

UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS
B.A. DEGREE COURSE IN HISTORICAL STUDIES
SYLLABUS WITH EFFECT FROM 2020-2021

BHS-DSA01

ALLIED: PRINCIPLES OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Instr.Hrs.: 6

Credits : 5

Year : I / II

Semester: I / II / III / IV

Learning Outcomes:

Students will acquire

a) adf

b) dfa

Objectives

- To understand the principles of Political Science.
- To get acquainted with the concept of state, nation and civil society.
- To demonstrate knowledge of key thinkers and their concepts.
- To understand the nature, methods and significance of political thought.

Course Outcome

- To make the students understand the basic concepts, principles and dynamics of political science.
- Understand the basic concept and ideological orientations of political science discipline.
- Understand the various perspective of government and its administration.

Contents:

UNIT I

Meaning and Definition of State – Essential Elements of State – Society, State and Government – Organs and Functions of Government – Legislature, Executive and Judiciary – Functions of Modern State – Concept of Welfare State.

UNIT II

Sovereignty – Equality – Liberty – Law – Citizenship: Meaning – Process of acquiring – Loss of citizenship – Rights and Duties of the citizen – Fundamental Rights.

UNIT III

Definition and Types of Democracy – Theories of Democracy – Achievements of Indian Democracy – Challenges to Indian Democracy – Forms of Government: Unitary, Federal, Parliamentary and Presidential – Concept of Governance.

UNIT IV

Political Ideologies: Liberalism, Communism, Socialism, Nationalism, Fascism, Nazism, Dravidian Ideology – Political Parties: Formation and Functions – Role of Political Parties in a Democracy – Nature of Franchise and Representation – Electoral Reforms and Anti-Defection Law.

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UNIT V

Meaning, Nature and Importance of Local Government – Classification of Local Government Institutions – Origin and Development of Local Government in India – Concept of Social Justice – Just Distribution – Socio-Cultural Equality.

TEXT BOOKS

1. A. C. Kapoor, Select Modern Governments, S.Chand &Company, New Delhi, 1956.
2. D.D. Basu, Introduction to the Constitution of India, New Delhi, 1997.
3. M.Valluvan Clarence, Arasangatthin Varalaru (Tamil), Tamil Nadu Text Book Society, Madras, 1976.
4. P. Gomathinayagam, Modern Governments, Tensy Publications, Sivakasi, 2010.
5. R. C. Agarwal, Political Theory, S. Chand Publications, New Delhi.
6. Rajiv Bhargava and Ashok Acharya, Political Theory: An Introduction, Pearson India Education Services Pvt. Ltd., Uttar Pradesh, 2017.
7. Sushila Ramaswamy, Political Theory: Ideas and Concepts, MacMillan India Limited, New Delhi, 2005.
8. V.D.Mahajan, Select Modern Governments, S.Chand &Company, New Delhi, 1995.

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1. Andrew Heywood, Political Ideologies: An Introduction, MacMillan, London, 2003.
2. O.P. Gauba, Western Political Thought, MacMillan Publishers India Limited, Delhi, 2011.
3. Srinibas Pathi & Amareswar Mishra, Major Constitutions, Dominant Publishers and Distributors, New Delhi, 2004.
4. Vijayaragavan, Political Thought, Sterling Publications, New Delhi.