



ANDHRA KESARI UNIVERSITY :: ONGOLE

Model Syllabus for Political Science (Minor) in consonance with
Curriculum framework w.e.f. AY 2025-26

COURSE STRUCTURE

Year	Semester	Course	Title of the Course	No. of Hrs/Week	No. of Credits
II	III	1	Introduction to Political Science	4	4
	IV	2	Concepts & Ideologies of Political Science	4	4
III	V	3	Indian Constitution	4	4
		4	Indian Government	4	4
	VI	5	Indian Federal System	4	4
		6	India's Foreign Policy	4	4



SEMESTER-III
COURSE 1: INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE

Theory

Credits: 4

4 hrs/week

Learning Objective:

The student will be able to understand the nature, various approaches, knowledge of the state and its origin and evolution of the modern state in Political Science.

Learning Outcomes:

- Learn nature, importance, and relationship with other social sciences.
- Understand the traditional and modern approaches.
- Know the origin and evolution of the state.
- Comprehend the development of social contract theory.
- Understand the birth of modern state.

Unit – I: Introduction

1. What is Political Science?
2. Definition, Nature of Political Science
3. Scope and Importance of Political Science
4. Relationship with allied disciplines: History, Economics, Philosophy and Sociology

Unit – II: Approaches

1. Approaches to the study of Political Science
2. Traditional Approaches: Philosophical, Historical.
3. Empirical Approaches: Behavioural and Post-Behaviouralism
4. Modern Approaches: System Approach and Structural – Functional

Unit – III: State

1. Definition and Nature of the State
2. Elements of the State
3. Patriarchal and Matriarchal theory of the State
4. Theory of Divine Origin, Theory of Force

Unit – IV: Modern Theories of the State

5. Historical or Evolutionary theory
6. Social Contract Theory (Thomas Hobbes, John Locke, Jean Jacques Rousseau)

Unit – V: Modern State

1. Concepts of Modern State: Meaning, Origin
2. Nature and feature of Modern State
3. Origin of Welfare State
4. Nature and features of Welfare State

Activities

1. **Q&A session**
2. **Assignments:** A two-minute presentation on the topic.
3. **Discussion:** Team evaluation by the faculty.
4. **Quiz Program:** Based on the scores.
5. **Classroom Seminar:** Faculty evaluation.
6. **Open forum:** A PPT presentation

References

1. Political Ideologies-An Introduction: Andrew Heywood
2. Principles of Political Science: A.C. Kapoor
3. Contemporary Political Theory: J.C.Johari
4. An Introduction to Political Theory: O.P.Gauba
5. Political Theory: Eddy Ashirvadam & K.K.Misra



SEMESTER-IV

COURSE 2: CONCEPTS & IDEOLOGIES OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Theory

Credits: 4

4 hrs/week

Learning Objectives:

The student will be able to learn the concepts like law, liberty, equality, rights, and power, Ideologies like liberalism, individualism, anarchism, and fascism and various Isms like Socialism, Marxism, multiculturalism, and nationalism.

Learning Outcomes: On successful completion of the course the students will be able to:

- Learn the significance of concepts.
- Understand the law and liberty.
- Know equality and power and its constituents.
- Experience the rights and its theories.
- Understanding of political ideologies.

Unit – I: Law & Liberty

1. Law: Meaning, Definition and Nature
2. Law: Types of Law - Sources of Law
3. Liberty: Meaning, Definition, Nature
4. Liberty: Types of Liberty

Unit – II: Equality & Power

1. Equality: Meaning, Definition and Nature
2. Equality: Types of Equality
3. Power: Meaning, Definition, Nature and types
4. Authority and Legitimacy: Meaning, Definition and Nature

Unit – III: Rights

1. Rights: Meaning, Definition and Nature
2. Rights: Classification of Rights
3. Theories of Rights: Natural, Legal and Historical
4. Theories of Rights: Idealistic, Social and Welfaristic

Unit – IV: Ideologies - I

1. Liberalism
2. Conservatism
3. Anarchism

Unit –V: Ideologies - II

1. Socialism
2. Multiculturalism
3. Nationalism

Activities& Evaluation:

Celebrations on International Human Rights Day

1. Q&A session
2. Group Discussion: Team evaluation by the faculty.
3. Debate: Faculty evaluation.
4. Essay writing: Based on understanding and scores.
5. Classroom Seminar: Faculty evaluation.
6. Peer Teaching: A PPT presentation.

References

1. Modern Political Theory: S.P.Varma
2. Principles of Political Science: A.C. Kapoor
3. Contemporary Political Theory: J.C.Johari
4. An Introduction to Political Theory: O.P.Gauba
5. Political Theory: Ideas & Concepts: Susheela Ramaswamy

