



Course Syllabus
Gyanmanjari Institute of Commerce
Semester-2 (B.Com)

Subject: Political Science - BCOXX12308

Type of course: Multidisciplinary

Prerequisite: NA

Rationale:

The study of Political science is essential for cultivating a deep and nuanced understanding of the complex structures, processes, and dynamics that shape political systems and societies. The rationale for engaging with political science lies in its capacity to provide individuals with a comprehensive framework to comprehend the distribution and exercise of power, the legitimacy of governance, and the intricate relationships between individuals, communities, and the state. Political science not only introduces foundational concepts such as sovereignty, authority, and justice but also explores a rich tapestry of political theories, from classical ideologies to contemporary perspectives, shedding light on the evolution of political thought over time.

Teaching and Examination Scheme:

Teaching Scheme			Credits	Examination Marks			Total Marks
CI	T	P	C	SEE	CCE		
					MSE	ALA	
4	0	0	4	100	30	70	200

Legends: CI-Classroom Instructions; T – Tutorial; P - Practical; C – Credit; SEE - Semester End Evaluation; MSE- Mid Semester Examination; V – Viva; CCE-Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation; ALA- Active Learning Activities.

4 Credits * 25 Marks = 100 Marks (each credit carries 25 Marks)

SEE 100 Marks will be converted in to 50 Marks

CCE 100 Marks will be converted in to 50 Marks

It is compulsory to pass in each individual component.



Course Content:

Sr. No	Course content	Hrs	% Weightage
1	<p>Unit 1: Basic Concepts of Political Science and Principles of origin of state</p> <p>Chapter 1: Basic Concepts of Political Science: Basic Concepts of Political Science, Concept and Definition of Political Science, Scope of Political Science,</p> <p>Chapter 2: Theories of Origin of the State-1: Theory of Force, Theory of Divine Origin.</p> <p>Chapter 3: Theories of Origin of the State-2: Theory of Evolution, Theory of Social Contract.</p>	15	25%
2	<p>Unit 2: Concept of State</p> <p>Chapter 4: Basic Elements of State: State: Meaning, Form of State, Elements of State. Differences between nations.</p> <p>Chapter 5: Functions of the State: Relation of the State to the Individual, Society and Government: Relation of the State to the Individual, Relation of the State to the society, Relation of the State to the Government. Principal Functions of the State.</p>	15	25%



3	<p>Unit 3: Different Forms of Government</p> <p>Chapter 6: Unitary Government: Introduction, Meaning. Characteristics of Unitary Government, Advantages of Unitary Government, Disadvantages of Unitary Government.</p> <p>Chapter 7: Federal Government: Introduction, Meaning. Characteristics of Federal Government, Advantages-Disadvantages of Federal Government, Difference between Federal and Cooperative Government.</p> <p>Chapter 8: Democracy: Introduction, Definition and Interpretation of Democracy, Characteristics of Democracy, And Types of Democracy, Advantages and Disadvantages of Democracy.</p> <p>Chapter 9: Dictatorship: introduction, definition and interpretation of dictatorship, types of dictatorship, characteristics of dictatorship, advantages of dictatorship, disadvantages of dictatorship, difference between democracy and dictatorship.</p>	15	25%
4	<p>Unit 4: Introduction to Constitution</p> <p>Chapter 10: Constitution 1: Introduction, Constitution: Meaning and Definition, Features of Ideal Constitution.</p> <p>Chapter 11: Constitution 2: Introduction, Aristotle's Constitutional Classification, Modern Classification, Montesquieu's Theory of Separation of Powers.</p>	15	25%

Continuous Assessment:

Sr. No	Active Learning Activities	Marks
1.	<p>Policy Analysis Project</p> <p>6 schemes of government such as Agnipath Scheme or HRIDAY will be given by faculty to students to do critical analysis. Students have to do research and critical analysis on any one scheme of government and have to prepare a word file of at least 1500 words and upload on GMIU web portal.</p>	10



2	<p>Comparative Politics Project Faculty will provide various names of countries where different forms of government are working in present time. Students can conduct a comparative politics project out of given countries that compares political system or institutions in different countries in Power Point Presentation (Between any 2 countries) and upload a PPT file on GMIU web portal.</p>	10
3	<p>Ted style Talk Political topics will be given to students by faculty. Students have to pick any one and prepare a Ted style talk video of 4 minutes and upload it on GMIU web portal. (Students can use Power Point Presentation while recording video).</p>	10
4	<p>Political Compass Test Students have to appear in an online test and in the end, students will get the certificate which would show their political ideology on the basis of their answers</p>	10
5	<p>Voices in Political Spectrum: A Multi Opinion Analysis. Each student has to get the opinions of 3 people on 'The Democracy in India' and write a analysis on that and upload it on GMIU web portal in word file.</p>	10
6	<p>Understanding Indian Constitution Students will be given 5 topics from Indian Constitution to prepare a chart. Students need to pick any one topic and do research and prepare a chart. The good quality photo of chart should be uploaded by students o GMIU web portal.</p>	10
7	<p>Attendance</p>	10
Total		70



Suggested Specification table with Marks (Theory):100

Distribution of Theory Marks (Revised Bloom's Taxonomy)						
Level	Remembrance (R)	Understanding (U)	Application (A)	Analyze (N)	Evaluate (E)	Create (C)
Weightage	20%	40%	40%	00	00	00

Note: This specification table shall be treated as a general guideline for students and teachers. The actual distribution of marks in the question paper may vary slightly from above table.

Course Outcome:

After learning the course, the students should be able to:	
CO1	Develop the foundational understanding of Political Science and will able to do critical evaluation of theories of state origin.
CO2	Understand functions and conceptualization of the state.
CO3	Get the idea of different forms of government such as Totalitarianism, Socialist Government, Democracy and Dictatorship.
CO4	Understand the concept and constitutional classification of the constitution.

Instructional Method:

The course delivery method will depend upon the requirement of content and the needs of students. The teacher, in addition to conventional teaching methods by black board, may also use any tools such as demonstration, discussion of political topic, Quiz, brainstorming, Critical analysis of various governments through discussions.

From the content 10% topics are suggested for flipped mode instruction.

Students will use supplementary resources such as online videos, NPTEL/SWAYAM videos, e-courses, Virtual Laboratory

The internal evaluation will be done on the basis of Active Learning Assignment
Practical/Viva examination will be conducted at the end of semester for evaluation of performance of students in the laboratory.

Reference Books:

1. Introduction to Political Science by Dr D. D Zala, Dr. Ashokkumar B. Purohit, Mukesh S. Patel.
2. Government System by Dr Diptiba K. Gohil.

