

SYLLABUS
B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE FIRST YEAR
FIRST SEMESTER (Under CBCS w.e.f. 2020-21)
Course-1: INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE

UNIT-I :	INTRODUCTION
1. Definition, Nature, Scope and Importance of Political Science – Relations with allied disciplines (History, Economics, Philosophy and Sociology)	
2. Approaches to the study of Political Science: Traditional Approaches-Philosophical, Historical. Modern Approaches-Behavioral and System Approach.	
UNIT-II :	STATE
1. Definition of the State, Elements of the State, Theories of Origin of the State-(Divine Origin, Force, Evolutionary and Social Contract).	
2. Concepts of Modern State and Welfare State.	
UNIT-III :	CONCEPTS OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
1. Law, Liberty, Equality.	
2. Power, Authority and Legitimacy.	
UNIT-IV :	THEORIES OF RIGHTS
1. Meaning, Nature and Classification of Rights	
2. Theories of Rights.	
UNIT-V :	POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES
1. Liberalism, Individualism, Anarchism.	
2. Socialism, Marxism and Multiculturalism.	

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Course-2: BASIC ORGANS OF THE GOVERNMENT

UNIT-I : CONSTITUTION
1. Meaning, Definition, Origin and Evolution of Constitution.
2. Classification of the Constitutions-Written and Unwritten; Rigid and Flexible.

UNIT-II : ORGANS OF THE GOVERNMENT
1. Theory of Separation of Powers-B.D.Montesquieu.
2. Legislature-Unicameral and Bicameral-Power and Functions, Executive Types, Powers and Functions. Judiciary-Powers and Functions

UNIT-III : FORMS OF GOVERNMENT
1. Unitary and Federal forms of Governments Merits and Demerits.
2. Parliamentary and Presidential forms of Governments Merits and Demerits

UNIT-IV : DEMOCRACY

1. Meaning, Definition, Significance, Theories and Principles of Democracy.
2. Types of Democracy: Direct and Indirect Democracy-Methods, Merits and Demerits-Essential Conditions for Success of Democracy.

UNIT-V : POLITICAL PARTIES, PRESSURE GROUPS AND PUBLIC OPINION
1. Meaning, Definition and Classification of Political Parties: National and Regional-Functions of Political Parties.
2. Pressure Groups (Interest Groups)- Meaning, Definition, Types, Functions and Significance of Public Opinion.