

Government General Degree College at Kharagpur-II

Department of Political Science

Programme Outcome:

After pursuing graduation in Political Science, a student is provided with a wide range of scope to pursue his/her career in various fields of activities. First, after graduation, the learner may pursue a B. Ed. Degree and can opt for teaching profession at school levels. An Honours graduate in Political Science can go for several competitive examinations, including the prestigious civil services. BA in Political Science may lead a student to higher studies, i.e. pursuing Masters, then M. Phil., Ph.D degrees and can thereafter go for NET/SET in order to pursue his/ her career as teacher at a college, university.

Besides, a Political Science graduate choose Journalism as a subject for higher studies. He/she can also join Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) relating to certain welfare activities like human rights protection or gender-equality. In fact, the learner can continue his/her research on the subject and join research-oriented organizations. Overall, the learner develops the ability of analysing the contemporary socio-political situations and the problem-solving capacity.

Course Outcome (under Three Tier Examination pattern):

Part-1 (Honours)

Paper-1: History of Political Thought

The paper introduces the learner in the field of political thoughts, both western and Indian, and gives the scope to go for a comparative analysis of the Occidental and Oriental political thoughts and ideas. On one hand it upholds the political ideas of Greek philosophers like Plato, Aristotle, the political thinking of Europe in Medieval and Renaissance period, on the other hand, it represents the Indian Political Thought through the ideas of Kautilya, Barani, Raja

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Rammohan, Rabindranath Tagore, Bankim Chandra, Swami Vivekananda, covering the arena of ancient, medieval and modern Indian political thought.

Paper-II: Government and Politics in India

The significance of this paper lies in the fact that it introduces the Constitution of India to the student – its evolution, philosophical foundation, the nature of Indian federalism, system of governance at the centre and state levels etc., besides the role of the party system, interest groups, and the nature of social movements in India.

Part-II: (Honours)

Paper-III: Political Theory

After going through this paper, the student will have an idea about the nature of politics—its various approaches, significant political theories involving the theories of state, ideas of liberty, equality, democracy, power. It also explains Marxism and its basic features, besides unveiling party-related debates, which are the basics of politics.

Paper-IV: Comparative Government and Politics

The paper is all about making a comparative study of the government system existing in various parts of the globe. First introduces the students to the concepts of comparative government and comparative politics, a comparison among the governmental systems of the countries like the USA, UK, France, PRC etc. , their respective governmental systems, be it federal or unitary, presidential or parliamentary, along with the party system and interest groups of these countries.

Part-V: International Relations and Organizations

After going through this paper, the learner will have an idea about international relations, its nature and scope, which is essential if a student wants to pursue his/ her studies in the subject abroad. The paper clarifies the theories like Realism, Liberalism, World Systems approach, besides analysing the concepts of balance of power, diplomacy, security threats, state- non state actors. It also introduces world history, including the world wars, cold war to

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the learner, along with the issue of foreign policy of the various countries, and also the functioning of several international organizations.

Part-III (Honours)

Paper-VI: State, Society and Politics

The paper clarifies the relationship between politics and society, and the issues of social inequality including the political elements like caste, class power and also the gender-question. Besides, it defines the concepts of political culture, political socialization, political process and others along with the issues of political development and modernization.

Paper VII: Public Administration

The paper stands significant as it introduces the very relevant issue of public administration to the students, its nature and scope, related concepts and theories, idea of bureaucracy. Also it gives an idea about the evolution of Indian administrative system, local self-governance and other related issues.

Paper-VIII: Colonialism and Nationalism in India

The paper acquaints the learner with the basic tenets of Colonialism and Nationalism, and more importantly with the idea of Indian colonialism and nationalism, the national movements in pre-independent India, contributions of Gandhiji in this regard and the overall history of Indian Nationalism, with its political significance.

Part-I (General)

Paper-I: Political Theory

The paper describes the discipline of Political Science to the students, especially to the beginners, who want to have the basic knowledge about the very subject. It is all about the nature and scope of Political Science, related approaches, theories of Marxism, Democracy, Dictatorship, Sovereignty, Law, Liberty, Equality, Justice, Nationalism, Internationalism and others.

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Part-II (General)

Paper-II: Modern Governments

The significance of this paper lies in its critical analysis of the political systems existing in the USA, UK, Switzerland and China, the respective legislative and executive systems prevailing in those countries, along with their respective party systems and interest groups.

Paper-III: Indian Government

The paper provides the learner with the scope to explore into the basic issues of the Indian political system — the Indian Constitution, fundamental rights and duties, directive principles for the citizens, the executive and legislative systems at both centre and state levels, the constitutional amendment procedures, provisions for the marginalized sections of the society, the party system and its basic features.

Part-III (General)

Paper-IV: Contemporary Political and Administrative Issues

After studying this paper, the student will be able to understand the socio-political concepts of caste, secularism and communalism, various regional movements involving women empowerment. Besides the issues organization of Indian administration, the civil service, executive and legislative procedures will be addressed in this paper, involving the issues of local self-governance (rural and urban) and rural development programme.

Course Outcome (under CBCS pattern):

Semester I (Honours)

CCI: Understanding Political Theory:

After completing this course, the learner will have an idea about what is politics and the related basic issues. It will also enable the learner to understand the principles of Marxism, Liberalism, Anarchism, and will also be to understand contemporary issues of democracy, feminism etc.

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CC2: Constitutional Government and Democracy India:

This course is significant in the sense that it gives learner an insight into the basic idea of Indian Constitution, its philosophical foundation, besides becoming aware of the fundamental rights and directive principles guaranteed by India for the citizens, along with their fundamental duties. The idea of power decentralization, Indian judiciary system are also integral part of this course.

Semester II (Honours)

CC3: Political Theory- Concepts and Debates

The above-mentioned course enables the students to have a keen idea about political theories, which involve theories of Freedom, Equality, Justice. Besides, the idea of rights, its three generations enable the student to know the concept from the international viewpoint, and also about the debate regarding political obligations of the people and civil disobedience.

CC4: Political Process in India

After going through this course, the learner will have an insight into the sociological aspects of politics, as it involves various social elements like caste, class, religion, gender and their relation with politics. Besides, the learner comes to know about the regional aspirations involving politics of secession, the changing nature of Indian state and the basic determinants of voting behaviour in India.

Semester III (Honours)

CC5: Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics

After completing this course, the students will have an idea about the political systems of different countries, their culture and the relationship between political economy and state. Students will be introduced to the concepts of Capitalism, Socialism and also Colonialism, their meaning and significance from ideological perspective as well as political systems prevailing in different parts of the world.

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CC6: Perspectives on Public Administration

The course introduces the students to one of the newer and important branches of Political Science, i.e. Public Administration, the concept, nature, scope and the relevant theories, and also the difference between Public and Private Administration. Especially the evolution of public administration brings into the scene the concept of New Public Administration, New Public Management, Good Governance, Bureaucracy, besides exploring the feminist perspective of the issue.

CC7: Perspectives on International Relations and World History

The course offers the learner an opportunity to explore into the areas of international relations, its history and the theoretical perspectives like Realism, Liberalism, Marxian and Feminist perspectives in this regard. The course enables the learner to have a detailed knowledge on the twenty-first century IR history, which involves the world wars, the cold war and also the aftermath.

SEC1: Democratic Awareness with Legal Literacy

This course is significant in the sense that it provides the students with practical knowledge about the Indian legal system, understanding of various laws applicable in the country, about the Indian constitution, and also laws

relating to cyber-crime, consumers' rights, anti-terrorism, besides focussing upon the Indian judicial system.

GE3: Gandhi and the Contemporary World

The course explains Gandhian thought on modern civilization, his ideas on satyagraha, swaraj and their relevance in contemporary politics. The learner will have an idea about Gandhian thought and philosophy, which forms the basis of modern Indian political thought.

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Semester IV (Hons)

CC8: Political Processes and Institutions in Comparative Perspective

The course provides the learner an idea on the political systems of variant nature, the political culture, institutionalism. It focusses on the differing nature of the electoral system of various countries, the party systems, and also explore the history of nation-state, Federalism and also the process of democratization, mainly in post-colonial societal backdrop.

CC9: Public Policy and Administration in India

After completing this course, the student will be able to analyse the concept of Public Policy, its various models. The idea of decentralization has been focussed here upon along with concepts of local self governance. The look into the ideas of public service, public grievances, and also the concept of social welfare administration.

CC10: Global Politics

After going through this course, the students will be acquainted to the nature of world politics, the ideas of globalization, sovereignty and territoriality, features of global economy. Besides, the course enables the students to have an insight into the current global issues like nuclear proliferation, international terrorism, human security and others.

SEC2: Legislative Practices and Procedures

The course will introduce the students to the legislative procedure of the Indian political system, details of the law-making process, activities of the parliamentary committees, and more importantly, the relationship between the people and their political representatives, elected by the people themselves.

GE4: United Nations and Global Conflicts

Through this course, the student will be acquainted with the role of an inter-state organization like the United Nations, its origin, purpose and principles, its basic role in maintaining world peace and security, the main organs of the UNO

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and their functions. The course also represents before the learner the global conflicts and other tense situation at the international level, some of which the UNO has been able to resolve, and some remain yet unresolved.

Semester IV (General)

DSC-1D (General): Introduction to International Relations

The course gives the learner an opportunity to explore into the areas of international relations, its history and the theoretical perspectives like Realism, Liberalism, World Systems Approach, Feminist perspectives etc in this regard. The course enables the learner to have a detailed knowledge on the twenty-first century IR history, which involves the second world war, the cold war and also the aftermath, besides looking into the foreign policy matters of India.

Semester V (Honours)

CC11: Classical Political Philosophy

The course will help the students to analyse and interpret the ideas of classical political philosophers like Plato, Aristotle, Hobbes, Machiavelli, Locke, and compare them with the modern political thoughts and philosophies, and to apply the knowledge in resolving contemporary political issues.

CC12: Indian Political Thought-I

The course will introduce the learner to the ancient and medieval Indian political thought and help them to know in details the characteristics of Indian political thoughts, starting from the days of Kautilya, Ved Vyasa, Manu to Barani, Abul Fazl, Kabir. This will help the students to develop an understanding of the Indian political culture.

DSE1: India's Foreign Policy in a Globalizing World

The course describes India's journey from a post-colonial state to an aspiring global power, which is very much relevant in contemporary period and in

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learning about India's foreign affairs with the outer world like the USA, Russia, China and others, and also clarifies India's position as an emerging global power today.

DSE2: United Nations and Global Conflicts

After learning this course, the student will be acquainted with the role of an inter-state organization like the United Nations, its origin, purpose and principles, its basic role in maintaining world peace and security, the main organs of the UNO and their functions. The course also represents before the learner the global conflicts and other tense situation at the international level, some of which the UNO has been able to resolve, and some not.

Semester V (General):

DSE 1A (General): Themes in Comparative Political Theory

The course enables the students to make a comparative study of the Western and Indian political thoughts, which includes the ideas of Aristotle, Locke, Mill, Marx on one hand, and Kautilya, Gandhi, Ambedkar on the other, which gives the student an insight into the Occidental and Oriental concepts of political thought.

SEC3 (General): Democratic Awareness with Legal Literacy

The significance of this course lies in the sense that it provides the students with practical knowledge about the Indian legal system, an understanding of various laws applicable in the country, about the Indian constitution, and also laws relating to cyber-crime, consumers' rights, anti-terrorism, besides focussing upon the Indian judicial system. Thus the students can focus mainly on the legal system of the Indian polity, and may continue his/her learning process accordingly.

GE1 (General): Reading Gandhi

The course introduces the students to the Gandhian philosophy, his ideas on swaraj, satyagraha, and his contributions in Nationalism, in the upliftment of

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women and 'untouchables', which marks the beginning of new era in modern India.

Semester VI (Honours)

CC13: Modern Political Philosophy

The course introduces the idea of modernity and discourses surrounding modernity, through the political ideas of Rousseau, liberal socialistic thoughts of John Stuart Mill, and the radical ideas of Marx and Kollontai. The course here clarifies the ideas of modern western political philosophy.

CC14: Indian Political Thought-II

The course is all about the modern Indian political thought, which introduces the students to the immortal personalities of India like Raja Rammohan, Swami Vivekananda, Mahatma Gandhi, Rabindranath Tagore and others, along with their political ideas and thoughts, which have pioneered the growth and development of modern Indian social and political culture.

DSE3: Women, Power and Politics

In this course, students get an insight of the past and present position of women all over the world, with special reference given to women's position and movements in India. The course reveals the oppressive nature of patriarchy, the private-public debate, or the sex-gender debate, that makes the learner conscious about the basic rights of women in a society and her dignity, the knowledge of which will help a woman to fight against the violence and exploitation which she has to go through in her daily life.

DSE4: Human Rights in a Comparative Perspective

After completing this course, the learner gains a detailed knowledge about the basic rights of a person, which he/she deserves being a human being, and also about the three generations of human rights. The course discusses about the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and certain issues relating to human rights and structural violence in South Africa, India, Pakistan etc.

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Semester VI (General)

DSE-IB (General): Administration and Public Policy: Concepts and Theories

After learning this course, the student will be able to understand the concept of Public Policy and its various models. It introduces the concept of Public Administration, its idea, nature, scope and the relevant theories of public administration. The evolution of public administration brings into the scene the concept of New Public Administration, New Public Management, Bureaucracy—relevant for today's democratic world.

SEC4 (General): Conflict and Peace Building

The course brings into the idea of conflict, including various dimensions and sites of conflict, and skills and techniques to reach negotiations and peace building mechanisms. This enables the students to have an idea of international political scenario, its conflictual nature, and the possible strategies to reach certain peace-keeping solutions.

GE2 (General): United Nations and Global Conflicts

After completing this course, the student will be introduced with the role of an inter-state organization like the United Nations, its origin, purpose and principles, its basic role in maintaining world peace and security, the main organs of the UNO and their functions. The course also represents before the learner the global conflicts and other tense situation at the international level, some of which the UNO has been able to resolve, and many yet stand unresolved.



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