

Course Code	Course Name	Credits
26PL902	INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE	4

Course Objectives

- To introduce students to the meaning, nature, scope, and significance of Political Science as a discipline and its relevance in understanding political life and society.
- To develop an understanding of the origin, evolution, nature, and functions of the State and its role in shaping political institutions and governance.
- To familiarise students with key concepts and foundational principles of Political Science and their application to contemporary political issues.
- To encourage critical and reflective analysis of social and political practices through conceptual understanding and theoretical perspectives.
- To enhance students' analytical and interpretative skills in examining political processes, institutions, and issues in society.

Learning Outcome

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

- Define and describe the meaning, nature, and scope of political science.
- Explain the interdisciplinary nature of political science.
- Analyze the relationship between political science and history, economics, and sociology.
- Critically evaluate core political ideas relevant to democracy and governance
- Apply conceptual frameworks to interpret political institutions and issues.

Unit I: Introduction (12 hrs)

Evolution of the discipline; Meaning & definitions; nature and scope; Significance of the discipline

Unit II: Political Science and other Social Sciences (12hrs)

Relationship with other Social Science; Relationship with History; Relationship with Economics; Relationship with Sociology

Unit III: State and its Origin (12 hrs)

Meaning and definitions; Elements of State; Theories of State

Unit IV: Basic Concepts – I (12 hrs)

Sovereignty: Meaning, Characteristics and Kinds; Citizenship: Meaning and Nature; Rights: Meaning and Nature

Unit V: Basic Concepts – II (12 hrs)

Liberty: Meaning and Kinds; Equality: Meaning and Kinds; Justice: Meaning and Nature

Suggested Readings

Gauba, O.P, An Introduction to Political Theory (Mayur, 2017)

Gupta, R. L. (2014) *Political Theory: New Concepts: New Perspectives* – New Delhi: Sultan Chand & Sons

Heywood, Andrew, Political Theory: An Introduction, 4th edition (Palgrave Macmillan, 2015)

Heywood, Andrew, Politics, 4th Edition (Palgrave Macmillan, 2013)

J.C. Johari (2012). *New Dimensions, Basic Concepts and Major Trends*. New Delhi: Sterling Publishers.

R.C. Agarwal (2000). *Political Theory: Principles of Political Science*. New Delhi: S. Chand & Company.

Vidya Dhar Mahajan (2016). *Political Theory (Principles of Political Science)*. New Delhi: S. Chand & Company.

COs and Bloom's Taxonomy Level (BTL) Mapping – 26PL902		
Course Outcomes	On completing U.G. course program the students will be able to	BTL
CO1	Define and recall key concepts such as Political Science, State, Sovereignty, Citizenship, Rights, Liberty, Equality, and Justice and explain the evolution, nature, scope, and significance of Political Science.	K1, K2
CO2	Apply theoretical concepts such as rights, liberty, equality, and citizenship to contemporary political and social situations.	K3
CO3	Analyse the elements and theories of the State, and examine the interrelationship between Political Science and other social sciences.	K4
CO4	Evaluate different political concepts such as sovereignty, justice, and equality, and assess their relevance in modern governance and society.	K5
CO5	Formulate arguments, interpretations, or perspectives on political issues by integrating concepts like rights, liberty, and justice.	K6

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

Relationship Matrix-26PL902													
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	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	1.8
CO2	2	3	2	1	2	2	2	3	3	2	3	1	2.1
CO3	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	3	2	2.3
CO4	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	3	2	2.3
CO5	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	3	2	3	2	2.4
												Total	2.18

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