



Faculty: **Arts**

Programme Name: **BA**

Programme Code: **SIUAPOL**

Class: **FYBA**

Subject: **Politics**

Academic Year: **2021-2022**

**Credit Based Semester System Syllabus proposed by Department of
Politics to the Board of Studies for the academic year 2021-22**

Name of the Programme	Bachelor of Arts	Programme Code	SIUAPOL	Name of the Department	Politics	
Class	Semester	Course Code	Course Name	No. of Lectures/P ER WEEK	Credits	Marks
FYBA	I	SIUAPOL 11	Introduction to Political Science	60/4	3	60

OBJECTIVES:

1. To develop an understanding about the fundamental concepts in Political Science.
2. To engage students in discussion on contemporary issues in politics.
3. Enable them to identify arguments in newspaper and scholarly journal articles.
4. Learn to do comprehensive political thinking and differentiate between the various approaches to Political Science

COURSE OUTCOMES:

1. Generate awareness regarding political theory and familiarize with various approaches.
2. Understand how to read and interpret the definitions of concepts and use them to assess contemporary socio-political problems.
3. Articulate opinions and deliberations about contemporary issues and evolve ideas to decipher them through rational justifications.

Module 1: Introduction to Political Science

(15 lectures)

- 1.1 Definition, nature and scope of Political Science
- 1.2 Approaches to the Study of Political Theory: Traditional/Normative
- 1.3 Approaches to the Study of Political Theory: Behaviouralism and Post Behaviouralism

Module 2: State, Nation and Citizenship

(15 Lectures)

- 2.1 State: Concept, elements and perspectives
- 2.2 Rise and growth of Nation-State and Nationalism
- 2.3 Citizenship and contemporary debates

Module 3: Power, Authority and Legitimacy

(15 Lectures)

- 3.1 Political Power
- 3.2 Political Authority
- 3.3 Political Legitimacy

Module 4: Concept of Political Obligation

(15 Lectures)

- 4.1 Political Obligation
- 4.2 Civil Disobedience and Dissent
- 4.3 Resistance and Revolution

Suggested Readings:

- Asirvatham, Eddy, *Political Theory*, S. Chand Publications, 2010
- Bhargava, Rajeev and Ashok Acharya (eds), *Political Theory: An Introduction*, Pearson Longman, 2008
- Bhargava, Rajeev and Helmut Reifeld (eds), *Civil Society, Public Sphere, and Citizenship: Dialogues and Perception*, Sage Publications, New Delhi, 2005
- Gauba, O.P., *An Introduction to Political Theory*, Macmillan Publishers India Ltd., 2011.
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FYBA	II	SIUAPOL 21	Political Concepts and Ideologies	60/4	3	60

OBJECTIVES:

- To engage in an application-based understanding of political concepts and ideas.
- To engage students in discussion on contemporary issues in politics.
- To enable comprehensive political thinking.

COURSE OUTCOME:

1. Understanding basic political concepts involved in addressing contemporary socio-political problems.
 2. Develop a theoretical understanding of rights and examine the complexities in its implementation.
 3. Observe the theoretical framework and actual working of democracy and ideologies.
 4. Study contemporary discourses in political theory.
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Module 1: Basic Political Values

(15 Lectures)

- 2.1 Meaning, nature, scope and debates on Liberty
- 2.2 Meaning, nature, scope and debates on Equality
- 2.3 Meaning, nature, scope and debates on Justice

Module 2: Rights

(15 Lectures)

- 1.1 Meaning, nature and evolution of Rights
- 1.2 Classification of Rights
- 1.3 Cultural Rights

Module 3: Democracy

(15 Lectures)

- 3.1 Meaning, nature and scope of Democracy
- 3.2 Forms of Democracy: Representative, Participatory and Deliberative
- 3.3 Conditions for successful working of Democracy

Module 4: Political Ideologies

(15 Lectures)

- 4.1 Meaning, characteristics and types of Ideology
 - 4.2 Liberalism and Marxism
 - 4.3 Feminism and Ecologism
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