



Course Syllabus
Gyanmanjari Institute of Arts
Semester-1 (M.A)

Subject: Political Theory – MATPS11502

Type of course: Major (Core)

Prerequisite:

The prerequisites for studying political theory include a basic understanding of history, civics, and government structures, typically acquired through introductory political science courses. Foundational knowledge in Western philosophy and political philosophy is essential. Critical thinking, analytical skills, and proficiency in writing are crucial for engaging with complex political texts and ideas.

Rationale:

The rationale of political theory lies in its aim to understand, explain, and critically evaluate political phenomena. It seeks to explore fundamental questions about power, justice, rights, and the role of the state, providing frameworks for analyzing political systems and behaviors. Political theory examines the underlying principles of political ideologies and institutions, offering insights into the nature of political obligation, authority, and legitimacy. By investigating historical and contemporary political thought, it helps in understanding the evolution of political ideas and their practical implications. Ultimately, political theory guides the development of informed, reflective, and principled political engagement and policy-making.

Teaching and Examination Scheme:

Teaching Scheme			Credits	Examination Marks					Total Marks
CI	T	P		C	Theory Marks		Practical Marks		
			ESE		MSE	V	P	ALA	
4	0	0	4	60	30	10	0	50	150

Legends: CI-Class Room Instructions; T – Tutorial; P - Practical; C – Credit; ESE - End Semester Examination; MSE- Mid Semester Examination; V – Viva; CA - Continuous Assessment; ALA- Active Learning Activities.



Sr. No	Course content	Hrs.	Weightage %
1	Introduction a. Meaning, Scope, Form and Significance b. Traditional and Modern Political Ideologies - Behaviouralism and Post Behaviouralism c. End Of Political Ideologies	15	25
2	Liberty a. Meaning, Type, Field of Study b. JS Mill's Thoughts On Liberty c. Marx's Concept Of Liberty	15	25
3	Equality and Justice a. Meaning and Type b. Equality According to Laski c. Justice- Meaning, Aspects, Development of Concept and Justice According To John Rawls	15	25
4	Power, Authority and Citizenship a. Power – Meaning, Nature and Source b. Authority- Meaning, Type and Source c. Citizenship	15	25



Continuous Assessment:

Sr. No	Active Learning Activities	Marks
1	Presentation Make a presentation on the topic given by the teacher and upload it on GMIU web portal.	10
2	Case Studies: Present real-world political situations or historical events and have students analyze them through the lens of different political theories. This helps students apply abstract concepts to concrete examples and upload it on GMIU web portal.	10
3	Assignment: Faculty will provide assignment according to Units and students have to Write assignment and submit on GMIU web Portal.	10
4	Debates: Debate On key political theories or the ideas of specific political philosophers. This encourages them to deeply engage with the material and understand multiple perspectives and upload it on GMIU web portal.	10
5	Quiz This quiz on political theory is designed to test your understanding of fundamental concepts and influential thinkers in the field. The quiz covers a range of topics, including the theories and ideas of Thinker and upload it on the GMIU web portal.	10
	Total	50

Suggested Specification table with Marks (Theory): 60

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%	-	-	-

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	By Understanding Key Concepts of Theories Students will be able to explain and critically analyze major political theories and concepts.
CO2	Students will understand the historical development of political theories and how they have influenced contemporary political thought and institutions.
CO3	Students will be able to apply political theories to analyze current political issues and events.
CO4	Explain and critically analyze major political theories and concepts developed by Western thinkers, such as justice, liberty, equality, power, and authority.

Instructional Method:

The course delivery method will depend upon the requirement of content and need of students. The teacher in addition to conventional teaching method by black board, may also use any of tools such as demonstration, role play, Quiz, brainstorming, MOOCs etc.

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 laboratory.

Reference:

1. Shukla, Bhatt, Pandya: Adhunik Rajkiya Siddhan.
2. Jyatni Patel: Adhunik Rajkiy Vichardhara
3. V.P.Verma: Adhunik Rajnaitik Siddant (Hindi)
4. Shyamalal Verma: Samkalin Rajnaitik Chintan evam Vishleshan (Hindi)

