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For

Political Science

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Political Science Syllabus for M.Phil/Pre-Ph.D

		First Semester		
Sl. No.	**Subject Code**	**Subject Title**	**Total Marks**	**Credits**
1.	POSC MPC1	Research Methodology	100	04
2.	POSC MPC2	Modern Political Theory	100	04
3	**POSC MPC3**	**Research and Publication Ethics**	**50**	**02**
4.	POSC MPS4	**Seminar Presentation with a Review Report based on Review of 05(Five) Important Research Papers published in reputed Journals.**	50	02
5	POSC MPE1 POSC MPE2 POSC MPE3	Indian Political Process: Issues and Dynamics. Or Women, Power and Politics Or Major Debates in Contemporary World	100	04
		Total	**400 Marks**	**16 Credits**

		Second Semester		
6	POSC MPS4	**Review of Research Progress**(Four presentations based on the Dissertation carrying one credit per presentation to be presented every month during the period of writing the Dissertation)	100	04
7	POSC MPD1	DISSERTATION	300	12
		Total	**400 Marks**	**16 Credits**

There shall be two semesters for M.Phil. having 32 credit points and the First Semester is common for both M.Phil and Pre-Ph.D. Scholars. The M.Phil/Pre-Ph.D. Course Work shall consist of 16 credit points.

POSC MPC1	Research Methodology		
Semester:I	Credit:04	Core Course	
Objectives:The objective of this paper is to help the scholars to learn various methods and techniques of conducting a research and how these will be put to use at the time of writing the Dissertation and Thesis.			

Unit-I 13 Hours

Scientific Method: Definition, Nature and Uses of Scientific Method; Quantitative Methods.

Unit-II 13 Hours

Hypothesis and Research Design.

Unit-III 13 Hours

Techniques of Data Collection: Observation, Interview, Questionnaire, Sampling.

Unit-IV 13 Hours

Data Analysis: Content Analysis, Report Writing, Qualitative and Quantitative Data Analysis,

Suggested Readings:

- Bose Pradeep Kumar 1995: Research Methodology:A Trend Report,ICSSR
- Mukherjee P.N (eds.) 2000-Methodology in Social Research: Dilemmas and Perspectives, New Delhi, Sage Publications.
- Gode W.J and Paul Tyatt, 1952: Methods in Social Research, Megraiohill, New York.
- Gerring J. 2001 Social Science Methodology, A Critical Framework, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, U.K.
- Evera Stephen Vaw, Guide to Methods for students of Political Science, Ithaca Cornell University Press 1997.
- Blabloc M.M. An Introduction to Social Research Englewood Cliffs N.J Preutice Hall, 1970.

➢ Brymam: A Quantityt and Quality in Social Research, Unwin Hyman, London, 1988.

➢ Blondel J., Thinking Politically, Wildwood House, London, 1978.

➢ Kumar Ranjit, Research Methodology,Sage Publication, New Delhi,2011

POSC MPC2	**Modern Political Theory**		
Semester:I	**Credit:04**	**Core Course**	
Objectives: The purpose is to familiarize students with the basic concepts, approaches and changing perspectives on contemporary political ideologies. This will help the scholars to have a broader perspective on various political ideas with a critical and analytical outlook.			

Unit-I   13 Hours

Political Theory: Meaning, Nature and Scope;   Debate on Decline of Political Theory

Unit-II: 13 Hours

Theory of Democracy: Liberal, Marxist, Debates on Democracy: Procedural vs. Substantive Conceptions.

 Perspectives on Politics: Liberal, Marxist and Feminist.

Unit-III: 13 Hours

 Libertarianism, Communitarianism, Multiculturalism

Unit-IV: 13Hours

 Decline of Communism.

Suggested Readings:

➢ Berlin, Isaiah, *Four Essays on Concepts of Liberty*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 1969.

➢ Goodin, Robert E. and Philip Pettit edited, *A Companion to Contemporary Political*

➢ Goodin, Robert E. and Philip Pettit edited *Contemporary Political Philosophy*. Oxford, Blackwell Publishers, 1997.

➢ Gutman, Amy edited, *Multiculturalism: Examining the Politics of Recognition,* Princeton N.J, Princeton University Press. 1994.

➢ Hampton, Jean, *Political Philosophy: An Introduction,* Delhi, Oxford University Press, 1998.

➢ Harrison, Ross, *Democracy,* London, Routledge, 1993.

➢ Miller, David and Larry Siedentop edited, *The Nature of Political Theory,* Oxford, Clarendon Press, 1983.

➢ Adams Ian, 1993, *Political Ideologies Today*, Manchester, Manchester University Press

➢ Graham Gordon, 1986, *Politics in its Place- A Study of Six Ideologies*, Oxford, Clarendon Press

➢ Heywood Andrew, 1992, *Political Ideologies*, London, Macmillan

➢ Bhargava, R. (2008) '*What is Political Theory'*, in Bhargava, R and Acharya, A. (eds.) Political Theory: An Introduction. New Delhi: Pearson Longman,

POSC MPS3	Research and Publication Ethics	
Semester:I	**Credit:04**	**Core Course**
Objectives: The purpose of this paper is to make the scholars aware about various ethical issues involved in the process of research and understanding plagiarism while conducting research and writing a research report.		

The scholars will learn about various ethical issues involved in the process of research, how to avoid bias while collecting data and how to maintain confidentiality with regard to the respondent. They will also learn about plagiarism which will guide them while writing a research report.

POSC MPS4	Seminar Presentation with a review report based on Review of 05 (Five) Important Research Papers published in reputed Journals.	
Semester:I	**Credit:04**	**Core Course**
Objectives: The objective is to help the scholars to develop the skill of presentation of different topics from various angles that will be helpful in debates and other types of academics interactions.		

The scholars are required to review five important research papers published in reputed journals and present the review report in front of all the faculty members of the Department. Their evaluation will

be based on the presentation skill, knowledge on the topic and their ability to respond to the questions put during the presentation.

POSC MPE1	**Indian Political Process: Issues and Dynamics.**	
Semester: I	**Credit:04**	**Core Course**
Objectives: Objectives:. The course intends to take up various issues that have great impact upon the Indian Political Process .The paper highlights the role of caste, religion, culture and developmental initiatives in shaping and directing the course of Indian Political Process.		

Unit-I   **13 Hours**

Political Parties and the Party System: Trends in the Party System; From the Congress System to Multi-Party Coalitions

Unit-II   **13 Hours**

Religion: Debates on Secularism; Caste: Caste in Politics and the Politicization of Caste

Unit-III   **13 Hours**

Cultural Diversity and Regional Aspirations: Growing Demands for New Statehood

Unit-IV   **13 Hours**

The Changing Nature of the Indian State: Developmental, Welfare and Coercive Dimensions

Suggested Readings:

➢ 1 R. Kothari, (2002) 'The Congress System', in Z. Hasan (ed.) Parties and Party Politics in India, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp 39-55.

➢ E. Sridharan, (2012) 'Introduction: Theorizing Democratic Consolidation, Parties and Coalitions', in Coalition Politics and Democratic Consolidation in Asia, New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

- Y. Yadav and S. Palshikar, (2006) 'Party System and Electoral Politics in the Indian States, 1952-2002: From Hegemony to Convergence', in P. deSouza and E. Sridharan (eds.) India's Political Parties, New Delhi: Sage Publications, pp. 73-115

- M. Chadda, (2010) 'Integration through Internal Reorganisation', in S. Baruah (ed.) Ethnonationalism in India: A Reader, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 379-402.

- P. Brass, (1999) 'Crisis of National Unity: Punjab, the Northeast and Kashmir', in The Politics of India Since Independence, New Delhi: Cambridge University Press and Foundation Books, pp.192-227.

- T. Pantham, (2004) 'Understanding Indian Secularism: Learning from its Recent Critics', in R. Vora and S. Palshikar (eds.) Indian Democracy: Meanings and Practices, New Delhi: Sage, pp. 235-256.

- R. Kothari, (1970) 'Introduction', in Caste in Indian Politics, Delhi: Orient Longman, pp.3- 25. M. Weiner, (2001) 'The Struggle for Equality: Caste in Indian Politics', in Atul Kohli (ed.) The Success of India's Democracy, New Delhi: Cambridge University Press, pp. 193-225.

- G. Omvedt, (2002) 'Ambedkar and After: The Dalit Movement in India', in G. Shah (ed.) Social Movements and the State, New Delhi: Sage Publications, pp. 293-309.

- Niraja Gopal Jayal, Pratap Bhanu Mehra The Oxford Companion to Politics in India, 2011
- Hasan Zoya, Parties and Party Politics in India, New Delhi ; Oxford University Press, 2002.

POSC MPE2	**Women, Power and Politics**	
Semester:I	**Credit:04**	**Core Course**
Objectives: The objective of this paper is to analyse the power dimension in both public and private sphere from gender perspective. It will focus on the question of gender and its relationship with social and political structure and process with specific importance on emerging feminist discourse and its challenge to gender inequality based on patriarchy.		

Unit -I   **13 Hours**

Approaches to understanding Feminism:

- The sex/gender distinction. BiologismVersus Social Constructivism

- Understanding Patriarchy

- Liberal, Socialist, Marxist, Radical Feminism, New Feminist Schools/Traditions

Unit -II   13 Hours

History of Feminism

- Origin of Feminism

- Family in Contemporary India - Patrilineal and Matrilineal Practices.

- Gender Relations in the Family, Entitlements and Bargaining, Property Rights

Unit-III   13 Hours

Understanding Woman's Work and Labour

- Sexual Division of Labour- Productive and Reproductive labour,

- Visible - Invisible Work – Unpaid and Paid work

Unit- IV   13 Hours

The Indian Experience

- Social Reforms Movement and Position of Women in India
- Women's Participation in Anti-Colonial And National Liberation Movements in India

Suggested Readings:

- Jagger, Alison. (1983) Feminist Politics and Human Nature. U.K.: Harvester Press, pp.
- 25-350.
- Lerner, Gerda. (1986) The Creation of Patriarchy. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Rowbotham, Shiela. (1993) Women in Movements. New York and London: Routledge,
- Section I, pp. 27-74 and 178-218.
- Jayawardene, Kumari. (1986) Feminism and Nationalism in the Third World. London: Zed Books, pp. 1-24, 71-108, and Conclusion

POSC MPE3	Major Debates in the Contemporary World	
Semester:I	**Credit:04**	**Core Course**
Objectives: The paper aims to familiarise the scholars with the emerging debates around contemporary issues such as cultural diversity, global inequality, social justice and other relevant concepts. Overall objective is to help the scholars to have an understanding of the emerging debates on the key concepts in contemporary political theory.		

Unit-I:

Debates on role of the State   13 Hours

- Are coercive dimensions of State justified?

- Is democracy compatible with economic growth?

- Does affirmative action/ protective discrimination violate principles of equality and justice?

- Should the State intervene in the institutions of the family?

Unit-II

Debates on Changing Dimensions of Society-I   13 Hours

- How do we accommodate diversity in plural society? Issues of multiculturalism and toleration.

- On what grounds is censorship justified and what are its limits?

Unit-III

Debates on Changing Dimensions Of Society-II   13 Hours

- Is abolition of capital punishment justified?

- Are all the humanitarian interventions ethical, legal and legitimate?

Unit-IV

Debates on Issues in Contemporary World   13 Hours

- Is political irresponsibility of governments created the global environment hazards?

- Are human rights universal in the context of cultural relativism?

- Are global inequalities, violence, conflict, identity crisis, war and Terrorism drives the world apart?

Suggested Readings:

- Eckersley, R. (1992) Environmentalism and Political Theory: Towards an EcocentricApproach, London: UCL Press, pp. 1-71.

- Clark, M. (1993) „Environmentalism‟, in Bellamy, R. (ed.) Theories and Concepts inPolitics: An Introduction. New York: Manchester University Press, pp. 243-264.

- Basu, Rumki, Globalisation and the Changing Role of State: Issues and Impacts,New Dawn Press,2008

- Sen Amartya, Collective Choice and Social Welfare, Harvard University Press,2017

- Farrelly Colin, Introduction to Contemporary Political Theory, Sage Publication,2003

- Unnithan Prabha N. Crime and Justice in India Sage Publications 2013

SECOND SEMESTER

POSC MPS4	**Review of Research Progress**(Four presentations based on the Dissertation carrying one credit per presentation to be presented every month during the period of writing the Dissertation)		
Semester: II	**Credit:04**	**Core Course**	
Objectives:The objective is to monitor the progress of the research work of the scholar and evaluate the methodology adopted for the work in addition to suggest necessary change, if any, to be incorporated in the Dissertation/Thesis.			

(Four presentations based on the Dissertation carrying one credit per presentation to be presented every month during the period of writing the Dissertation)

Unit-I   **13 Hours**

Presentation on Research Proposal (Overall)

Unit-II   **13 Hours**

Presentation on Review of Literature on the Topic

Unit-III   **13 Hours**

Presentation on Methodology and Plan of Research Findings

Unit-IV   **13 Hours**

Presentation of Final Dissertation or Pre-Submission of Dissertation

Evaluation: The candidate has to present his/her work before the Department Reasearch Advisory Committee (DRAC) periodically and submit a report at the end of each presentation. The DRAC will evaluate each report and send the overall grade secured by the candidate along with the dissertation to the Controller of Examinations, Berhampur University at the end of the Second Semester.

POSC MPD1	**DISSERTATION**		
Semester: II	**Credit:12**	**Core Course**	
Objectives:The aim of this course is to encourage the scholars to conceptualize and conduct research that will contribute to his/her understanding of social problems, in relation to the research area of subject discipline. Scholars in this course should achieve the following objectives: 1. Identifying and defining a research problems, formulating research questions; aims and objectives, and scope of the study. 2. Understand the role of a literature review; 4. Developing an effective method to solve the problem; 5. Applying the method the candidate will develop a methodology plan for a quantitative or qualitative research study and present their plan during a selected time. 6. Summarizing the result in a concise and organized manner by describing the relation of the results to the problem initially identified. 7. The candidate will review the Academic Honesty Policy and the APA Manual's plagiarism policy to ensure understanding of plagiarism. The candidate will acknowledge his/her understanding of plagiarism and the consequences of plagiarism in the dissertation.			