

# The University of Burdwan



## Syllabus for 3-Year Degree/4-Year Hons. in Political Science

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### **CURRICULUM & CREDIT FRAMEWORK for Under-graduate Programme (CCFUP)**

as per  
**NEP, 2020**  
w.e.f. 2023-2024

**BURDWAN UNIVERSITY  
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# COURSE STRUCTURE

## SEMESTER- 1

| <i>POLITICAL SCIENCE</i>  |  |               |                   |               |                  |                 |
|---|--|---------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Course Type with CODE</b>  | <b>Name of the course</b>              | <b>Credit</b> | <b>Full Marks</b> | <b>Theory</b> | <b>Practical</b> | <b>Internal</b> |
| Major/DS Course<br>(Core)<br><b>Code: POLS 1011</b>                             | <b>Western Political Thought</b>       | 4             | 75                | 60            | 0                | 15              |
| Minor Course<br><b>Code: POLS 1021</b>  | <b>Political Theory</b>                | 4             | 75                | 60            | 0                | 15              |
| Multidisciplinary/<br>Interdisciplinary<br>Course<br><br><b>Code: POLS 1031</b> | <b>Introducing Political Science</b>   | 3             | 50                | 40            | 0                | 10              |
| Ability<br>Enhancement<br>Course (L1-1 MIL)<br><b>Code: AEC 1041</b>            | <b>L1-1 MIL</b>                        | 2             | 50                | 40            | 0                | 10              |
| Skill Enhancement<br>Course (SEC)<br><b>Code: POLS 1051</b>                     | <b>Human Rights Education</b>          | 3             | 50                | 40            | 0                | 10              |
| Common Value<br>Added (CVA)<br><b>Code: CVA 1061</b>                            | <b>Environmental Science/Education</b> | 4             | 100               | 80            | 0                | 20              |
| <b>Total</b>  |  | 20            | 400               |               |                  |                 |

# SEMESTER – I

MAJOR/DS COURSE (Core)

## WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT

(4 credits)

Code: POLS 1011

- 1) **Ancient Greek Political Thought: Basic Features;**  
**Plato: Justice;**  
**Aristotle: State;**
- 2) **Medieval Political Thought: Main features;**
- 3) **Machiavelli and the Renaissance: Concept of Power and Secularization of Politics;**
- 4) **Hobbes: Sovereignty; Locke: Founder of Liberalism; Rousseau: General Will;**
- 5) **Hegel: State;**
- 6) **Marx and Engels: Dialectical and Historical Materialism;**
- 7) **J.S. Mill: Concept of Liberty.**

### Suggested Readings

1. G. H. Sabine, *A History of Political Theory* (USA: Wadsworth Publishing Co Inc,)
2. A.K. Mukhopadhyay, *Western Political Thought : From Plato to Marx* (Kolkata: K.P. Bagchi)
3. S. Mukherjee and S. Ramaswamy, *A History of Political Thought*, (New Delhi: PHI)
4. Brian R. Nelson, *Western Political Thought: From Socrates to the Age of Ideology*, (Delhi: Pearson)
5. Shefali Jha, *Western Political Thought* (Delhi: Pearson)
6. শোভনলাল দত্তগুপ্ত, *পাশ্চাত্য রাষ্ট্রভাবনা*, পশ্চিমবঙ্গ রাজ্য পুস্তক পর্ষদ, কলকাতা
7. নির্মলকান্তি মজুমদার, *অ্যারিস্টটলের পলিটিক্স*, পশ্চিমবঙ্গ রাজ্য পুস্তক পর্ষদ কলকাতা

**MINOR COURSE (Core)**

**POLITICAL  
THEORY**

(4 Credits)

Code: POLS 1021

**1. Meaning of Political Theory;**

**Different Approaches: (a) Traditional**

**(b) Behavioural and Post-Behavioural**

**(c) Marxist**

**2. Concept of Sovereignty: (a) Monistic (b) Pluralist;**

**3. Rights, Liberty and Equality: Meaning and their Inter-relationships;**

**4. Liberalism and Neo-Liberalism: Basic Features;**

**5. Theories of State: (a) Idealist (b) Liberal (c) Marxist (d) Gandhian.**

**Suggested Readings**

1. R. Bhargava and A. Acharya eds. *Political Theory*, Delhi: Longman, 2008
2. O. P. Gauba. *Introduction to Political Theory*, New Delhi: Macmillan, 2011
3. J. C. Johari. *Contemporary Political Theory*, New Delhi: Advent Books
4. S. Ramaswamy. *Political Theory: Ideas and Concept*, New Delhi: Macmillan
5. A. Heywood, *Key concepts in Politics*, Palgrave Study Guide, 2000
6. A. Heywood, *Political Ideologies: An Introduction*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2007
7. S.P. Verma. *Modern Political Theory*, New Delhi: Vikash
8. শোভনলাল দত্তগুপ্ত, *মার্কসীয় রাষ্ট্রচিন্তা* পশ্চিমবঙ্গ রাজ্য পুস্তক পর্ষদ, কলকাতা
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10. কৃষ্ণপ্রিয় ঘোষ, *রাষ্ট্রতত্ত্ব* পশ্চিমবঙ্গ রাজ্য পুস্তক পর্ষদ, কলকাতা
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12. রাজশ্রী বসু, *নারীবাদ*, পশ্চিমবঙ্গ রাজ্য পুস্তক পর্ষদ, কলকাতা
13. সি. ই. এম. জোড, *আধুনিক রাষ্ট্রীয় মতবাদের ভূমিকা*, পশ্চিমবঙ্গ রাজ্য পুস্তক পর্ষদ, কলকাতা

MULTIDISCIPLINARY COURSE/INTERDISCIPLINARY  
COURSE(MDS/IDS)

**Introducing Political Science**

Credit:3

Code: POLS 1031

1. **Political Science: Definition, Nature & Scope;**
2. **Different approaches to the study of Political Science:**
  - i) **Traditional Approach;**
  - ii) **Behavioural Approach;**
3. **Origin of the State:**
  - i) **Divine Origin theory;**
  - ii) **Theory of Force;**
  - iii) **Social Contract Theory;**
  - iv) **Evolutionary Theory.**
4. **Sovereignty: Monistic & Pluralist;**
5. **Rights, Liberty & Equality: Meaning and Inter-relationship;**
6. **Theories of the State:**
  - i) **Idealist;**
  - ii) **Liberal**
  - iii) **Marxist**
  - iv) **Gandhian.**

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10. কৃত্তপ্রিয় ঘোষ, *রাষ্ট্রতত্ত্ব* পশ্চিমবঙ্গ রাজ্য পুস্তক পর্ষদ, কলকাতা
11. রাষ্ট্রভাবনার তত্ত্বানুসন্ধান শোভনলাল দত্ত গুপ্ত পশ্চিমবঙ্গ রাজ্য পুস্তক পর্ষদ কলকাতা
12. রাজশ্রী বসু, *নারীবাদ* পশ্চিমবঙ্গ রাজ্য পুস্তক পর্ষদ, কলকাতা
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**Skill Enhancement Course (SEC)**  
**HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION**

(3 Credits)

Code: POLS 1051

1. **Meaning of Human Rights; Evolution of the concept of Human Rights;**
2. **Indian Constitution and the protection of Human Rights;**
3. **National Human Rights Commission: Composition and Functions;**
4. **Human Rights Movements in India: Basic Features;**
5. **Human Rights, Terrorism and Counter-terrorism: Interrelationships**

**SUGGESTED READINGS**

1. Baxi, Upendra, *The Future of Human Rights* (New Delhi: Oxford)
2. Priyam, Menon and Banerjee, *Human Rights, Gender and the Environment* (New Delhi: Pearson)
3. Donnelly, Jack, *Universal Human Rights in Theory and Practice* (CornellUniversity Press)
4. Clapham, Andrew, *Human Rights: A very short introduction* (Oxford)
5. Narayan, S, *Human Rights Dynamics in India*, (Kalpaz Publications)

## SEMESTER- 2

### COURSE STRUCTURE

| <i>POLITICAL SCIENCE</i>                                       |                                 |        |            |        |           |          |
|--|---------------------------------|--------|------------|--------|-----------|----------|
| Course Type & Code   | Name of the course              | Credit | Full Marks | Theory | Practical | Internal |
| Major/DS Course (Core)<br><b>Code: POLS 2011</b>               | Political Theory                | 4      | 75         | 60     | 0         | 15       |
| Minor Course<br><b>Code: POLS 2021</b>                         | Indian Government and Politics  | 4      | 75         | 60     | 0         | 15       |
| Multidisciplinary/ Interd Course<br><b>Code: POLS 2031</b>     | Introducing Indian Constitution | 3      | 50         | 40     | 0         | 10       |
| Ability Enhancement Course (L2-1 Eng)<br><b>Code: AEC 2041</b> | L2-1 Eng.                       | 2      | 50         | 40     | 0         | 10       |
| Skill Enhancement Course (SEC)<br><b>Code: POLS 2051</b>       | Legislative Support             | 3      | 50         | 40     | 0         | 10       |
| Common Value Added (CVA)<br><b>Code: CVA 2061</b>              | Environmental Science/Education | 4      | 100        | 80     | 0         | 20       |
| <b>Total</b>   |                                 | 20     | 400        |        |           |          |

## **SEMESTER-2**

### **MAJOR/DS COURSE (Core)**

### **Political Theory**

(Credit: 4)

Code: POLS 2011

- 1. Meaning of Politics and Political Theory; Meaning and Significance of Political Theory;**
- 2. Different Approaches:**
  - (a) Traditional
  - (b) Behavioural and Post-Behavioural
  - (c) Marxist;
- 3. Concept of Sovereignty:**
  - (a) Monistic
  - (b) Pluralist
  - (c) Popular;
- 4. Rights, Liberty and Equality: Meaning and their Inter-relationship;**
- 5. Theory of Justice: Rawls;**
- 6. Ideology – Meaning and Variants:**
  - 1. Liberalism and Neo-Liberalism**
  - 2. Socialism**
  - 3. Fascism**
  - 4. Feminism**
- 7. Theories of the State:**
  - (a) Idealist
  - (b) Liberal
  - (c) Marxist
  - (d) Gandhian.



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### MINOR COURSE

## Indian Government & Politics

Credit: 4

Code: POLS 2021

1. a. The Constituent Assembly: its Composition and Role  
b. Preamble and its Significance
2. (a) Fundamental Rights and Duties (b) Directive Principles of State Policy
3. Nature of Indian Federalism: Centre-States relations – Legislative, Administrative and Financial
4. Union Legislature: Lok Sabha and RajyaSabha – Composition and Functions; the Speaker; State Legislature: Composition; Composition & Functions of Bidhansabha

- 5. Union & State Executive: President and Prime Minister: Powers and functions; Governor and Chief Minister: Powers and function**
- 6. Judiciary: Supreme Court and High Courts – Composition and Functions;**
- 7. Party System in India: Features and Trends; Coalition Governments**
- 8. Electoral Process: Election Commission – Composition and Functions; Electoral Reforms**

**Suggested Readings:**

1. Basu, D. D, *Introduction to the Constitution of India* (Nagpur: Lexis Nexis)
2. Kashyap, S. C., *Our Constitution* (New Delhi: National Book Trust)
3. Kashyap, S.C., *Our Political System* (New Delhi: National Book Trust)
4. Hiregowder, G. C. et al., *The Indian Constitution: An Introduction*, (New Delhi: Orient BlackSwan)
5. Johari, J. C., *Indian Government and Politics*, Vol. 1 and 2 (New Delhi: Vikash Publication)
6. Khosla, Madhab, *The Indian Constitution* (New Delhi: Oxford)

**MULTIDISCIPLINARY COURSE/ INTERDISCIPLINARY COURSE  
(MDS/IDS)**

**Course-1**

**Introducing Indian Constitution**

**(Credit: 3)**

**Code: POLS 2031**

- 1. Salient Features of the Indian Constitution; Preamble**
- 2. (a) Fundamental Rights and Duties (b) Directive Principles of State Policy**
- 3. Nature of Indian Federalism;**
- 4. Union Legislature: Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha –Composition and Functions; the Speaker;**
- 5. Union & State Executive: President and Prime Minister: Powers and functions; Governor and Chief Minister: Powers and functions**
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6. Khosla, Madhab, *The Indian Constitution* (New Delhi: Oxford)

**Skill Enhancement Course (SEC)**  
**Legislative Support**  
**(Credit- 3)**

Code: POLS 2051

- 1. Powers and functions of people's representatives at different tiers of governance: Members of Parliament and State Legislative Assemblies.**
- 2. Law-making procedure in Parliament; Role of Committees in Parliament.**
- 3. Procedure of Budget-making.**
- 4. Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and External Affairs: Main functions.**
- 5. NITI Ayog: Composition & Functions.**

**Suggested Readings:**

1. Madhavan, M.R. & N. Wahi Financing of Election Campaigns PRS, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, 2008. Available at: [http://www.prsindia.org/uploads/media/conference/Campaign\\_finance\\_brief.pdf](http://www.prsindia.org/uploads/media/conference/Campaign_finance_brief.pdf)
2. Kalra, H. Public Engagement with the Legislative Process PRS, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, 2011. Available at: <http://www.prsindia.org/administrator/uploads/media/Conference%202011/Public%20Engagement%20with%20the%20Legislative%20Process.pdf>
3. Government of India (Lok Sabha Secretariat) Parliamentary Procedures (Abstract Series), 2009. Available at: <http://164.100.47.132/LssNew/abstract/index.aspx>
4. Government of India, (Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs) Legislation, Parliamentary Procedure, 2009. Available at: [http://mpa.nic.in/Manual/Manual\\_English/Chapter/chapter-09.htm](http://mpa.nic.in/Manual/Manual_English/Chapter/chapter-09.htm)
5. Government of India, (Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs) Subordinate Legislation, Parliamentary Procedure, 2009. Available at: [http://mpa.nic.in/Manual/Manual\\_English/Chapter/chapter-11.htm](http://mpa.nic.in/Manual/Manual_English/Chapter/chapter-11.htm)
6. Mathur K. Chandrakanta, Legislative Support, Shivalik Prakashan, New Delhi
7. Radha Kumari *et. al.* A Primer on Legislative Support, Adroit Publishers, 2018.

