

Course Code	Course Name	Credit
26PL511	POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY IN THEORY AND PRACTICE	4

Course Objectives

- To understand the relationship between political institutions and social structures.
- To examine concepts of power, authority, and legitimacy in society.
- To analyse the influence of social processes on political behaviour and consensus.
- To evaluate state–society relations and their impact on citizenship, governance, and social justice.

Learning Outcomes

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

- Understand the evolution, approaches political sociology as a discipline.
- Explain the concepts of political socialisation, participation, and political culture.
- Describe key ideas and concepts of classical theorists.
- Apply classical and contemporary theories to analyze political and social phenomena
- Critically examine state–society relations across different systems.
- Engage with contemporary Indian issues using sociological and political perspectives.

Unit I: Foundations of Political Sociology (11 hrs)

Evolution of political sociology as a discipline; Approaches to the study of political sociology; Political system and other systems

Unit II: Classical Theories in Political Sociology (13 hrs)

Karl Marx: Class conflict and power; Max Weber: Authority, bureaucracy and legitimacy; Emile Durkheim: Social solidarity and political order; Elite theories: Vilfredo Pareto, Gaetano Mosca & Robert Michels, 13

Unit III: Social Bases of Political Consensus (12 hrs)

Political Socialisation; Political Participation; Political Culture

Unit IV: State and Society Relations (13 hrs)

Capitalism: State, Class Structure, Citizenship; Socialism: State control, Ideology and Consensus; Welfare state: Model on state and society perspective

Unit V: Contemporary Issues in Political Sociology of India (11 hrs)

Caste politics; Identity politics; Social inequality and exclusion

Essential Readings

1. Eisenstadl, S.N. (ed), Political Sociology: A Reader
2. Ali Ashraf and L N Sharma, Political Sociology: A New Grammar of Politics
3. Amenta, Edwin, Kate Nash, and Alan Scott, The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Political Sociology
4. Bottomore, Tom, Political Sociology
5. Jayal, Niraja Gopal and Pratap Bhanu Mehta, The Oxford Companion to Politics in India
6. Keith Faulks, Political Sociology: A Critical Introduction, New York: New York University Press, 2000.
7. C. Hann and E. Dunn eds. Civil Society: Challenging Western Models, London: Routledge, 1996.
8. Janoski T, Alford R R, Hicks A M and Schwartz M A. eds. The Handbook of Political
9. Sociology, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005.
10. Betty Dobratz, Lisa K Waldner, Timothy Buzzell, Power, Politics, and Society: An
11. Introduction to Political Sociology, London and New York: Routledge, 2016.
12. Sartori, Giovanni, (Spring 1969), From Sociology of Politics to Political Sociology, Government and Opposition, Vol.4, No.2. pp 195-214.
13. Barrow, Clyde W, Ralph Miliband and the Instrumentalist Theory of the State: The (Mis) Construction of an Analytic Concept in Class, Power and the State in Capitalist Society: Essays on Ralph Miliband, Edited by Paul Wetherly and Clyde W. Barrow and Peter Burnham, Palgrave Macmillian
14. Jessop, Bob, Marxist Approaches to Power, in K Nash and A. Scott (eds), Developments in Marxist Theory, Blackwell Companion to Political Sociology, Oxford.
15. Della, Donatella and Diani (1999), Mario, Social Movements: An Introduction, Second edition, Blackwell Publishing.

16. Pichardo, Nelson A (2003), New Social Movements: A Critical Review, Annual Review Sociology, pp 411-430.
17. Waylen, Georgina, Celis, Karen, Celis, Kantola, Weldon, Laurel, (2013), Gender and Politics: Concepts and Methods, The Oxford Handbook of Gender and Politics.
18. Jensen, Mark, (2006) Concepts and Conceptions of Civil Society, Journal of Civil Society, Vol.2, No.1, 39-56, May.
19. Ray, Prasanta, (1968), Political Socialisation, The Journal of Political Science, Vol.29, No.2 (April-June 1968), pp. 135-142.
20. T. H. Marshall (1950), Citizenship and Social Class
21. Gøsta Esping-Andersen (1990), The Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism
22. Briggs Asa (1961), "The Welfare State in Historical Perspective"
23. Francis G. Castles (2004), The Future of the Welfare State
24. Peter Baldwin (1990), The Politics of Social Solidarity
25. Ian Gough (1979), The Political Economy of the Welfare State
26. Anthony Giddens (2006), Sociology (sections on state and welfare)
27. Ralph Miliband (1969), The State in Capitalist Society
28. Nicos Poulantzas (1978), State, Power, Socialism

COs and Bloom's Taxonomy Level (BTL) Mapping- 26PL511		
Course Outcomes	On completing P.G. program in Political Science the students will be able to	BTL
CO1	Recall key concepts and theories in political sociology, explain how political ideologies shape social structure and individual behaviour related to social bases, social cleavages and identity.	K1, K2
CO2	Use the information in new situations to analyse contemporary political issues and to interpret political events and trends using socio-political frameworks.	K3
CO3	Draw a connection, differentiate and compare the political process and its implications, and analyse the relationship between social, economic and political power dynamics.	K4
CO4	Justify a stand or evaluate the effectiveness of different political systems in addressing socio-political inequalities and critically assess the role of political institutions and agencies in maintain or challenging social order.	K5
CO5	Form a coherent or develop new theoretical models to explain emerging political phenomena through research studies to investigate specific aspect of political sociology.	K6

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

Relationship Matrix- 26PL511													
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	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1.8
CO2	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	2.3
CO3	2	3	3	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	3	2	2.4
CO4	2	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	3	2	3	2	2.5
CO5	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	2.6
												Total	2.32

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