

Government Degree College Nowshera

Department of Political Science

Program Outcome of Political Science

Political science is a social science discipline concerned with the study of the state, nation, government, and politics and policies of government. **Aristotle** defined it as the study of the state. Political science, **the systematic study of governance by the application of empirical and generally scientific methods of analysis**. As traditionally defined and studied, political science examines the state and its organs and institutions. Political science is a classical discipline that deals with **the study of political phenomena**. Its goal is to deepen human understanding of the forms and nature of political action and to develop theoretical tools for interpreting politically meaningful phenomena. Political Science is **excellent preparation for effective citizenship**. Studying political science grounds students in the importance of political participation and prepares them to take part in the political life of their communities and the nation. A political science major is **a social science degree path that requires students to study government in theory and practice**. Majors will explore topics related to political theory, international relations, comparative politics and more. The nature of political science is that it is **a social science**. This means that it is concerned with the relationships between human beings and between human beings and their societies. In other words, political science is a social science. It is a science because **a political scientist thinks critically and a political scientist tests and improves explanations, ideas, theories and rules over and over again** - including the rules for conducting good research. The Department of Political science is dedicated to promote teaching and in diverse fields of political science including political theory, Indian government & politics, western political thought, comparative politics, international politics and Jammu and Kashmir Politics.

Students completing the requirements for a B.A. degree in Political Science will be able to:

1. write clearly and with purpose on issues of international and domestic politics and public policy;
2. participate as a civically engaged member of society;
3. analyze political and policy problems and formulate policy options;
4. use electronic and traditional library resources to research key local, state, national and international policy issues and present results;
5. demonstrate competency with basic tools underlying modern social science research including competency in statistics and qualitative analysis
6. demonstrate critical thinking, including the ability to form an argument, detect fallacies, and marshal evidence, about key issues of public policy and politics;
7. discuss the major theories and concepts of political science and its subfields; and
8. deliver thoughtful and well articulated presentations of research findings.

Course Learning Outcomes

B. A. Sem Ist

Course Title: Introduction to Political Science

Course Code: UPSTC 101

Credit -6

This course aims to impart knowledge about the fundamentals of Political Science. It intends to introduce the learners with the subject matter of the discipline ranging from substance to methodology. The course is designed to introduce the learners with the institution of State, the philosophies that shaped it, instrument and bases of its authority and its relations with individuals. It enables the learners to develop understanding about the subject matter of discipline by approaching it through various traditional and modern approaches. It empowers them to learn the evolution of discipline through various phases and stages. Students will able to

1. Define political science, Demonstrate Nature and Scope, subject matter of Political Science
2. Understand and demonstrate the different approaches to study of political science like Traditional Approaches, Modern Approaches
3. Explain the State: Origin and Nature, theories of origin of state ,theories of nature of state
4. Acquaint themselves with the basic concepts of political science
5. Explain the major ideologies like liberalism, socialism, secularism, feminism.

B. A. Sem II

Course Title – Indian Government and Politics

Course Code: UPSTC 201

Credit -6

This course is designed to educate about the theoretical and operational aspects of Indian Polity that affects the life and carrier of the learners. It educates them about their entitlements

and obligations towards state. It equips the learners with knowledge and methods to claim their entitlements from the state and performs obligations towards it. It enables the learners to grasp that how the politics is being shaped by the various structures and processes in India. Students will able to

1. Define constitution, demonstrate lecture on evolution, features, and ideology of constitution. Explain federalism nature and trends, fundamental rights, directive principles of state policy& fundamental duties.
2. Explain broadly the concept of Indian parliament, president prime minster & Supreme Court of India.
3. Acquaint themselves with the political processes like election process, party system, and coalition government.
4. Explain in detail the major political issues such as politics of ethnicity and identity, caste in Indian politics, religion and electoral processes and regionalism.

B. A. Sem IIIrd

Course Title – Western Political Thought

Course Code: UPSTC 301

Credit-6

It introduces the students with the classic works of political philosophers. It also explores the relationship between the State and its subjects/citizens. The equation and relations between the State and Church have been examined and theorized in the works of political philosophers. It intends to describe the impact of renaissance and reformation movements on the state and political philosophy thereof. This course empowers the learners to trace the origin of state and its evolving dynamics through Ancient, Medieval and Modern periods. It enables them to grasp the social universe of state and political philosophy that shaped it through the various phases and stages of history. Students will able to

1. Describe the different concepts of Plato like concept of justice and education. Concept of Communism and Ideal State.
2. Explain in detail Aristotle as a father of Political science, Aristotle's concept of Classification of Government and Best Practicable State, Aristotle's Concept of revolution and Slavery.

3. Explain in detail the concepts of Machiavelli like renaissance, explain machiavelli's views on Human Nature and motives, relationship between ethics and politics, views regarding preservation and extension of State power.
4. Explain in detail the concepts of John Stuart Mill concept of liberty thought, expression and action. Acquaint themselves with the views of Mill's on women equality, representative government, relevance of Mill's ideas on Modern State and Government.

B. A. Sem IV

Title: Comparative Politics

Course Code: UPSTC 401

Credit -6

This course explores the utility of comparative methods to understand political phenomena. It teaches the students to compare and contrast the political structures and processes in the politics of different nations to grasp them in their entirety. The students learn the methods and tools used in the comparative politics to understand political phenomena properly. It enables learners to acquire theoretical knowledge to put facts into a theoretical thread by comparing and contrasting them. Students will be able to

1. Define comparative politics, Demonstrate nature and scope of comparative politics. Differentiate comparative government with comparative politics. Discuss approaches like system and structural.
2. Explain in detail political culture, political participation, and political socialization, Conceptualization of Political Development (Lucian Pye and S. P. Huntington).
3. Explain in detail the theories of democracy, representation, discuss party system, features of authoritarianism.
4. Explain in detail the Emerging Issues in Comparative Politics such as Globalization and Nation-State , Gender in Politics: Welfare to Empowerment, Climate Change: A Comparative Perspective of North and South, Social Movements: Old and New.

B. A. Sem V

Title-International Politics (Discipline Specific Elective Course)

Course Code: UPSTS- 501

Credits: 6

This course imparts theoretical knowledge about the subject matter and tools to understand the international politics. It intends to elucidate the behavior of State-actors at the global level. It explains that international politics has always been shaped by the behavior of State actors invariably driven by their national power. It also examines the role of Non-State actors in shaping the dynamics of global politics. This course enables the learners to know how the Nation-States serve their national interest through their foreign policies by deploying a variety of tools such as diplomacy, alliance, aid and at times war. It also familiarizes them that how the big-powers used imperialism and neo-imperialism to fulfill their aspiration of expansionism. Students will be able to

1. Define International Politics, demonstrate Evolution, Changing Nature and Scope, discuss in detail Idealist (Woodrow Wilson) and Realist Approach (Hans J. Morgenthau), Decision making approach (Richard C. Snyder) and 1.4 Peace Approach (Johan Galtung)
2. Explain in detail the key concepts of National Power and National Interest Meaning, Forms and Role, Elements of National Power: Tangible: Geography, Economy, Military Non-tangible: National Character and Morale, Political Leadership and Ideology, discuss in detail the National Interest: Meaning, Nature and Kinds, National Interest and Foreign Policy.
3. Explain in detail the Instruments for Promotion of National Interest like Diplomacy: Meaning, Importance and Types, Imperialism and Neo-imperialism. Discuss in detail non-alignment.
4. Explain in detail Collective Security and Collective Defence: Concept, Meaning and Distinction, discuss in detail Balance of Power, Disarmament and Arms Control.

B. A. Sem VI

Title: Government and Politics in Jammu and Kashmir

Course Title--UPSTE-601

Credit -6

This course aims to educate the learners about their immediate political surrounding which is constituted by the government and politics in Jammu & Kashmir. The course also explains how and why the special status granted to the state of Jammu and Kashmir. It intends to examine the governmental structures provided in the constitution of Jammu and Kashmir. It also familiarizes the learners about the recent change in the status of Jammu & Kashmir from a State to Union territory. While studying this course, the students will learn about the politics in Jammu & Kashmir during the era of its statehood and subsequent its bifurcation and the formation of two Union Territories. Students will able to

1. To acquaint the students with the concept of Formation of J&K State: Geo-Political overview, Political Awakening in Kashmir: Reading Room Party, Muslim Conference and National Conference, Political Awakening in Jammu: Dogra Sadar Sabha and Praja Parishad and Instrument of Accession and its Background.
2. To understand the Basic Features of J&K Constitution , Special Status, Article 370 of Indian Constitution and Presidential Order of 1954, Permanent Residents of Jammu and Kashmir State and their Rights , Directive Principles of State Policy and Panchayati Raj in J&K.
3. To understand the concept of Governmental Structure ---Governor: Chief Minister and Council of Ministers –appointment powers and role of all. Discuss in detail state Legislature and Judicial System.
4. Discuss in detail the Political Processes and Dynamics -Changing Nature of Party System in Jammu and Kashmir and Coalition Politics.