

COURSE PLAN

Subject: POLITICAL SCIENCE- Theory & Thought

Class: I B.A.LL.B I SEMESTER

Date of commencement of Classes- 6th August 2018

Course Objectives: To enable a student to understand the basic concepts and theories of political science as also the link between political science, politics and law. To help students on a better understanding of constitutionalism of the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries and hence leading to a better appreciation of jurisprudence and its development in any political system.

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Units	Topic	No of Hours	Methodology of Teaching	Prerequisites- Readings/Assignments	Supplementary Reading	Unit Outcomes
UNIT 1	Political Science- Definition, nature, scope, importance; relation with other Social Sciences; in political science	20	Lecture method	Political Thought- R.C.Agarwal	Contemporary Political Theory- J.C.Johari	Student will get firsthand knowledge about the evolution of Political Science. They will be able to understand the preface of origin of state & evolutionary theory of state & society.
	Concept of State- Definition & meaning, Nature & elements; state in comparison with society, Govt & Association.		Lecture method	Political Thought- R.C.Agarwal	Contemporary Political Theory- J.C.Johari	
	Origin of the State- Various theories; evolutionary theory		Lecture method	Political Thought- R.C.Agarwal	Contemporary Political Theory- J.C.Johari	
	Sovereignty- Meaning, definition; aspects, attributes & kinds.		Lecture method	Political Thought- R.C.Agarwal	Contemporary Political Theory- J.C.Johari	

UNIT 2	Political Thought & Philosophy 1) Western (Ancient & Medieval) – a) Plato & Aristotle contributions b) Roman empire Rise, contribution and legal system. c) Rise of Christianity St. Thomas Aquinas Philosophy & contribution. d) Machivalli-The Prince & its Philosophy. 2) Ancient Indian Thought- Pre Vedic, Post Vedic, & Saptanga theory 3) Birth of Islam with special reference to Shariat law	20	Lecture method Students presentation Lecture method Students presentation Lecture method Lecture method Chalk and Talk Talk and Discuss	The Substance of Politics- Appadorai . The Substance of Politics- Appadorai Indian Political Thought – V.N.Khanna	History of Political Theory- G.H. Sabine. Ancient India- V.D.Mahajan	Students will be familiarized with the Thoughts & Philosophy of various thinkers like Plato , Aristotle, Kautilya, Thomas Aquinas, Machiavelli.
UNIT 3	1) Western Philosophy- a) Individualism b) Socialism c) Marxism 2) Modern Indian Philosophy- Gandhiji's Political Thought	10	Lecture method Students presentation Students presentation	Political Theory- Dr. Eddy Asirvatham, K.K.Mishra	Political Theory- Rajani Kothari	Students will be able to understanding the issues and areas in Western & Indian Political thought.
UNIT4	1) Rights- Meaning, Nature, Kinds; human rights &	10	Lecture method, group discussion	Political Thought- R.C.Agarwal	An Introduction to Political Theory- O.P. Gauba	Students will be acquainted with the meaning,

	<p>Fundamental Rights.</p> <p>2) Duties- Meaning, kinds; fundamental duties with examples.</p> <p>3) Concept of Welfare State- meaning, principals, implications, functions and problems.</p>		Lecture method, group discussion	<p>Political Thought- R.C.Agarwal</p> <p>Political Thought- R.C.Agarwal</p>	<p>Political Theory- Rajani Kothari</p>	<p>importance & kinds of Rights & Duties.</p>
UNIT 5	<p>1) Democracy: Meaning, Nature, Kinds, merits & defects, Types (Direct & Indirect)</p> <p>2) Dictatorship: Meaning, features, merits & demerits, a totalitarian state. Nazism & Communism.</p> <p>3) Secularism: Meaning, features; arguments for & against.</p>	10	Lecture method, Group discussion	<p>Political Thought- R.C.Agarwal</p> <p>Principles of Modern Political Science- J.C.Johari K.K.Mishra</p>	<p>Political Theory- Rajeev Bhargava.</p>	<p>Importance of Democracy & System of the country will be brought to the awareness of the students and will also be familiarized with the relevance of democracy in the globalised world.</p>

No. of Teaching Hrs: 70

No. of Students Presentation: 6

No. of Library Hrs: 1

No. of Hand-Outs: 10

No. of Assessment Hrs: 5+3

No. of writing exercises: 5

No. of Hrs. for revision and Question Paper Solving: 2

No. of Case Studies: Nil

No. Group Discussion: 2

No. of documentaries to be screened: Nil

Service Learning: Students can collect the policies and governmental schemes provided by state government and central government and bring it to awareness of the people residing in semi-rural and rural areas about their Rights & Duties and make them avail benefits.

Guest Lectures (if any): 01

Any Links: Press Information Bureau

Course Outcome: Students will appreciate the knowledge gained in this paper as it gives them good understanding of evolution of Political Science, pros and cons of democracy, communism, rights, duties, secularism, political thoughts (Western & Indian), and its implementation through governmental agencies.

Industry/Professional Skills: This contributes to the professional development of the students as they get finely get tuned with the rights & duties, welfare state & social concern towards the state & the society.

Human Values: Subject contributes to enrichment of human values as the students will be made aware of problems and issues of employees at different levels of democracy. They will be more sensitive to these concerns of group and individual behavior once they become legal professionals.

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