

# **The University of Burdwan**



**Syllabus for B.A.(Gen.)**

**in**

**Political Science**

**Under Semester with**

**Choice Based Credit System**

**w.e.f. 2017-2018 onward**

## Structure of B.A. General in Political Science under Semester with CBCS

Semester	Name of the Courses	Course Type	Credit	Full Marks
Sem-I	Discipline-1(Pol. Sc.)	Core Course(CC-1)	6	75
	Discipline-2(other than Pol. Sc.)	Core Course(CC-1)	6	75
	English Language	Core Course(L <sub>1</sub> -1)	6	75
	ENVS	AECC - 1	4	100
Sem-II	Discipline-1(Pol. Sc.)	Core Course(CC-2)	6	75
	Discipline-2(other than Pol. Sc.)	Core Course(CC-2)	6	75
	Hindi/MIL	Core Course(L <sub>2</sub> -1)	6	75
	Communicative English/MIL	AECC - 2	2	50
Sem-III	Discipline-1(Pol. Sc.)	Core Course(CC-3)	6	75
	Discipline-2(other than Pol. Sc.)	Core Course(CC-3)	6	75
	English Language	Core Course(L <sub>1</sub> -2)	6	75
	Skill Enhancement Course	SEC - 1	2	50
Sem-IV	Discipline-1(Pol Sc)	Core Course(CC-4)	6	75
	Discipline-2(other than Pol sc)	Core Course(CC-4)	6	75
	Hindi/MIL	Core Course(L <sub>2</sub> -2)	6	75
	Skill Enhancement Course	SEC - 2	2	50
Sem-V	Discipline Specific Elective	DSE-1A	6	75
	Discipline Specific Elective	DSE-2A	6	75
	Generic Elective (other than core Disciplines including Core Languages)	GE - 1(interdisciplinary)	6	75
	Skill Enhancement Course	SEC - 3	2	50
Sem-VI	Discipline Specific Elective	DSE-1B	6	75
	Discipline Specific Elective	DSE-2B	6	75
	Generic Elective (other than Core Disciplines including Core Languages)	GE - 2(interdisciplinary)	6	75
	Skill Enhancement Course	SEC - 4	2	50

**CORE COURSES (CC) : 6 CREDITS EACH**

CC- 1A : WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT

CC – 1B : POLITICAL THEORY

CC – 1C : INDIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT

CC – 1D : INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

**DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE (DSE)**

DSE -1A : SELECT COMPARATIVE POLITICAL THEORIES Or,

DEMOCRACY AND DECENTRALIZED GOVERNANCE

DSE -1B : PUBLIC POLICY: CONCEPTS AND IMPLEMENTATION IN INDIA Or,

UNDERSTANDING GLOBALIZATION

**GENERIC ELECTIVES(FOR DISCIPLINES OTHER THAN POL SC)(GE)**

GE-1 : INDIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT.

GE-2 : INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS.

**SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSES(SEC)**

SEC - 1 : LEGISLATIVE PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES Or,

ELECTORAL PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES

SEC - 2 : PUBLIC OPINION AND SURVEY RESEARCH Or,

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

SEC - 3 : DEMOCRATIC AWARENESS THROUGH LEGAL LITERACY Or,

GENDER SENSITIZATION

SEC – 4 : PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION Or,

HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION

## **Detailed Syllabus**

### **SEMESTER – I**

**CC -1A : WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT : 6 Credits (Theoretical-5 Credit**

**Tutorial 1 Credit)**

- 1. Ancient Greek Political Thought: Main Features**
- 2. Medieval Political Thought: Main features**
- 3. Machiavelli: Concept of statecraft and power politics**
- 4. Hobbes, Locke and Rousseau: Concept of Sovereignty**
- 5. Marx and Engels: Dialectical and Historical Materialism; Revolution; Lenin: Imperialism**
- 6. J.S. Mill: Concept of Liberty**

#### **Suggested Readings :**

1. G. H. Sabine, *A History of Political Theory* (USA: Wadsworth Publishing Co Inc.)
2. A.K. Mukhopadhyay, *Western Political Thought : From Plato to Marx* (Kolkata: K.P. Bagchi)
3. S. Mukherjee and S. Ramaswamy, *A History of Political Thought*, (New Delhi: PHI)
4. Brian R. Nelson, *Western Political Thought: From Socrates to the Age of Ideology*, (Delhi: Pearson)
5. Shefali Jha, *Western Political Thought* (Delhi: Pearson)

### **SEMESTER – II**

**CC -1B : POLITICAL THEORY : 6 credits ( Theoretical-5 Credits, Tutorial 1 Credit)**

- 1. The meaning of Politics and Political Theory; Importance of Political Theory; Different Approaches: (a) Traditional (b) Behavioural and Post-Behavioural (c) Marxist**
- 2. The Concept of Sovereignty: (a) Monistic (b) Pluralist (c) Popular**
- 3. Liberty and Equality: Meaning and their Inter-relationship**
- 4. Liberalism and Neo-Liberalism**
- 5. Theories of State: (a) Idealist (b) Liberal (c) Marxist (d) Gandhian**
- 6. Political parties and pressure groups: concept and role**

#### **Suggested Readings:**

1. R. Bhargava and A. Acharya eds. *Political Theory* (Delhi : Longman, 2008)
2. O. P. Gauba. *Introudction to Political Theory* (New Delhi : Macmillan, 2011)
3. J. C. Johari. *Contemporary Political Theory* (New Delhi : Advent Books)
4. S. Ramaswamy. *Political Theory: Ideas and Concept* (New Delhi : Macmillan)
5. A. Roy and M. Bhattacharya. *Political Theory: Ideas and Institutions* (Kolkata: World Press)
6. S.P. Verma. *Modern Political Theory* (New Delhi: Vikash)
7. D.C. Bhattacharyya, *Political Theory* (Kolkata: Vijaya Publishing House)

### **SEMESTER-III**

#### **CC- 1C : INDIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT**

6 Credits    Total Classes 60

- 1. Ancient Indian Political Thought : Features ; Kautilya's theory of Saptanga and the concept of 'Dandaniti'.**
- 2. Main features of medieval Muslim Political Thought.**
- 3. RammohunRoy : perception of British Colonial Rule and their role as Modernizers.**
- 4. Bankim, Vivekananda : Nationalism.**
- 5. Gandhi : Satyagraha; trusteeship**
- 6. Tagore ; State, Society and Nation.**
- 7. Ambedkar : Social Justice.**

#### **Suggested Readings :**

1. Altekar, A.S., *State and Government in Ancient India* (Delhi: MotilalBanarsidass)
2. Varma, V. P., *Ancient and Medieval Indian Political Thought* (Agra: Lakshmi Narayan Agarwal)
3. Varma, V. P., *Modern Indian Political Thought* (Agra: Lakshmi Narayan Agarwal)
4. Pantham, T and Deutsch, K. L., *Political Thought In Modern India* (ed.), (New Delhi: Sage Publications)
5. Chakraborty, B and Pandey, R. K., *Modern Indian Political Thought*, (New Delhi: Sage)

#### **SEC-1 : Legislative Practices And Procedures    2 Credits    Total Classes 30**

- 1. Powers and functions of people's representative at different tiers of governance  
Members of Parliament, State legislative assemblies, functionaries of rural and urban local self - government from ZilaParishad, Municipal Corporation to Panchayat/ward.**

**2. Supporting the legislative process- How a bill becomes law, role of the Standing committee in reviewing a bill, legislative consultants, the framing of rules and regulations.**

**3. Supporting the Legislative Committees Types of committees, role of committees in reviewing government finances, policy, programmes, and legislation.**

**4. Reading the Budget Document Overview of Budget Process, Role of Parliament in reviewing the Union Budget, Railway Budget Examination of Demands for Grants of Ministries, Working of Ministries. ,**

**5. Support in media monitoring and communication Types of media and their significance for legislators; Basics of communication in print and electronic media.**

**Suggested Readings :**

*H. Kalra, (2011) Public Engagement with the Legislative Process PRS, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi*

*P. Mehta, 'India's Unruly Democracy: The Rise of Judicial Sovereignty', Journal of Democracy Celestine, (2011) How to Read the Union Budget PRS, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi.*

*G. Rose, (2005) 'How to Be a Media Darling: There's No getting Away From it', State Legislatures*

*N. Jay al and P. Mehta (eds), (2010) The Oxford Companion to Politics in India, OxfordUniversity Press: New Delhi,*

**OR**

**SEC-1 :Electoral Practices And Procedures**

2 Credits Total Classes 30

1. Electoral Process in India-Method of conducting General (Parliamentary)elections and elections to state assemblies.

2.Election Commission In India-Composition, Structure, Functions

3. Role of Chief Election Commissioner

4. Role of State Election Commission

5. Electoral Reforms in India

**Suggested Readings**

*1. Rakhahari Chatterjee, Politics India-The State Society Interface*

2. Kashyap, S. C., *Our Constitution* (New Delhi: National Book Trust)

3. Kashyap, S.C., *Our Political System* (New Delhi: National Book Trust)

## **SEMESTER-IV**

**CC-1D : INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS:** 6 credits Total Classes 60

**1.a The Constituent Assembly: its Composition and role b. The Preamble and its Significance**

**2. (a) Fundamental Rights and Duties (b) Directive Principles of State Policy**

**3. Nature of Indian Federalism: Centre-States relations – Legislative, Administrative and Financial**

**4. Union Legislature: Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha – Organization, Functions and Lawmaking Procedures; the Speaker; Procedure of Constitutional Amendment**

**5. Union Executive: President and Prime Minister: Powers and functions; Governor and Chief Minister: Powers and function**

**6. Judiciary: Supreme Court and High Courts – Composition and Functions;**

**7. Party System in India: Features and Trends; Coalition Governments 8. Electoral Process: Election Commission – Composition and Functions; Electoral Reforms**

**Suggested Readings :**

1. Basu, D. D, *Introduction to the Constitution of India* (Nagpur: Lexis Nexis)

2. Kashyap, S. C., *Our Constitution* (New Delhi: National Book Trust)

3. Kashyap, S.C., *Our Political System* (New Delhi: National Book Trust)

4. Hiregowder, G. C. et al., *The Indian Constitution: An Introduction*, (New Delhi: Orient Black Swan)

5. Johari, J. C., *Indian Government and Politics*, Vol. 1 and 2 (New Delhi: Vikash Publication)

6. Khosla, Madhab, *The Indian Constitution* (New Delhi: Oxford)

**SEC-2 : Public Opinion and Survey Research** 2 Credits Total Classes 30

**1. Definition and Characteristics of Public Opinion**

## **2 Measuring Public Opinion: Methods and Types of Sampling**

### **3 Interviewing: Types- structured, unstructured, focused**

### **4 Questionnaire: Question wording; fairness and clarity**

### **5 Prediction in polling research: possibilities and pitfalls**

#### **Suggested Readings:**

1. R. Erikson and K. Tedin *American Public Opinion*, 8th edition (New York: Pearson Longman Publishers)
2. G. Gallup, *A Guide to Public Opinion Polls* (Princeton: Princeton University Press)
3. Kothari, C. R., *Research Methodology* (New Delhi: PHI)
4. Ahuja, Ram, *Research Methods* (New Delhi: Rawat Publications)

**OR**

## **SEC-2 : Environmental Awareness**

2 Credits Total Classes 30

### **1. Environmentalism: Meaning, Key Related Ideas, Significance**

### **2. Collective action problems and environmental challenges in developing and developed countries;**

### **3. Major Environmental Movements in India: Chipko – Narmada Bachao**

### **4. Regional and international efforts to address climate change.**

### **5. Green Governance: Sustainable Human Development**

#### **Suggested Readings:**

1. Ramachandra Guha, *Environmentalism: A Global History* (Longman Publishers)
2. Burns H Weston and David Bollier, *Green Governance: Ecological Survival, Human Rights, and the Law of the Commons* (Cambridge University Press)
3. J. Volger, 'Environmental Issues', in J. Baylis, S. Smith and P. Owens (eds.) *Globalization of World Politics* (New York: Oxford University Press)
4. A. Heywood, *Global Politics* (New York: Palgrave)

## **SEMESTER-V**

## **DSE-1A : SELECT COMPARATIVE POLITICAL THEORIES 6 Credits Total Classes 60**

### **1 Distinctive features of Indian and Western political thought**

### **2 Western Thought: Thinkers and Themes**



- a) **Aristotle on Citizenship**
  - b) **Locke on Rights**
  - c) **Rousseau on inequality**
  - d) **J. S. Mill on liberty and democracy**
- 3 Indian Thought: Thinkers and Themes**

- a) **Kautilya on State**
- b) **Tilak and Gandhi on Swaraj**
- c) **Ambedkar on Social Justice**
- d) **Nehru and Jayaprakash Narayan on Democracy**

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6. Pantham, T and Deutsch, K. L., *Political Thought In Modern India (ed.)*, (New Delhi: Sage Publications)
7. Chakraborty, B and Pandey, R. K., *Modern Indian Political Thought*, (New Delhi: Sage)
8. Singh, M. P. and Roy, H, *Indian Political Thought: Themes and Thinkers*, (New Delhi: Pearson)

**OR**

**DSE - 1A : Democracy and Decentralized Governance** 6 Credits Total Classes 60

- 1 Evolution of the state system and the concept of sovereignty.**
- 2 Global Economy: Bretton Woods institutions ( WORLD BANK, IMF) and W.T.O.**
- 3. Transnational economic actors-Role of MNC s.**
- 4. Global Poverty: Sustainable Development Goal.**
- 5. Dynamics of Civil Society: New Social Movements and Various interests, Role of NGOs.**

**Suggested Readings:**

1. Chakrabarty, Bidyut and Bhattacharya, Mohit (eds.), *The Governance Discourse* (New Delhi: Oxford)
2. Smith, B.C., *Good Governance and Development* (Palgrave)
3. Evans, J. P., *Environmental Governance* (Routledge)
4. Rosenau, J. and Czempiel, E., (eds.) *Governance without Government: Order and Change in World*

*Politics* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press)

5. Mander, H. and Asif, M., *Good Governance* (Bangalore: Books for Chance)

### **SEC-3 : Democratic Awareness Through Legal Literacy 2 Credits Total Classes 30**

**1 Constitution – fundamental rights, fundamental duties, other constitutional rights**

**2 Laws relating to dowry, sexual harassment and violence against women – laws relating to consumer rights and cyber crimes**

**3 Anti-terrorist laws: Implication for security and human rights**

**4 System of courts/ tribunals and their jurisdiction in India – criminal and civil courts, writ jurisdiction,**

**specialized courts such as juvenile courts, Mahila courts and tribunal**

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1. Basu, D. D, *Introduction to the Constitution of India*(Nagpur: Lexis Nexis)

2. Kashyap, S, *Our Constitution*, (New Delhi: National Book Trust)

3. Gender Study Group, (1996) *Sexual Harassment in Delhi University*, A Report, Delhi: University of Delhi.

4. D. Srivastva, (2007) 'Sexual Harassment and Violence against Women in India: Constitutional and Legal

Perspectives', in C. Kumar and K. Chockalingam (eds) *Human Rights, Justice, and Constitutional Empowerment*, Delhi: Oxford University Press.

5. J. Kothari, (2005) 'Criminal Law on Domestic Violence', *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 40(46), pp. 4843-4849.

**OR**

### **SEC-3 :GENDER SENSITIZATION 2 Credits Total Classes 30**

**1. Conceptualizing Gender in Politics: Political Participation, policy making and development**

**2. Security concern for Women and Third Gender/ Transgender.**

**3. Effective participation of Women in Decision making structures: Impact of Reservation in Local Government**

**4. Gender Identity: Women in riot and War.**

#### **Suggested Readings:**

1. Geetha, V. *Gender*. (Calcutta: Stree)

2. Geetha, V. *Patriarchy*. (Calcutta: Stree)

3. Menon, Nivedita, *Gender and Politics in India*, Oxford India Paperbacks
4. Saigol, Rubina, *Feminism in India*, (Women Unlimited Publication)
5. John, Mary E., *Women Studies in India: A reader* (ed.), (Penguin India Publication)

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5. Chakraborty, B and Pandey, R. K., *Modern Indian Political Thought*, (New Delhi: Sage)

## **SEMESTER-VI**

### **DSE - 1B : Public Policy : Concept And Implications In India**

6 Credits      Total Classes 60

- 1. Public Policy: Meaning, elements and actors of public policy making and implementation in India.**
- 2. Public Policy in India since independence: An overview**
- 3. Constraints of Public Policy: Economic, Political and Socio-Cultural**
- 4. Public Health Policy in India with special reference to NRHM**

## **5. Public Education Policy in India special reference to Sarba Sikshya Abhijan**

### **Suggested Readings:**

1. Dye, Thomas, *Understanding Public Policy*, Pearson Education, Singapore.
2. Rathod, P.B, *Framework of Public Policy : The Discipline and its Dimensions*, Commonwealth Publishers, New Delhi
3. R. K. Sapru, *Public Policy*, Sterling Publishers, New Delhi
4. Galtung, Johan, *There Are Alternatives: Four Roads to Peace and Security*, Nottingham (Spokesman)
5. De, Prabir Kumar, *Public Policy and Systems* (Delhi: Pearson)

**OR**

## **DSE-1B : Understanding Globalization**

6 Credits Total Classes 60

### **1. Globalization: Meaning and debates**

### **2. Impact of Globalization on Indian Economy**

### **3. Globalization and Terrorism**

### **4. Globalization and new international order**

### **5. Globalization and Localization: Dimensions of cultural change**

### **Suggested Readings:**

1. Baylis, J. And S. Smith (eds.), *The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction*
2. Nayyar, Deepak (ed.), *Governing Globalisation: Issues and Institutions*, Oxford University Press
3. Keohane, Robert and Nye, Joseph S., *Globalisation: What is new, what is not*
4. O'Meara, Patrick and others, *Globalization and the Challenges of a New Century: A Reader*, Indiana University Press

## **SEC-4 : Peace and Conflict Resolution**

2 Credits Total Classes 30

1 International Peace and Conflict Resolution: Basic concepts

2 Theories of International Conflict Resolution: Johan Galtung, Joseph Montville.

3 Cross-border relationships between the world's peaceful and war-torn zones (refugees and forced migration)

4 Current perspective of peace and conflict resolution: Grass-roots level perspective on war and peace

### **Suggested Readings:**

1. Kriesberg, Louis, *Constructive Conflicts: From Escalation to Resolution* (Maryland: Rowman& Littlefield)
2. Starkey, Boyer, and Wilkenfield, *Negotiating a Complex World* (Maryland: Rowman& Littlefield)
3. Levy, Jack, "Contending Theories of International Conflict: A Levels-of-Analysis Approach" in Crocker et al, *Managing Global Chaos*, USIP
4. Galtung, Johan, *There Are Alternatives: Four Roads to Peace and Security* (Nottingham: Spokesman)

**OR**

### **SEC-4 – Human Rights Education**

2 Credits Total Classes 30

- 1. Meaning and a brief history of human rights (UDHR)**
- 2. Human rights – Terrorism and Counter-terrorism**
- 3. Indian Constitution and protection of human rights**
- 4. National Human Rights Commission – Composition and functions**
- 5. Human Rights Movements in India – Evolution, nature, challenges and prospects**

#### **Suggested Readings:**

1. Baxi, Upendra, *The Future of Human Rights* (New Delhi: Oxford)
2. Priyam, Menon and Banerjee, *Human Rights, Gender and the Environment* (New Delhi: Pearson)
3. Donnelly, Jack, *Universal Human Rights in Theory and Practice* (Cornell University Press)
4. Clapham, Andrew, *Human Rights: A very short introduction* (Oxford)
5. Narayan, S, *Human Rights Dynamics in India* (Kalpaz Publications)
6. Mander, H. and Asif, M., *Good Governance* (Bangalore: Books for Chance)

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6. Khosla, Madhab, The Indian Constitution (New Delhi: Oxford)