

Course Code	Course Name	Credits
26PL011	GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF SOUTH ASIA	04

Course Objectives

- To understand the political systems and institutions of selected South Asian countries.
- To examine party systems, political processes, and regional challenges in South Asia.
- To analyse the impact of regional developments on India's political and strategic interests.
- To evaluate contemporary issues such as democratization, militancy, regional cooperation, and global power dynamics in South Asia.

Learning Outcomes

After the completion of course, the students will be able to

- Understand political systems and parties in key South Asian countries.
- Recognise South Asia's importance to India's security and development.
- Identify major regional issues like conflict, terrorism, and nuclear threats.
- Follow current events and regional cooperation efforts in South Asia.

Unit I: Understanding South Asia as a region (10 Hrs)

Colonial legacy: Geo-political significance

Unit II: Political Institutions in South Asia (13 Hrs)

Monarchy; Presidential; Parliamentary; Authoritarian

Unit III: Party System: Evolution and Nature (12 Hrs)

Bangladesh; Nepal

Unit IV: Political Processes (12 Hrs)

Public Opinion in South Asia; Representation of Minorities; Role of Pressure Groups

Unit V: Regional Issues and Challenges (13 hrs)

Militarism in Pakistan; Migration in Bangladesh; Ethnic tension in Sri Lanka

Suggested Readings:

1. Attar Chand. *Pakistan: Party Politics, Pressure Groups and Minorities*, Commonwealth N. Delhi, 1991
2. Ayesha Jalal. *Democracy and Authoritarianism in South Asia: A Comparative Historical Perspective*, Cambridge, New Delhi, 1995
3. Ramakant (ed.), *China and South Asia*
4. Hamid H. Kizil Bash, *Pakistan's Security and Foreign Policy*
5. V.S. Bajpai, *India and its Neighbourhood*
6. Shelton U. Kodikara, *Foreign Policy of Sri Lanka: A Third World Perspective*
7. Partha S. Ghosh, *Ethnicity versus Nationalism: The Devolution Discourse in Sri Lanka*
8. P.K. Mishra, *India, Pakistan, Nepal and Bangladesh*
9. L.R. Reddy, *Sri Lanka: Past and Present*
10. LalitMansing (ed.), *Indian Foreign Policy: An Agenda for 21st Century* Vol. 1,2

COs and Bloom's Taxonomy Level (BTL) Mapping – 26PL011

Course Outcomes	On completing U.G. program in Political Science the students will be able to	BTL
CO1	Recall the fundamental aspects of political institutions, party systems, political processes, and regional challenges in the select four countries of South Asia, understanding their significance as immediate neighbours of India	K1, K2
CO2	Understand the complex relationships and interactions between political institutions, party systems, and regional challenges in South Asian nations, comprehending their roles in the political, economic, and social stability of India	K2, K3, K5
CO3	Apply theoretical frameworks to analyze the political evolution and democratization processes in South Asia since the end of the Cold War, demonstrating practical understanding of the region's political dynamics	K2, K5
CO4	Analyze the geopolitical factors contributing to South Asia's international significance, critically examining issues such as nuclear proliferation, the rise of Islamic militancy, India's global power emergence, and regional cooperation efforts	K4, K5, K6
CO5	Evaluate the implications of South Asia's political evolution on the global stage, assessing the region's impact on international relations, security, and cooperation, and considering the challenges and opportunities it presents in the contemporary political landscape	K4, K5, K6

BTL K1 and K2 – Remembering and Understanding, K3- Applying, K4 – Analyse, K5- Evaluate and K6- Create

Relationship Matrix- 26PL011

Course Outcomes	Programme Outcomes (POs)						Programme Specific Outcomes (PSOs)						Mean Score of COs
	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	PSO1	PSO2	PSO3	PSO4	PSO5	PSO6	
CO1	3	3	2	2	3	2	3	3	2	3	2	3	2.6
CO2	3	3	3	2	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	2.8
CO3	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	2	3	3	2	3	2.6
CO4	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	3	2	3	3	2	2.7
CO5	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2.9
												Total	2.7

Mean Score: 3- High, 2- Medium/Moderate, 1-Low