



DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

BA SECOND SEMESTER (MAJOR)

The Second Semester Major in Political Science provides advanced study of political theory and constitutional governance through two comprehensive papers.

Paper-I: Political Theory (Concepts) explores foundational political ideas essential for understanding contemporary governance. Students examine Rights, Justice and Citizenship, analysing philosophical frameworks of individual freedoms and civic responsibility. The course investigates Nation and Nationalism in shaping political identities, the Emergence of Civil Society and Cosmopolitanism as spaces for democratic engagement and global citizenship, Socialism and Fascism with critical examination of their ideological foundations and critiques, and Democracy through frameworks of Participation and Representation.

Paper-II: Theory and Practice of Modern Governments offer detailed study of India's constitutional framework. Students analyse the Constituent Assembly's role and constitutional philosophy through the Preamble, amendment procedures and Federalism alongside Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles and Fundamental Duties, the Executive, including President, Prime Minister and Council of Ministers, Parliament and Judiciary's organization and functions, including judicial review, and local governance through Panchayati Raj, Urban Local Bodies, and India's Party System. Together, these papers develop sophisticated analytical capabilities for understanding political theory and constitutional democracy.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

Paper	Title of the Course	Credits	Internal	End Semester (Combined Exam)	Max Marks
01	Political Theory (Concepts)	4	30	140	200
02	Theory and Practice of Modern Governments (Detailed Study of the Constitution of India)	4	30		

PAPER-I (MAJOR)

POLITICAL THEORY (CONCEPTS)

UNIT I

- a) Concepts: Rights, Justice and Citizenship

UNIT II

- a) Nation and Nationalism

UNIT III

- a) Emergence of Civil Society and Cosmopolitanism

UNIT IV

- a) Socialism and Fascism: Their Critiques

UNIT V

- a) Democracy: Participation and Representation

REQUIRED READINGS

- Asirvatham, E., & Mishra, K. K. (2010). *Political theory*. S. Chand Publishing.
- Bhargava, R., & Acharya, A. (Eds.). (2008). *Political theory: An introduction*. Pearson Longman.
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PAPER-II (MAJOR)

THEORY AND PRACTICE OF MODERN GOVERNMENTS
(DETAILED STUDY OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA)

UNIT I

- a) Constituent Assembly – Organization, Powers and Function
- b) Objectives and Philosophy of the Indian Constitution: Preamble

UNIT II

- a) Procedure of Amendment and Federalism
- b) Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles of State Policy and Fundamental Duties

UNIT III

- a) President
- b) Prime Minister
- c) Council of Ministers

UNIT IV

- a) Parliament – Organization, Powers and Functions
- b) Judiciary – Supreme Court and High Court: Powers and Functions, Judicial Review

UNIT V

- a) Panchayati Raj
- b) Urban Local Bodies
- c) Party System

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- Austin, G. (1999). *The Indian Constitution: The cornerstone of a nation*. Oxford University Press.
- Basu, D. D. (2022). *Introduction to the Constitution of India* (26th ed.). LexisNexis.
- Choudhry, S., Khosla, M., & Mehta, P. B. (Eds.). (2016). *The Oxford Handbook of the Indian Constitution*. Oxford University Press.
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- Zhang, Q. (2012). *The Constitution of China: A contextual analysis*. Hart Publishing.

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