



DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
BA SECOND SEMESTER (MINOR)

The Second Semester Minor in Political Science comprises two interconnected papers bridging political theory with constitutional governance.

Paper-I: Political Theory (Concepts) introduces fundamental ideas shaping democratic discourse. Students explore Rights and Justice, examining philosophical foundations of individual freedoms and distributive justice. The course analyzes Nationalism's role in political identity formation, the Emergence of Civil Society as a democratic participation space, Socialism and Its Critique across various theoretical perspectives, and Democracy through representative, participatory, and deliberative frameworks.

Paper-II: Theory and Practice of Modern Governments provides an in-depth study of the Indian Constitution. Students examine constitutional objectives and philosophy, Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles, balancing individual freedoms with collective welfare, the Executive branch, including the President and Council of Ministers, the Legislature (Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha) and the Judiciary's powers and functions, and local governance through Panchayati Raj and Urban Local Bodies. Together, these papers develop critical analytical skills to understand political concepts theoretically and examine their practical application in India's constitutional democracy.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

Paper	Title of the Course	Credits	Internal	End Semester (Combined exam) MCQs	Max Marks
01	Political Theory (Concepts)	2	15	70	100
02	Theory and Practice of Modern Governments (Detailed Study of the Constitution of India)	2	15		

PAPER-I (MINOR)

POLITICAL THEORY (CONCEPTS)

UNIT I

- a) Concepts: Rights and Justice

UNIT II

- a) Nationalism

UNIT III

- a) Emergence of Civil Society

UNIT IV

- a) Socialism and Its Critique

UNIT V

- a) Democracy

REQUIRED READINGS

- Asirvatham, E., & Mishra, K. K. (2010). *Political theory*. S. Chand Publishing.
- Heywood, A. (2004). *Political theory: An introduction*. Palgrave Macmillan.
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- Owen, D. (2003). Democracy. In R. Bellamy & A. Mason (Eds.), *Political concepts* (pp. 105-117). Manchester University Press.
- Srinivasan, J. (2008). Democracy. In R. Bhargava & A. Acharya (Eds.), *Political theory: An introduction* (pp. 106-128). Pearson Longman.
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PAPER-II (MINOR)

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

UNIT I

- a) Objectives and the Philosophy of the Indian Constitution

UNIT II

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

UNIT III

- a) President
- b) Council of Ministers

UNIT IV

- a) Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha: Powers and functions
- b) Main features of the Indian Judiciary

UNIT V

- a) Panchayati Raj
- b) Urban Local Bodies

REQUIRED READINGS

- Austin, G. (1999). The Indian Constitution: The cornerstone of a nation. Oxford University Press.
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- Choudhry, S., Khosla, M., & Mehta, P. B. (2016). The Oxford Handbook of the Indian Constitution (1st ed.). Oxford University Press.
- Pylee, M. V. (1997). India's constitution (6th ed.). S. Chand.
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