

**P.R. Thakur Government College**  
**Three year B.A. degree course**  
**Under CBCS semester system**  
**Honours Course in Political Science (2018-2023)**

Course Name : Core Course-1

Course Code : PLSACOR01T

Topic Name : Understanding Political Theory

Course Outcome : This course would provide the students with the elementary knowledge about the exhaustive discipline of political science and its evolution spanning across several years. It offers a window to the students to learn myriad approaches to political science- Traditional, Marxist, Behavioural and Post-Behavioural. The course enables the students to get a basic idea about the interplay between Power, Authority and Politics with a detailed study of Max Weber's authority models. At the end of the course, students will develop a solid foundational knowledge about the political system, its different components, challenges and opportunities confronting the same.

Course Name : Core Course-2

Course Code : PLSACOR02T

Topic Name : Constitutional Government and Democracy in India

Course Outcome : Students will get a clear idea of the nitty gritty of the huge body of the Indian Constitution- right from its making to its relevant provisions dealing with the major aspects of the Indian democracy. The course offers a detailed account of the functioning of three pillars of government both at the union and state level- legislature, executive, judiciary. It also shapes the young minds with a contextual analysis of the functioning of the parliamentary democracy- its challenges and prospects.

Course Name : Core Course-3

Course Code : PLSACOR03T

Topic Name: Political Theory : Concepts and Debates

Course Outcome: This particular course is designed to inculcate in the students, the fundamental concepts of Political Science like Nationalism and Sovereignty. It also comes with a promise to train the young minds into the very basic concepts like rights, liberty, equality and

justice and their relations with each other. Students , by the end of the course, will get well versed in the main theories regarding the Nature of the State.

Course Name : Core Course-4

Course Code : PLSACOR04T

Topic Name : Political Process in India

Course Outcome : It delves deep into the functioning of the Indian political system – right from the nature, evolution and major features of the Indian party system to the recent trends in the same with special reference to the gradual development of coalition politics in India. The course would offer the students an insight into impact of factors like caste, religion, regionalism, gender that shaped the trajectory of Indian politics. Students would also have a window to learn the impact of factors like Media and Corruption on politics.

Course Name : Core Course-5

Course Code : PLSACOR05T

Topic Name : Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics

Course Outcome: The course enables the students to develop detailed and cross-cultural outlook through the exhaustive study of the functioning of political systems in different countries. Students learn to outgrow the prolonged Eurocentric bias that characterized the discipline of Comparative Politics for a very long time. It also seeks to delve into the basics of modern government – with special emphasis on the origin and evolution of Capitalism, Socialism, Colonization and Decolonization. And finally the course focuses on the evolution and functioning of three different types of political economy i.e. Britain, China and Brazil.

Course Name : Core Course- 6

Course Code : PLSACOR06T

Topic Name : Perspectives on Public Administration

Course Outcome: It gives a much needed clarity about Administration as a whole and Public Administration in particular including its origin, nature, scope, evolution and the recent trends in the discipline. Students will get a solid foundational knowledge through the study of theoretical approaches to public administration- Classical, Neo-Classical and contemporary theories. The theoretical knowledge will help them figure out the flaws in the existing structure and functioning of the Indian administration and contemplate the remedies for the same. The course would also enhance their understanding of the major changes that caused ripples in the discipline- like New Public Administration, New Public Management, Good Governance etc. and see Public Administration in a completely new light.

Course Name : Core Course-7

Course Code : PLSACOR07T

Topic Name : Perspectives on International Relations and World History

Course Outcome : This course is designed to lucidly impart both the foundational and advanced knowledge of International Relations, embracing both theoretical and historical aspects. Students get an opportunity to experience contextual learning, through topics like Levels of Analysis, Evolution of the International State System, Pre and Post- Westphalian World Order and so on. It includes major theories of International Relations, which act like building blocks for further understanding of more complex aspects of global politics. And it also comes with a brief yet comprehensive overview of the most important landmarks of world history ranging from the WWI to Cold war and the Post-Cold War shifts and Challenges.

Course Name : Core Course-8

Course Code : PLSACOR08T

Topic Name : Political processes and Institutions in Comparative Perspective

Course Outcome : Students will develop a cosmopolitan outlook through the study of the diverse political systems across the world and analysis of the evolution of different political culture and its impact on the functioning of the political systems. They will have a better understanding of the complexities associated with the post- colonial notions of 'Nation', 'State' and the debates revolving around these concepts. The course chooses to compare the two defining traits of the political system i.e. party system and federalism, across different typologies of government like Parliamentary, Presidential and Socialist systems. It will help in the development of a more holistic view of the political system embracing its major components, its functioning, and the whole range of variables influencing its functioning.

Course Name : Core Course-9

Course Code : PLSACOR09T

Topic Name : Public Policy and Administration in India

Course Outcome : Students will get the much needed clarity about the formulation and implementation of public policies in India, the nitty gritty of the whole policy making process, and the factors impacting the same. It will help them develop analytical skills needed to understand the existing challenges in the Indian administration and dwell upon the measures to be taken to address public interest and make it sustainable. Students will also learn how the administration works at the very grassroot level in India with special reference to west Bengal and the different facets of citizen-administration interactions including the Lokpal, RTI, E-governance etc. The course also includes a detailed study of Budget in India, including the Budget cycle and different types of Budget.

Course Name : Core Course-10

Course Code : PLSACOR010T

Topic Name : Global Politics

Course Outcome : It offers a holistic view of Global Politics with a detailed take on globalization, its different dimensions and alternative perspectives. Students will have a fair idea about how Global Economy works through quick glimpses of composition and functions of the main anchors of global economy – the Bretton Woods System (the IMF and World Bank), the GATT, WTO and their overall performance over the years. They will also learn about the alternative undercurrents in the global political economy i.e. the global social movements and the role of NGOs in seeking to reverse the evils globalization has unleashed. The course enhances their understanding about the contemporary global issues like Environmental Degradation, Nuclear Proliferation, Terrorism, Migration, Human security etc. that demand global solutions as well. Students are enlightened about the changing power dynamics in the post-Cold War world and its manifestations and the challenges it brings.

Course Name : Core Course-11

Course Code : PLSACOR011T

Topic Name : Classical Political Philosophy

Course Outcome : This particular course will train the young minds into the exhaustive body of classical political philosophy of different stalwarts ranging from Plato, Aristotle to Machiavelli, and the Social Contract theorists- Hobbes, Locke and Rousseau. It helps them build up the foundational ideas like liberty, equality, justice, authority, nature and origin of state etc.

Course Name : Core Course-12

Course Code : PLSACOR012T

Topic Name : Indian Political Thought I

Course Outcome: Students will get to know the different dimensions of Pre-colonial and Ancient Indian political thought. They will also have a clear idea about the essence of the Islamic and Syncretic thought.

Course Name : Core Course-13

Course Code : PLSACOR013T

Topic Name : Modern Political Philosophy

Course Outcome : The course offers detailed study of the ideas of the most remarkable modern political philosophers like Kant and Hegel. A quick look through the feminist discourse especially the ideas of the two Feminist stalwarts like Mary Wollstonecraft and Betty Friedan is very important to understand the contemporary strands of Feminism and its manifestation through different social movements fighting for Women Rights across the world. It is important to study the past well to understand the further developments in the discipline better.

Course Name : Core Course-14

Course Code : PLSACOR14T

Topic Name : Modern Indian Political Thought

Course Outcome : It introduces students to the ideas of the modern Indian political thinkers across a broad spectrum – from Rammohan Roy, Vivekanda, Gandhi, Ambedkar, Tagore to Nehru and Lohia with special emphasis on their main strands of thought.

Course Name : Discipline Specific Elective -1

Course Code : PLSADSE01T

Topic Name : Reading Gandhi

Course Outcome : Students get to learn about some intricate areas of Indian society, and Gandhi's take on resolving or at least addressing the existing social evils and working for the overall betterment of the society. It seeks to offer some of the most popular ideas of Gandhi like Satyagraha, Sarvodaya, Trusteeship, Women empowerment etc.

Course Name : Discipline Specific Elective -2

Course Code : PLSADSE03T

Topic Name : Understanding Global Politics

Course Outcome: It offers a holistic view of Global Politics with a detailed take on globalization, its different dimensions and alternative perspectives. Students will have a fair idea about how Global Economy works through quick glimpses of composition and functions of the main anchors of global economy – the Bretton Woods System (the IMF and World Bank), the GATT, WTO and their overall performance over the years. They will also learn about the alternative undercurrents in the global political economy i.e. the global social movements and the role of NGOs in seeking to reverse the evils globalization has unleashed. The course enhances their understanding about the contemporary global issues like Environmental Degradation, Nuclear Proliferation, Terrorism, Migration, Human security etc. that demand global solutions as well. Students are enlightened about the changing power dynamics in the post-Cold War world and its manifestations and the challenges it brings.

Course Name : Discipline Specific Elective -3

Course Code : PLSADSE05T

Topic Name : Human Rights in Comparative Perspective

Course Outcome: Students through this course get to see Human Rights in a completely new light with a comparative perspective. Human Rights is one of most pertinent global issue that demands a detailed study of the subject right from its origin , evolution and typologies, the main components of the global human rights regime to the comparative analysis between two countries on diverse themes. Some controversial but relevant issues like torture, censorship and terrorism are compared across certain political systems to get a more comprehensive view. The course will prepare them for further study or research on Human Rights or associated issues like Human Security, Refugee Crisis, Conflict Management etc.

Course Name : Discipline Specific Elective -4

Course Code : PLSADSE06T

Topic Name : Governance : Issues and Challenges

Course Outcome: Students will get a clear idea of governance and government and the changing role of state in the context of globalization. They are introduced to the idea of environmental governance and good governance.

Course Name : Skill Enhancement

Course Code : PLSSEEC01M

Topic Name : Democratic Awareness with Legal Literacy

Course Outcome : Students will get acquainted with the important provisions of the Indian Constitution and the major components of the Indian legal system. It gives a detailed idea about the most important laws and rights in India, which are meant for the redressal of the grievances of the people. Students get aware of their rights and the injustice they confront in their daily lives and learn to question the existing legal and political system, ask for rights and justice leading to remarkable increase in the degree of political participation in India.

Course Name : Skill Enhancement

Course Code : PLSSEEC02M

Topic Name : Public Opinion and Survey Research

Course Outcome : Students will be introduced to different elements of public opinion and survey research. It works as a foundational course for training the students with a research mindset.

Course Name : Generic Elective- 1

Course Code : PLSHGEC01T

Topic Name : Introduction to Political Theory

Course Outcome: It is an introductory course for students of other disciplines and gives quick glimpses of the fundamental concepts like liberty, equality, democracy, justice etc. They develop a fair understanding of some of the fundamental problem areas i.e. the major debates of political science.

Course Name : Generic Elective- 2

Course Code : PLSHGEC02T

Topic Name : Indian Government and Politics

Course Outcome : Students of other disciplines will get quick glimpses of the major provisions of the Indian Constitution and the functioning of the parliamentary democracy in the country. They will get a fair knowledge about the functioning of three wings of government both at the union and state level- legislature, executive, judiciary.

Course Name : Generic Elective- 3

Course Code : PLSHGEC03T

Topic Name : Comparative Government and Politics

Course Outcome : The course is designed for students of other disciplines. It enables the students to develop detailed and cross-cultural outlook through the exhaustive study of the functioning of political systems in different countries. Students learn to outgrow the prolonged Eurocentric bias that characterized the discipline of Comparative Politics for a very long time. It also seeks to delve into the basics of modern government – with special emphasis on the origin and evolution of Capitalism, Socialism, Colonization and Decolonization. And finally the course focuses on the evolution and functioning of three different types of political economy i.e. Britain, China and Brazil.

Course Name : Generic Elective- 4

Course Code : PLSHGEC04T

Topic Name : Introduction to International Relations

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