework for studying Politics in India

Semester- I

Unit 1: Legislature

Parliament, Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha : Structure, Powers and Role

Unit 2: Executive

- c) President : Powers, Functions and Role
- d) Prime Minister & Council of Ministers

Unit 3: Judiciary

- c) Supreme Court : Composition and Jurisdiction
- d) High Court : Composition and Jurisdiction

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Vocation & Skill Enhancement : VSEC 1 (Major)

Introduction to Journalism and Journalistic Writing

Total Credits : 02

As journalism happens to be a preferred career option among students, the department wishes to introduce a Vocational and Skill Enhancement Course in Journalism.

Course Objective : To acquaint students with the world of Journalism

Semester I

Unit 1 : Knowledge gained : Journalism

15 Lectures

- a) Definition, Nature and Scope
- b) History of Political Journalism and agencies : Print, Electronic and Web

Unit 2 : Skills gained : Journalistic Writing

15 Lectures

- a) News Paper Reading Skills
- b) Journalistic Writing Skills

Course Outcomes :

CO1 : To understand area of journalism in general and political journalism in particular

CO2 : To articulate political news and views

CO3 : To compare and create differentiated content for print and electronic media



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VSEC : Skill Enhancement : SEC 1 (Major)
Computer Application for Social Sciences
Total Credits : 02

Course Objective : To acquaint students with computer applications meant for social sciences

Semester I

Unit 1 : Introduction to Computer Applications 1

- a) Use of computers for reporting, business communications
- b) Use of computers for presentation skills

Unit 2 : Introduction to Computer Applications 2

- a) Use of computers for organization of data
- b) Use of computers for academic and research writing

Course Outcomes :

CO1 : Use computers for their studies, assignments, reports and communication

CO2 : Develop confidence while handling computers and applying that for academic purpose



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Value Education Course : VEC1

We the People (Introduction to Constitution of India)

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(CBCS pattern to be implemented from 2023-2024)
Indian Knowledge System : IKS 1 (For Major only)

Kautilya's Arthshastra

Total Credits : 02

Course Objective

To acquaint students with Indian Traditional Knowledge System in Political Science

Semester - I

Unit 1 : Introduction

- a) Kautilya a thinker
- b) Historical background

Unit 2 : Political Thought

- a) State in Kautilya's Arthshastra
- b) Justice and Law

Course Outcomes

CO1 : Understand different political concepts explained in Indian Traditional Knowledge sources

CO2 : Enumerate political concepts discussed by Kautilya in his volume Arthashastra and compare those with Western Political concepts



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Discipline Specific Course : DSC 3 (Major)

Political Ideologies

Total Credits : 04

Course Objective : To familiarize students with the concept of Ideology and its significance in understanding discipline of Political Science

Semester- II

Unit 1: Ideology

- a) Origin and Nature
- b) End of Ideology Debate

Unit 2 : Modern Ideologies

- a) Nationalism
- b) Liberalism

Unit 3: Socialism

- a) Democratic Socialism
- b) Marxism

Course Outcomes

- CO4 : Understand role of different political ideologies and their impact on politics
- CO5 : Explain a close link between ideology and policies
- CO6 : Compare the ideologies on their liberating potential



F. Y. B. A. Political Science (Non Grant)
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Discipline Specific Course : DSC 4 (Major)
Introduction to Politics in Maharashtra
Total Credits : 02

Course Objective :

To familiarize the students with government and politics of Maharashtra

Semester- II

Unit 1: Historical Background

- a) Historical Background
- b) Samyukt Maharashtra Movement

Unit 2 : Political Economy of Maharashtra

- a) Regional Imbalance
- b) Competing agrarian and industrial interests
- c) Caste : Dominant Caste, OBC Politics, Dalit Politics
- d) Co-operative Movement

Course Outcomes

CO1 : Explain the historical background and formation of Maharashtra based on Marathi Identity

CO2 : Analyse the nature of and challenges before political economy of Maharashtra

CO3 : Apply the framework of state politics to other states in India



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Minor Course : Minor 1

Know Your Government

Total Credits : 02

Course Objective

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Semester- II

Unit 1: Legislature

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Unit 2: Executive

- a) President : Powers, Functions and Role
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- b) High Court : Composition and Jurisdiction

Course Outcomes

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Open Elective Course : OE 3

Democracy and Elections

Total Credits : 02

Course Objective

To introduce different dimensions of democracy and familiarise students with Electoral system in India

Semester-II

Unit 1 : Party System

- a) National Parties
- b) Regional Parties

Unit 2 : Electoral System

- a) Features of Electoral System and important Elections
- b) Election Commission: Composition, Functions and Role

Unit 3 : Electoral Reforms

- a) Democracy and Challenges
- b) Electoral Reforms

Course Outcomes

CO1 : Explain different dimensions of Democracy

CO2 : Illustrate significance of Democracy

CO 3 : Analyse functioning of Election Commission of India



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Open Elective Course : OE 4

India and the World

Total Credits : 02

Course Objective

To introduce students with key concepts of international relations and India's position in the world order

Semester- II

Unit 1: India's Foreign Policy

- a) Determinants of India's foreign policy
- b) Evolution of Foreign Policy

Unit 2: India and global power centres

- A) International issues and Role of India
- B) Non-Alignment movement and its relevance in Post 1990

Unit 3: India and her neighbours

- a) Security Concerns
- b) Regional Cooperation

Course Outcomes

CO1 : Understand and analyse key concepts in international relations

CO2 : Explain journey of India's foreign policy

CO3 : Analyse India's relations with the neighbours and prominent international players



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Vocation & Skill Enhancement : VSEC 2 (Major)
Understanding NGO Management & Leadership
Total Credits : 02

As Non Governmental Organisations provide career option for students, the department wishes to introduce a Vocational and Skill Enhancement Course related to the world of NGOs

Course Objective : To acquaint students with the world of voluntary organisations

Semester II

Unit 1 : Understanding NGO Management

- a) Nature, Scope, Techniques by NGOs : Advocacy and facilitation
- b) Leadership roles and transformation

Unit 2 : Skills gained

- a) Fund Raising and Fund Management
- b) Strategic Planning and Development

Course Outcomes :

CO1 : Explain the nature of voluntary sector, types and techniques of NGOs

CO2 : Apply their understanding while deciphering challenges faced by NGOs and solutions



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VSEC : Skill Enhancement : SEC 2 (Major)

Survey, Field Work and Data Collection

Total Credits : 02

Course Objective : To introduce students with quantitative research methods for social sciences

Semester II

Unit 1 : Understanding Surveys

- a) Types of Surveys, Sources
- b) Data Collection and Data Analysis

Unit 2 : Field Work

- a) Questionnaire
- b) Interviews
- c) Ethnographic Survey : Observation and Participation

Course Outcomes :

CO1 : Explain different quantitative techniques

CO2 : Make their own questionnaires and form questions for interviews



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Value Education Course : VE 2

Politics of Development (as part of Environment Studies)

Total Credits : 02

Course Objective

To acquaint students with basic environment and development related concepts and conflicts

Semester- II

Unit 1: Introduction to the Key Concepts

- a) Environment, Climate Change, Global Warming, Biodiversity, Carbon footprint
- b) Development, Sustainable Development

Unit 2 : Environmental Policies, Practices and Protocols

- a) Environment related acts in India : Air, Water, Wildlife and Forest conservation acts
- b) International agreements and positions of Developed and Developing nations

Unit 2: Conflicts and Divergent approaches

- a) Man and Wildlife conflicts, Protecting Tribal life and livelihood
- b) Environment related Movements

Course Outcomes

CO 1 : Understand basic concepts related to environment and development

CO 2 : Understand individual role as a responsible member of ecosystem and larger environment

CO 3 : Examine and Analyse politics of development with the help of policies and protocols

