

Course code	Course Name	Credit
26PL605	POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGY	4

Course Objectives

- To understand the relationship between psychological processes and political behaviour.
- To examine major theories and approaches in political psychology.
- To analyse the role of personality, attitudes, values, and socialization in politics.
- To evaluate the socio-psychological dimensions of political action and contemporary political change.

Learning Outcomes

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

- Understand the key concepts and significance of political psychology.
- Examine how individual attitudes, beliefs, emotions and personality traits.
- Describe the processes of political socialisation.
- Analyse the psychological dimensions of political leadership.
- Evaluate how public opinion is formed, manipulated and expressed.
- Critically evaluate political narratives, ideologies and decision-making processes.

Unit I: The Psychology of Politics (12 hrs)

Unit II: The Crowd in Politics (12 hrs)

Unit III: The Psychological Role of Authority in Politics (12 hrs)

Unit IV: Situation and Attitudes (12 hrs)

Unit V: The Psychology of Intergroup Conflicts (12 hrs)

Required Readings

1. David O. Sears, Leonie Huddy, and Robert Jervis, Oxford Handbook of Political Psychology (2003)
2. Leonie Huddy, David O. Sears, and Jack Levy, The Oxford Handbook of Political Psychology (2015)
3. Martha L. Cottam, Elena Mastors, Thomas Preston, and Beth Dietz, Introduction to Political Psychology (3rd Edition)
4. David P. Houghton, Political Psychology: Situations, Individuals, and Cases
5. Sigmund Freud, Group Psychology and the Analysis of the Ego
6. Gustave LeBon, The Crowd
7. Political Psychology: Indian Perspective, Edited by H.S. Asthana and Vijaya Shrivastava, Published by H.P. Bhargava Book House 2007, pbk, 2007

COs and Bloom's Taxonomy Level (BTL) Mapping – 26PL605		
Course Outcomes	On completing P.G. program in Political Science the students will be able to	BTL
CO1	Identify key psychological factors influencing political behaviour and explain the relationship between psychology and politics.	K1, K2
CO2	Describe the nature and theories of crowd behaviour and mass movements.	K3
CO3	Analyse and evaluate psychological basis of authority and obedience and assess different leadership styles.	K4
CO4	Apply attitude change theories to real- world political contexts.	K5
CO5	Suggest conflict resolution strategies based on psychological principles and theories.	K6

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

Relationship Matrix- 26PL605													
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