

## **BA PROGRAMME, POLITICAL SCIENCE**

### **Program Outcome**

The B.A. Programme in Political Science aims to provide students with both a conceptual and a practical grasp of the discipline, and to encourage them to draw connections between Political Science and other social science disciplines by offering courses of an interdisciplinary nature.

- Students of the B.A. Programme in Political Science will have a comprehensive understanding of the fundamental concepts, theories and processes underlying this academic discipline, its different subfields and its linkages with other social science disciplines
- On the completion of the programme students will be able to both choose and employ appropriate methods to conduct research, make political forecasts, and undertake political analysis of significant contemporary developments.
- Students will be able to leverage their knowledge and skills to craft solutions to problems they encounter in the real world, which will allow them to take up work both within the academy and outside – in administration, politics, policy making, diplomacy and the courts.
- They will be equipped with both the procedural and substantive knowledge to evolve into professionals engaged with a wide range of issues – human rights, environment, gender justice, law, foreign policy and global relations – and will be well-placed to take up employment in these fields and to pursue a diverse range of work in both the state and non-state sectors, in the country and abroad.
- Students will recognize and appreciate the importance of an education in Political Science, and the immense gamut of contexts in which such an education emerges as

valuable and to which its lessons can be applied - academic, administrative, political, cultural, economic, legal and social.

### **Program Specific Outcome**

- Students will be able to understand basic concepts of Political Science such as state, power and different types of power relationship
- Student will be able to understand the interconnection between local, state, national and international politics
- Student will understand the difference between theory and practice
- Student will be able to analyze and criticize

## **SEMESTER 1**

### **Paper I - Introduction to Political Theory (Discipline Specific Core)**

This course aims to introduce certain key aspects of conceptual analysis in political theory and the skills required to engage in debates surrounding the application of the concepts.

#### Learning Outcomes:

- Understand the nature and relevance of Political Theory
- Understand different concepts like liberty, equality, justice and rights.

- Reflect upon some of the important debates in Political Theory

## **SEMESTER 2**

### **Paper II - Indian Government and Politics (Discipline Specific Core)**

#### Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate an understanding of the different viewpoints on Indian politics and the nature of Indian state
- Show knowledge of the text of the Indian Constitution and an awareness of constitutional and legal rights
- Understand the structure of society in India and how social inequalities have an impact on political institutions and processes
- Show awareness of the party system in India and the development policies adopted by various governments so far
- Understand how social movements are formed and how they impact the political processes

## **SEMESTER 3**

### **Paper III - Comparative Government and Politics (Discipline Specific Core)**

#### Learning Outcomes

- The paper will equip students with an in-depth understanding of nature, and scope of comparative politics. The course will enhance student's understanding of comparative analysis both in developed and developing countries.
- The course will enable students in understanding historical context of modern state, constitutional development and their political economy with specific references;

such as capitalism as a case of reference to Britain, socialism with reference to China, colonialism and decolonization with reference to Brazil and Nigeria.

- The course will develop analytical skills of students to discuss the contemporary debates on the changing nature of state in the context of globalisation.

### **Paper 1- Legislative Support (Ability Enhancement Elective Skill Based)**

#### Learning Outcomes

- This course will enable the students to understand the legislative process in India at various levels, functions of peoples' representatives.
- Students will get knowledge of the structure and the various functions of legislating bodies in India
- An in-depth understanding of the law making procedure in India
- Students will learn skills to be able to do a close reading of legislative documents
- An understanding of the relationship between the people and their elected representativesStudents will develop basic abilities to be a part of any support team engaged at different levels of the law making functions.

## **SEMESTER 4**

### **Paper IV -Introduction to International Relations (Discipline Specific Core)**

#### Learning Outcomes

- The course will enhance students' understanding on the major political developments in international relations since 1945.
- The paper will develop in-depth knowledge on the emerging centers of power like European Union, China, Russia and Japan.

- Students will also learn about basic determinants of India's foreign policy and understand it in the context of India as an emerging power.

## **Paper 2 – Public Opinion and Survey Research (Ability Enhancement Elective Skill Based)**

### Learning Outcomes

- This course helps the students understand the importance of public opinion in a democracy.
- The important role of survey research in the working of a democratic political system
- Students will learn about the methods used for conducting surveys and interpreting the data collected through surveys
- Acquire basic skills related to understanding public opinion formation and conducting research through the use of samples, making a questionnaire, conducting interviews, etc.
- Students will attain basic skills related to measurement of public opinion such as data analysis using statistical methods.

## **SEMESTER 5**

### **Paper 1 : Themes In Comparative Political Theory (Discipline Specific Elective Course)**

#### Learning Outcomes

- This course aims to familiarize students with the need to recognize how conceptual resources in political theory draw from plural traditions.
- Understand how Political Theory draws from and is shaped by both western and Indian traditions.

- Appreciate the value and distinctiveness of Comparative Political Theory.

**Paper 3 – Democratic Awareness Through Legal Literacy :Ability Enhancement Elective Skill Based( CBCS OLD SYLLABUS)**

Learning Outcomes

- This course will acquaint students with the structure and manner of functioning of the legal system in India
- Awareness of various institutions of the legal system of India – such as the courts, police, jails etc.
- Awareness of the criminal justice administration in India
- Basic knowledge of the Constitutions of India, Laws in India, formal and alternate dispute redressal (ADR) mechanisms and Public Interest Litigation in India
- Working knowledge of how to uphold one's rights and be aware of one's duties
- An understanding of various challenges and opportunities for different sections of people posed by the Indian legal system.

**Paper 3– Your Laws, Your Rights :Ability Enhancement Elective Skill Based(CBCS NEW SYLLABUS)**

Learning Outcomes

- This course helps students to develop an understanding of law as a source of their rights.
- In-depth understanding of important democratic values such as equality, justice etc.
- Knowledge of various laws enacted for upholding the democratic values.
- An awareness of democratic rights guaranteed to Indian citizens and persons

- Students develop skills related to using ordinary legal procedures to safeguard the rights guaranteed in India
- Basic knowledge of ordinary procedures such as obtaining different kinds of identity documents.
- An understanding of the basic structure and principles of the Indian legal system.

## **SEMESTER 6**

### **Paper 3: Democracy and Governance (Discipline Specific Elective Course)**

#### Learning Outcomes :

- Demonstrate knowledge of the constitutional structure of democracy in India
- Demonstrate knowledge of the working of the democratic institutions of governance such as Parliament, Courts, etc.
- Show awareness of policy making process within democratic institutions • Show awareness of institutional practices of regulation, lobbying, etc.

### **Paper 4– Peace and Conflict Resolution (Ability Enhancement Elective Skill Based 4)**

#### Learning Outcomes

- Students will get a deep understanding of the theoretical and factual observations on domestic and international sources of conflict and war, conflict resolution and conflict transformation.
- The analytical ability of the students will be enhanced by learning different models used in conflict resolution.
- This course will help students develop an analytical outlook in the area of conflict resolution on cooperative, equitable, and peaceful techniques of conflict resolution and transformation.

- Understanding Peace Movements across the world and in war affected regions will help students have their own perspectives on conflict resolution.
- The understanding of various issues like migration, information flow and normative concepts will make students enhance their overall understanding and knowledge.

## **GENERIC ELECTIVE**

### **SEMESTER 5**

#### **Paper 5 – Understanding Gandhi**

##### Learning Outcomes

- This paper will acquaint the students with the art of reading important texts in a proper manner
- Students will be able to grasp the conceptual and argumentative structure of texts and will be able to locate the texts in a broader intellectual context.
- Knowledge of the social and political thought of Gandhi
- Close reading of various important works of Gandhi such as Hind Swaraj
- Familiarity with commentaries on Gandhian thought
- An understanding of various themes in Gandhian thought that are relevant in modern times.

### **SEMESTER 6**

#### **Paper 6– Human Rights, Gender and Environment**

##### Learning Outcomes



- Students will be able to understand the issues concerning rights of all citizens as well as marginalized groups.
- Students will be equipped to understand, theoretically and conceptually, socio-economic and political problems of marginalized groups in society such as women, Dalits, minorities etc.
- An understanding of various institutional measures and policies undertaken in order to meet demands of various movements.
- Students will understand basic concepts relating to social inequality such as caste, gender, ethnicity etc.
- An in-depth study of Human Rights, UN Declaration on Human Rights and Citizenship Rights
- Knowledge of Human Rights, Laws and Institutions in India
- Students will be aware of and understand global issues such as Pollution, Global Warming, Bio-diversity etc. and the Indian Context as well.