

Course Code	Course Name	Credits
26PL502	DEBATES IN POLITICAL THEORY	4

Course Objectives

- To understand major debates and concepts in political theory.
- To examine ideas of liberty, rights, equality, justice, and multiculturalism.
- To develop analytical and interpretative skills in political theory.
- To relate political theories to contemporary political issues.

Learning Outcomes

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

- Evaluate to have a grasp and clarity over concepts such as rights, liberty, equality, justice, and freedom
- Demonstrate and explain without which agreements and (or) disagreements over the aforementioned politically larger questions would be impossible.
- Demonstrate and understand the views of the various philosophers like Isaiah Berlin, Thomas Paine, Ronald Dworkin, Will Kymlicka and their views on the above concepts.
- Evaluate the relevance and the impact of the value of liberty, rights, equality, justice, multiculturalism.

Unit I: Liberty (12 hrs)

Mill, J. S. *On Liberty*. Tickner and Fields. (2nd Edition), Boston, 1863; Isaiah Berlin, 'Two Concepts of Liberty', in *Four Essays on Liberty*, Oxford University Press, 2002.pp. 118-172; Taylor, Charles. "What is wrong with negative liberty?" in Alan Ryan ed. *The Idea of Freedom*, Oxford University Press, 1979

Unit II: Rights (12 hrs)

Thomas Paine, *Rights of Man*; Thomas Paine, *Common Sense*

Unit III: Equality (12 hrs)

Dworkin, Ronald. "What is Equality? Part-1: Equality of Welfare", *Philosophy and Public Affairs*, Summer 10/3, 1981; "What is Equality?; Part-2: Equality of Resources", *Philosophy and Public Affairs*, Fall, 10/4. 1981. Parekh. Bikhu; Equality in a Multicultural Society", in *Rethinking Multiculturalism*, New York, Palgrave, 2000. pp.239-263

Unit IV: Justice (12 hrs)

John Rawls, *A Theory of Justice*, Oxford University Press, Oxford (1971); Nozick, Robert. "Distributive Justice", in *Anarchy, State and Utopia*, Oxford, Blackwell, 1974. pp.149-231

Unit V: Multiculturalism and Minority Rights (12 hrs)

D. L. Sheth and Gurpreet Mahajan (ed.) *Minority Identities and the Nation-State*, Oxford University Press, 1995.; Will Kymlicka, "*Multicultural Citizenship: A Liberal Theory of Minority Rights*", Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1995; Neera Chandoke, "Rethinking Minority Rights", *India International Centre Quarterly*, Vol. 23, No. 1 (SPRING 1996), pp. 123-136

Essential Readings:

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COs and Bloom's Taxonomy Level (BTL) Mapping-26PL502		
Course Outcomes	On completing U.G. program in Political Science the students will be able to	BTL
CO1	Understand facts, basic concepts and the principles on the basic concepts on liberty, rights, justice, equality.	K1, K2
CO2	Analyse the concept according to the likes of various thinkers like JS Mill, Berlin, Taylor and their understanding of the concept of Liberty.	K3
CO3	Draw a connection on the American and the French Revolution, which gave rise to the concept of liberty, equality, justice in a more predefined manner.	K4
CO4	Justify a stand or evaluate on the outcomes and impact on minority rights, multiculturalism in today's context.	K5
CO5	Form a coherent or functional ideas revolving in the contemporary issues for the well-being of the humans in the society.	K6

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

Relationship Matrix-26PL502													
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	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1.6
CO2	3	3	3	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	2	2.5
CO3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	2	2.6
CO4	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	2	2.6
CO5	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	2	2.6
												Total	2.38

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