



DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

BA FIRST SEMESTER (MINOR)

The first-semester Minor course in Political Science introduces students to the foundational principles and conceptual frameworks that shape the discipline. The paper on Political Theory acquaints learners with the fundamental nature, scope, and core concerns of political inquiry, focusing on essential ideas such as sovereignty, liberty, equality, justice, and power. Through classical and contemporary readings, students explore the evolution of these concepts and their philosophical underpinnings, enabling them to understand how different political thinkers have addressed enduring questions about authority, legitimacy, and the moral foundations of political life.

The course also emphasizes the analytical and comparative dimensions of political institutions and governance practices through the paper Theory and Practice of Modern Governments (UK, USA, and China). This component provides a systematic study of constitutional design, political processes, and the functioning of key institutions across three major political systems. By examining these models, students develop an informed perspective on the relationship between political theory and practice, the challenges of democracy and legitimacy, and the diversity of governance structures in the modern world.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

Paper	Title of the Course	Credits	Internal	End Semester (Combined exam) MCQs	Max Marks
01	Political Theory	2	15	70	100
02	Theory and Practice of Modern Governments (UK, USA and China)	2	15		

PAPER-I (MINOR)

POLITICAL THEORY

UNIT I – DEFINITION

- a) Nature and Scope of Political Science.
- b) Political Science as study of State and Government.

UNIT II – APPROACHES

- a) Different Approaches to the study of Political Science
- b) Historical Approach and Philosophical Approach

UNIT III – STATE

- a) Meaning and Elements of State
- b) Gandhian and Marxian view of the State

UNIT IV – ORIGIN OF THE STATE

- a) Origin of the State –
- b) Different Theories (e.g. Divine Origin, Force, Social Contract and Evolutionary Theories)

UNIT V – SOVEREIGNTY

- a) Different theories of Sovereignty

REQUIRED READINGS

- Bhargava, R and Acharya, A. (2008). *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman.
- O. P. Gauba (2021). *An Introduction to Political Theory*. Delhi: Mayur Books.
- Sanders, D. (1995) 'Behavioural Analysis', in Marsh, D. and Stoker, G. (eds.) *Theory and Methods in Political Science*. London: Macmillan, pp. 58-75.
- Vincent, A. (2004). *The Nature of Political Theory*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2004, pp.19-80.
- फ्लैग, ज्ञान फ्लैग। (1988). *राजनीतिक सिद्धांत* हिंदी माध्यम संचालन निर्देशालय।
- ओसेर, एल. सी.। (2025). *शासन का लोकव्यवहार* पुस्तक एगम प्रकाशन, नई दिल्ली।
- भार्गव, राजीव, और आचार्य, अशोक। (2011). *राजनीतिक सिद्धांत: एक परिचय* पिअर्सन।

PAPER-II (MINOR)

THEORY AND PRACTICE OF MODERN GOVERNMENTS
(UNITED KINGDOM, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA & CHINA)

UNIT I – BRITISH CONSTITUTION

- a) Salient Features of British Constitution
- b) British Parliament

UNIT II – BRITISH CONSTITUTION

- a) Prime Minister
- b) Cabinet

UNIT III – AMERICAN CONSTITUTION

- a) Salient Features of American Constitution
- b) President – Election and Powers

UNIT IV – AMERICAN CONSTITUTION

- a) Congress: Organization
- b) Supreme Court: Organization and Powers

UNIT V – CHINESE CONSTITUTION

- a) Salient Features
- b) National People's Congress

REQUIRED READINGS

- Bagehot W. & Taylor M. (2001). *The English constitution*. Oxford University Press.
- Bomb wall K. R. (1964). *Major contemporary constitutional systems* ([2d ed.]). Modern Publications.
- Kapur A. C & Mishra K. K (2022) *Select Constitutions*, Chand and Company Ltd.
- Padfield C. F. & Byrne T. (1987) *British Constitution made simple* (7th ed.). Heinemann.
- Qianfan Zhang (2012). *The Constitution of China A Contextual Analysis*. Hart Publishing Ltd. U.K.
- भार्गव राजीव, और आचार्य, अशोक। (2011). *राजनीतिक सिद्धांत: एक परिचया* पिअर्सन।