

Draft Syllabus for UG Programme Under NEP-2023

**Proposed by the Department of Political Science, Cotton University
and approved by the Board of Studies (BoS) for Semester I, II, III &**

IV

Semester-I (level 100)

Core-I: Politics: Knowing, Thinking and Questioning –PSG1 C 23 01

Core II: Constitutional government and processes in India PSG1 C 23 02

Multidisciplinary (MDE)-I: Introduction to Indian Political System PSG1 MD23 03(three credit course)

Semester-II (level 100)

Core I: Political Theory-I PSG2 C 23 01

Core II: Basic Understandings of International Relations PSG2 C 23 02

MDE-II: Introduction to Public Policy and Governance (PSG2 MD 23 03)

Semester-III (Level 200):

Core I: Political Theory-II (PSG3 C 23 01)

Core II: Key Issues in Contemporary Global Politics (PSG3 C 23 02)

MDE-III: Ecology, Conservation and Governance (PSG3 MD 23 01)

Semester IV

Core I: Western Political Philosophy-I (PSG4 C 23 01)

Core-II: State in India: Institutions and Practices PSG4 C 23 02

Core III: Gender and Politics (PSG4 C 23 03)

Semester-I (Level 100)**Major/Minor: Politics: Knowing, Thinking and Questioning**

Programme	Under Graduate
Semester	1
Course Status	Core
Credits	4
Course Code	--
Course Title	POLITICS: KNOWING, THINKING AND QUESTIONING
Course Developed by	RENGUPTA. M

Course Description

This course in Political Science has been designed with the *telos* of training the students in understanding their day to day social and political experiences by answering a few basic level academic questions. The modes of knowing politics will be demonstrated in class through lectures and interactive sessions. Since the National Education Policy 2020 places the learner at the center of the academic practice the course structure is heutagogical in character. Course from basic level questions advances to questions of natural and socially processed natural/ artificial being of the political. The last unit of the course is an attempt aiming at making the learner familiar with the political scientific modes of knowing. Readings include novels and fictions along with academic writings. A few documentaries and movies will be reviewed to make the learner think about the political modes of imagining/ conceptualizing nature, politics and social relations.

In four modules sixteen questions are raised and the learners are free to question the very validity of the questions. Also they can add their own. All the sessions will be Socratic in character.

The required readings are selections from standard academic texts and are given after every module. Students are suggested to complete the readings before the next session. All the readings and lecture summaries will be provided by the course teacher in standard format.

Course Objectives

1. The primary intention of the course is to make the learner realize that s/he has been situated in world where a social relation exists.
2. Enabling the learner to find patterns and modes of human conditioning through academic reading and exchange is the second objective of the course.
3. Third objective is the demonstration of the scientific process of knowing politics.
4. The final objective of the course is the production professional academic intellect.

Course Specific Outcomes**Upon completion of the course, student will be equipped with**

1. Raising questions that directly points towards the political being of the learner.

2. Critical evaluation of the modes of disciplining, leading to a process of unlearning the conventional pedagogy.
3. Beginner level skills in reading and deconstructing official and academic literature in Political Science.
4. Advancing the process of intellection to higher levels.

Pedagogic and evaluation Methods

1. **Pedagogic/ Heutagogic Methods:** Lectures, Seminars (Both traditional as well as group works and presentations based on home readings and small research, Tutorials, Role-Playing sessions.)
2. **Evaluation (Broadly):** 30 percent continuous assessment/ 70 percent end semester examination

Course Evaluation and Grading Criteria	Marks
End Semester Examination	70
Internal Evaluation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Term paper • Seminar Presentation • Group Discussion/ Workshop 	30
Total	100

Course Contents

Module 1: How do we know politics exists?

1. What is often told about politics?
2. How do we identify and situate politics?
3. Why and what do we talk about morals?
4. Do we use the term politics with petite and grander connotations? \

Required readings

- Axford, Barrie, Gary K. Browning, Richard Huggins, Ben Rosamond, John Turner, and Alan Grant. 1997. *Politics: An Introduction*. London, New York: Routledge.
- Bhargava, R, 2010. *What is Political Theory and why do we need it?* New Delhi: Oxford University Press
- Bhargava, R. and A. Acharya (eds), *Political Theory: An Introduction*, New Delhi: Pearson.
- Minogue, Kenneth. 1995. *Politics :A Very Short Introduction*. Great Clarendon Street, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Module 2: “Politics is natural for humans.” Isn’t it?

5. Can anything natural be our choice?
6. Is nature a process beyond human preference?
7. Is there a dominate nature that determines politics?
8. Is it natural for human to find politics everywhere?

Required readings

- Darwin, Charles. 2009. *On the Origin of Species*. London, New York: Penguin.
- Harari, Yuval N. 2015. *Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind*. New York: Harper.

Module 3: State and politics: the human works of art

9. How a city concept differs from nature?
10. How far is it academically correct to consider citizen as human animal?
11. How dominant politics determines nature?
12. What is “state”? Is it a human making intending to create “permanence”?

Required readings

- Bellamy, Richard. 2008. *Citizenship: A Very Short Introduction*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Carson, Rachel, 2002. *Silent Spring*. Boston :Houghton Mifflin.
- Orwell, George. 2021. *Animal Farm*. Collins Classics. London, England: William Collins.
- Compay Segundo - Guantanamo Lyrics + English Translation’. n.d. Accessed 5 March 2023. <https://lyricstranslate.com/en/guantanamera-guantanamera.html-25>.

Module 4: What is Political Science?

13. What is science? And how does scientific investigation of politics progresses?
14. Is science a human work of art?
15. What is Political Science? Is it about the scientific measurement of natural state of love or about the science and technology of artificial state/permanence?
16. Do we need to situate history in Political “Science”?

Required readings

- Derry, Gregory N. 1999. *What Science Is And How It Works?* Princeton University Press.

- Fairlie, John A. 1924. 'Politics and Science'. *The Scientific Monthly* 18 (1): 18–37.
- Burgess, John W. 1897. 'Political Science and History'. *The American Historical Review* 2 (3): 401–8.
- Weisberg, Herbert F. 1983. *Political Science: The Science of Politics*. New York: Agathon

From A German War Primer - Bertolt Brecht - My Poetic Side'. n.d. Accessed 5 March 2023.
<https://mypoeticside.com/show-classic-poem-3651> .

Movies /TV Shows/Documentaries

- 'An Inconvenient Truth (2006) - IMDb'. n.d. Accessed 5 March 2023.
<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0497116/>.
- 'Parasite (Dir. Bong Joon Ho: 2019) - IMDb'. n.d. Accessed 5 March 2023.
<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt6751668/>.
- 'WALL•E (2008) - IMDB'. n.d. Accessed 5 March 2023.
<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0910970/>.
- Dynasties (TV Mini Series 2018–2022-BBC) - IMDb. n.d. Accessed 5 March 2023.
<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt9130692/>.
- *Joker* (Dir. Todd Phillips 2019) - IMDb. n.d. Accessed 5 March 2023.
<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt7286456/>.
- MAGNETFILM, dir. 2020. Dinner for Few | *Animated Short Film by Nassos Vakalis*.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HTDdIO74BuA>.
- *Matrubhoomi: A Nation Without Women* (Dir. Manish Jha: 2003) -IMDb. n.d. Accessed 5 March 2023. <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0379375/>.
- Mikey Ant Man, dir. 2020. *Empire of the Ants 2020 BBC Documentary HD*.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7yn9hZb9M2U>.
- Studio Eeksaurus, dir. 2021. *Award Winning Short Film | What Is Your Brown Number?* | Studio Eeksaurus. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lhRM23EizwM>.

Semester I (level 100)

Multidisciplinary I: Introduction to Indian Political System

Programme	Under Graduate
Semester	I
Course Status	Multidisciplinary
Credits	3
Course Code	
Course Title	Introduction to Indian Political System
Course Developed by	Jilly Sarkar

COURSE OBJECTIVES: The Course is intended to provide a basic foundational understanding of the Indian Political System to those students with no or little background in Political Science. Here focus would be on the Constitution of India and the important organs of government. Module one traces the historical antecedents of post independent India with an aim to provide the context in which Indian constitution was formulated. The focus on rights and obligations are intended to create strong awareness amongst students as is expected of informed and active citizens. Module two would essentially focus on the organs of government and their functioning so as to enable them to make sense of Indian politics as it unfolds. Module three is about understanding of federalism and decentralisation as well as parties and elections. The goal here is to look into these structures and institutions as it was intended as well as its actual materialisations.

COURSE OUTCOMES

On successful completion of the course, the students will demonstrate understanding of the background, formulation and contents of the Constitution. They would be able to comprehend rights and obligations of the citizen as well as the state. The students would be familiar with the way Indian Political system functions. Overall the course would be helpful in generating a keen interest and understanding of Indian constitution and politics which would help them to pursue a career in think tanks, journalism, civil services as well as career in research and teaching.

COURSE CONTENT:

Module 1: Background and important aspects of the Constitution

- (a) Constitution: Historical antecedents
- (b) Philosophy and Features of Indian Constitution
- (c) Fundamental Rights and Obligations of State and Citizen

Readings:

(a) *Constitution: Historical antecedents and making of the constitution*

- Shibani Kinkar Chaube, 2010, Pre History, in *The Making and Working of the Indian Constitution*, NBT, India.
- ArunThiruvengadam, 2018, Origin and Crafting of the Constitution (pp. 11 to 26), in *The Constitution of India, a Contextual Analysis*, Hart Publishing.
- D DBasu, 2011, The Historical background, in *Introduction to the Constitution of India*(20thed.). Lexis Nexis, India.
- ShibaniKinkarChaube, 2000, Birth of the Constituent Assembly, in *Constituent Assembly of India: Springboard of Revolution*, Manohar.
- Granville Austin, 1966, The Constituent Assembly- Microcosm in Action, in *Indian Constitution, Cornerstone of a Nation*, OUP.
- SubhashKashyap, 1994, Making of the Constitution, in *Our Constitution: An Introduction to India's Constitution and Constitutional Law*, NBT, India.

(b) *Philosophy and Features of Indian Constitution*

- B R Ambedkar, 2010, Basic features of the Indian Constitution, in Valerian Rodrigues (ed), *The essential writings of BR Ambedkar*. Oxford University Press, India.
- D DBasu, 2011, Outstanding Feature of Our Constitution, in *Introduction to the Constitution of India* (20thed.). Lexis Nexis, India.

(c) *Fundamental Rights and Obligations of State and Citizen*

- Granville Austin, 1966, The Conscience of the Constitution- Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy- I (pp. 63-94), in *Indian Constitution, Cornerstone of a Nation*, OUP
- ShibaniKinkarChaube, 2010, Rights of Indians, in *The Making and Working of the Indian Constitution*, NBT, India.
- D DBasu, 2011, Fundamental Rights and Duties (pp. 79- 142),in*Introduction to the Constitution of India* (20thed.). Lexis Nexis, India.
- ArunThiruvengadam, 2018, Fundamental rights, Directive Principles and the Judiciary (pp. 118-137), in *The Constitution of India, a Contextual Analysis*, Hart Publishing.
- ShibaniKinkarChaube, 2010, Duties of State and Citizens, in *The Making and Working of the Indian Constitution*, NBT, India.
- Gautam Bhatia, 2016, Directive Principles of State Policy, in SujitChoudhry, *et al*, *The Oxford Handbook of the Indian Constitution*, New Delhi: OUP

Module 2: Political Institutions

(a) The Legislature- Parliament

(b) The Executive- President and Council of Ministers

(c) The Judiciary- Supreme Court

Readings:

(a) *The Legislature*

- S.K. Chaube, Union Government 2: The Legislature, in *The Making and Working of Indian Constitution*, NBT, India
- Granville Austin, 1966, *Indian Constitution, Cornerstone of a Nation*, OUP, pp. 145-230.
- ArunThiruvengadam, 2018, The Executive and the Parliament, in *The Constitution of India, a Contextual Analysis*, Hart Publishing
- M.R. Madhavan, 2017, Parliament, in D. Kapur, P.B. Mehta and M Vaishnav (eds.), *Rethinking Public Institutions in India*, Oxford University Press

(b) *The Executive*

- S.K. Chaube, Union Government- 1: The Executive, in *The Making and Working of Indian Constitution*, NBT, India
- James Manor, 2017, 'The Presidency', in DeveshKapur, PratapBhanu Mehta, Milan Vaishnav (eds), *Rethinking Public Institutions in India*, OUP, India.

(c) *The Judiciary*

- D.D. Basu, 2011, The Judicature (pp. 299- 313), in *Introduction to the Constitution of India* (20thed.). Lexis Nexis, India.
- PratapBhanu Mehta, 2005, India's Judiciary: the Promise of Uncertainty, in *Public Institutions in India: Performance and Design*, OUP, India.
- Punam S Khanna, 2008, The Indian Judicial system, in K Sankaran and U K Singh (eds), *Towards Legal Literacy: An Introduction to Law in India*, OUP.

Module 3: Political Structure and Institution

(a) Federalism and Centre State Relations

(b) Decentralisation and Local Self Government

(c) Political Parties, Party system and Elections

Readings:

(a) *Federalism and Centre State Relations*

- D DBasu, 2011, Distribution of Legislative and Executive Powers, in *Introduction to the Constitution of India* (20thed.). Lexis Nexis, India.
- M.P. Singh and RekhaSaxena, 2013, Asymmetrical Federalism, in *Federalising India in the Age of Globalisation*, Primus
- S.K. Chaube, Local Government, in *The Making and Working of Indian Constitution*, NBT, India.

(b) Decentralisation and Local Self Government

- P. de Souza (2002) 'Decentralization and Local Government: The Second Wind of Democracy in India', in Z. Hasan, E. Sridharan and R. Sudarshan (eds.) *India's Living Constitution: Ideas, Practices and Controversies*, New Delhi: Permanent Black, 2002
- T.R. Raghunandan, *Decentralization And Local Governments: The Indian Experience*, Readings On The Economy, Polity And Society, Orient Blackswan, 2013

(c) Political Parties, Party System and Elections

- E. Sridharan and Peter Ronald deSouza (2006) 'Introduction: The Evolution of Political Parties in India' in Peter Ronald deSouza, E Sridharan (eds) *India's Political Parties*
- Myron Weiner (2006), 'Party Politics and Electoral Behaviour: From Independence to the 1980s', in Peter Ronald deSouza, E Sridharan (eds) *India's Political Parties*
- YogendraYadav and SuhasPalshikar (2006), Party System and Electoral Politics in the Indian States, 1952–2002: From Hegemony to Convergence , in Peter RonalddeSouza, E Sridharan (eds) *India's Political Parties*
- Paul Wallace, 'Introduction: Hindu Nationalism and TINA Propel BJP Wave', in Paul Wallace (ed) *India's 2019 Elections The Hindutva Wave and Indian Nationalism*.