

SYLLABUS MODULE OF DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
(PROGRAMME)

ACADEMIC SESSION- JULY 2023- JUNE 2024

Students: Semester I & II (NEP Syllabus) & III, IV, V & VI OF Bankura University (CBCS)

SEMESTER- I

Understanding Political Theory (Major & Minor)

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Unit- I: Introducing Political Theory

a. What is politics? Political Theory: Meaning and Importance. Decline and Resurgence of Political Theory.

b. Approaches: Normative, Empirical and Behavioral.

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c. Critical and Contemporary Perspectives in Political Theory: Feminist and Postmodern.

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Unit- II: Karl Marx, Lenin and Mao

a. Marx: Dialectical Materialism, Historical Materialism, Theory of Alienation, Revolution and State.

b. Contribution of Lenin and Mao on Marxism.

Multidisciplinary Course

Indian Constitution and Politics

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Unit- I: Basic Features of the Constitution of India and its Philosophy

a. Salient Features.

b. Philosophy of the Constitution (Preamble).

Unit- II: Rights and Duties

a. Fundamental Rights.

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b. Directive Principles of State Policy.

c. Fundamental Duties.

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Unit- III: Organs of Government

a. The Legislature: Union (Parliament) and State (Vidhan Parishad and Vidhan Sabha).

b. The Executive: Union (President, Prime Minister and Council of Ministers) and State (Governor and Chief Minister, Council of Ministers).

c. The Judiciary: Supreme Court and the High Courts --- Composition, Jurisdiction and Role.

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Unit- IV: Federalism

a. Federalism: Division of Powers (Legislative, Administrative and Financial), Recent

Trends in Centre-State Relations.

Skill Enhancement Course

Legislative Practices and Procedures

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Unit: I -- Legislative Process:

Question: Rules of Putting Questions to the Minister: Types of Questions (written and verbal; supplementary).

Others: Rules Relating to Calling Attention, Mention, Adjournment, Resolution, Discussion

including Short Discussion, Censure and No-Confidence.

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Types of Committees, Role of the Standing Committee in Reviewing a Bill,
How a Bill becomes Law.

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Unit: II -- Budget:

Overview of Budget Process, Role of Parliament in reviewing the Union
Budget,

Examination of Demands for Grants of Ministries, Working of Ministries.

SEMESTER- II

Political Process in India (Major & Minor)

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Unit- I: The Changing Nature of the Indian State

- a. Developmental.
- b. Welfare.

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Unit- II: Political Parties and the Party System

- a. Trends in the Party System: from the Congress System to Multi-Party Coalitions.
- b. Determinants of Voting Behavior: Caste, Religion and Gender.

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Unit- III: National Integration and Its Challenges

- a. National Integration: Concept
- b. Linguistic Movements and 'The States Reorganization Act, 1956'.
- c. Demands for Separate Statehood: Gorkhaland and Karbi Anglong

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Unit- IV: Religion and Politics

- a. Debates on Secularism; Communalism

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Unit- V: Caste and Politics

- a. Politics of Reservation.
- b. Rise of Dalits in Indian Politics

Multidisciplinary

International Relations: Theories and Basic Concepts

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UNIT- I. Evolution and Approaches to International Relations:

- a. Evolution of International Relations as an Autonomous Discipline.
- b. Major Theories:

Idealism, Realism, Neo-Realism, Decision-Making.

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UNIT- II. Cold War and Post-Cold War Era:

- a. Origins and Phases of Cold War; End of Cold War; and Collapse of the Soviet Union.
- b. Post-Cold War Era and Emerging Centres of Power (European Union, China and Russia)

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UNIT- III. Foreign Policy:

- a. Definition and Determinants.
- b. Meaning and Types of Diplomacy.

Skill Enhancement Course

Democratic Awareness with Legal Literacy

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Unit- I: Outline of the Legal System in India

- a. System of Courts/ Tribunals and their Jurisdiction in India--- Criminal and Civil Courts,
Specialized Courts such as Juvenile Courts and Mahila Courts.
- b. Alternate Dispute Mechanisms such as Lok Adalat.

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Unit- II: Brief Understanding of the Laws Applicable in India

- a. Laws Relating to Criminal Jurisdiction: Provision Relating to Filing an FIR, Arrest, Bail

Search Related Laws. Prevention of Atrocities on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

b. Laws Relating to Consumer Rights.

c. Laws Relating to Cyber-Crimes.

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SEMESTER- III

Course Title (Core Course): Comparative Government and Politics

Course Code: APPLS-301/C-1C

Contact Hours/Week: 6

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1. The nature, scope and methods of comparative political analysis.

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2. Comparing Regimes: Authoritarian and Democratic.
3. Classifications of political systems:
4. a) Parliamentary and Presidential: UK and USA.
5. b) Federal and Unitary: USA and France.

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4. Electoral Systems: First past the post, proportional representation, mixed systems.
5. Party Systems: one-party, two-party and multi-party systems.
6. Contemporary debates on the nature of state: From state centric security to human centric security and the changing nature of nation-state in the context of globalization.

SEMESTER- III

Skill Enhancement Course

Legislative Support
Course Code: APPLS-305/SEC-1

Contact Hours/Week: 2

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1. Legislative Process:

Question: Rules of Putting Questions to the Minister: Types of Questions (written and verbal; supplementary).

Others: Rules Relating to Calling Attention, Mention, Adjournment, Resolution, Discussion including Short Discussion, Censure and No-Confidence.

How a bill becomes law, role of the Standing committee in reviewing a bill, legislative consultants, the framing of rules and regulations.

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II. Supporting the Legislative Committees:

Types of committees, role of committees in reviewing government finances, policy, programmes, and legislation.

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III. Reading the Budget Document:

Overview of Budget Process, Role of Parliament in reviewing the Union Budget, Examination of Demands for Grants of Ministries, Working of Ministries.

SEMESTER- IV

Course Title (Core Course): International Relations

Course Code: APPLS-401/C-1D

Contact Hours/Week: 6

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1. Evolution and Approaches to International Relations:

2. Evolution of international relations as an autonomous discipline.
3. Major Theories: Realism and Neo-Realism, Liberalism and its variants.
4. Behavioral Theory: Systems Theory, Decision-Making Theory, Communication Theory.

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2. Cold War and Post-Cold War Era:

- (a) Origins and Phases of Cold War; End of Cold War and Collapse of the Soviet Union.
- (b) Post Cold- War Era and Emerging Centers of Power (European Union, China and Russia)

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3. India's Foreign Policy:

- (a) Basic Determinants (Historical, Geo-Political, Economic, Domestic and Strategic).
- (b) India's Policy of Non-alignment.
- (c) India's Relationship with Pakistan, USA and China.

SEMESTER- IV

Course Title (Skill Enhancement Course): Democratic Awareness with Legal Literacy

Course Code: APPLS-405/SEC-2

Contact Hours/Week: 2

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Unit I:

Outline of the Legal system in India.

System of courts/tribunals and their jurisdiction in India--- criminal and civil courts, writ

jurisdiction, specialized courts such as juvenile courts, Mahila

Courts and tribunals.

Role of the police and magistracy in criminal law administration.

Alternate dispute mechanisms such as Lok Adalat, non-formal mechanisms.

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Unit II:

Brief understanding of the laws applicable in India.

Constitution: fundamental rights, fundamental duties, other constitutional rights and their manner of enforcement, with emphasis on public interest litigation.

Laws relating to criminal jurisdiction: provision relating to filing an FIR, arrest, bail search and some understanding of the questions of evidence and procedure in Cr. P.C. and related laws,

offences against women, juvenile justice, prevention of atrocities on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

Concepts of Principles of Natural Justice, Fair comment under Contempt laws.

Laws relating to consumer rights.

Laws relating to cybercrimes.

Anti-terrorist laws: implications for security and human rights.

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Unit III: Access to courts and enforcement of rights:

Legal Services Authorities Act and right to legal aid.

SEMESTER- V

Course Title (Discipline Specific Elective Course):

Administration and Public Policy--- Concepts and Theories

Course Code: APPLS-501/DSE-1A

Contact Hours/Week: 6

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1. Public administration:

Meaning, scope and significance; public and private administration; brief evolution and major approaches; from comparative approaches to public administration.

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2. Administrative theories:

Classical; Scientific Management; Human-Relations; and Rational Decision-Making.

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3. Understanding public policy:

Concept and theories; relevance of policy making in public administration; process of policy formulation and implementation; evaluation.

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4. From Development Administration to New Public Management:

Elements and politics of development administration, the New Public Management paradigm --- a critical perspective in the post globalized era.

SEMESTER- V

Course Title (Generic Elective Course): Human Rights, Gender and Environment

(to be opted by students from other departments)

Course Code: APPLS-503/GE-1

Contact Hours/Week: 6

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1. Understanding Social Inequality:

Caste, Gender, Ethnicity and Class as distinct categories and their interconnection. Globalisation and its impact on workers, peasants, dalits, adivasis and women.

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1. Human Rights:

Human Rights: Various Meanings.

UN Declarations.

Human Rights and Citizenship Rights.

Human Rights and the Indian Constitution.

The role of the National Human Rights Commission.

Human Rights of Marginalized Groups: Dalits, Adivasis,

Women, Minorities and Unorganized Workers.

Human Rights Movement in India.

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III. Gender:

Gender, Culture and History

Economic Development and Women

The issue of Women's Political Participation and Representation
in India

Women's Movements in India

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IV Environment:

Environmental and Sustainable Development.

UN Environment Programme: Rio, Johannesburg and after.

Environment Policy in India.

Environmental Movement in India.

SEMESTER- V

Course Title (Skill Enhancement Course): Public Opinion and Survey
Research

Course Code: APPLS-504/SEC-3

Contact Hours/Week: 2

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1. **Introduction to the course:**

Public Opinion: Definition and characteristics.

Debates about its role in a democratic political system, uses for opinion poll.

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1. **Measuring Public Opinion with Surveys--- Representation and sampling:**

2. What is sampling? Why do we need to sample? Sample design.

3. Sampling error and non-response.

4. Types of sampling: Non random sampling (quota, purposive and snowball sampling); random sampling: simple and stratified.

III. Survey Research:

1. Interviewing: Interview techniques pitfalls, different types of and forms of interview.

2. Questionnaire: Question wording; fairness and clarity.

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1. **Quantitative Data Analysis:**

2. Introduction to quantitative data analysis

3. Basic concepts: correlational research, causation and prediction, descriptive and inferential Statistics.

SEMESTER- VI

Course Title (Discipline Specific Elective Course): Democracy and Governance

Course Code: APPLS-601/DSE-1B

Contact Hours/Week: 6

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1. **Structure and Process of Governance:**

Indian Model of Democracy, Parliament, Party Politics and

Electoral behaviour, Federalism, The Supreme Court and Judicial Activism, Units of Local Governance (Rural and Urban).

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2. **Ideas, Interests and Institutions in Public Policy:**
3. Contextual Orientation of Policy Design.
4. Institutions of Policy Making.
5. Regulatory Institutions – SEBI, TRAI, Competition Commission of India.
6. Lobbying Institutions: Chambers of Commerce and Industries, Trade Unions, Farmers Associations, etc.
3. **Contemporary Political Economy of Development in India:**
Policy Debates over Models of Development in India, Recent trends of Liberalisation of Indian Economy in different sectors, E-governance.

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4. **Dynamics of Civil Society:**
New Social Movements and Various interests, Role of NGO's, Understanding the political significance of Media and Popular Culture.

SEMESTER- VI

Course Title (Generic Elective Course): Reading Gandhi

Course Code: APPLS-603/GE-2

(to be opted by students from other departments)

Contact Hours/Week: 6

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1. **A) Hind Swaraj:**
2. Gandhi in his own words: A close reading of Hind Swaraj.
3. Commentaries on Hind Swaraj and Gandhian thought:

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4. B) Gandhi and modern India:
5. Nationalism.
6. Communal unity.
7. Women's Question.
8. Untouchability.

SEMESTER- VI

Course Title (Skill Enhancement Course): Conflict and Peace Building

Course Code: APPLS-604/SEC-4

Contact Hours/Week: 2

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Unit 1: Basic Concepts on War and Peace:

- a. Causes of War
- b. Just war: Meaning
- c. Approaches to Peace.

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Unit II: Dimensions of Conflict:

- a. Conflict: meaning, causes and types
- b. Sites of conflict: local, regional and global
- c. Ideology: Ideologies and Conflict since the Cold War.
- d. Socio-Cultural Conflicts: Ethnic and Religious

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Unit III: Conflict Resolution:

- a. Conflict resolution and conflict management: meaning and difference
- b. Methods of Conflict resolution: amicable (Mediation, Negotiation and Diplomacy Track- I, Track- II and Multi Track). & non-amicable (economic sanctions, blockade and war)
- c. Alternative method of Conflict resolution: Nonviolence
- d. Peace Studies and Peace Research