POLITICAL SCIENCE GENERAL (PLSG)

SYLLABUS UNDER RESTRUCTURED CURRICULUM from July 2014
(As approved by the Board of Studies)

For B A General

Semester One

Paper I: POLITICAL THEORY Paper code: PSG 2111

Module I:

1. Nature and scope of Political Science; Relation with the other social sciences---History, Sociology, Economics.

2. Approaches to the study of Political Science: Normative, Behavioural and Post-Behavioural, Marxist.

3. Theories of the state: Contract theory, Idealist theory, Liberal theory.

Module II:

1. Sovereignty of the state---Monistic and Pluralistic theories; doctrine of popular sovereignty.

2. Democracy and Dictatorship---comparison of features.

3. Political parties and interest groups---functions and importance in modern states.


5. Fascism---meaning and nature.

Module III:

1. Law: meaning, sources, nature.

2. Rights, Liberty, Equality: meaning and nature, relation between liberty and equality, safeguards of liberty, right to resistance.

Semester Two

Paper II: INDIAN CONSTITUTION Paper code: PSG 2221

Module I:

1. The Preamble to the Constitution.
2. Fundamental Rights and Duties.


Module II:

1. Union Executive---powers, functions and position of the following offices:
   a) The President, b) The Vice-President, c) The Prime Minister and the Council of Ministers.

2. Union Legislature---a) The Parliament, its organisation, composition, functions, relation between the two Houses (with reference to law-making), b) The Speaker, c) Committee system.

Module III:

1. State Governments---powers, functions and position of the following offices:
   a) The Governor, b) The Chief Minister and the Council of Ministers.


3. The judiciary: its nature, composition and functions of the Supreme Court and the High Courts.


5. Election Commission---composition and functions.

Semester Three

Paper III: COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT Paper code: PSG 2331

Module I:


Module II:

1. Comparing the legislatures in the UK and the USA: composition, powers and functions; committee system in the UK and the USA, office of the Speaker in the UK and the USA. The legislature in the PRC: composition, powers, functions.
2. Comparing the executives in the UK and the USA: importance and role of monarchy in the UK, composition and functions of the British Cabinet, role of the British Prime Minister; the American President--powers, functions, position in relation to Cabinet; powers, functions, positions of the President, Premier, State Council in the PRC.

3. Comparing the judiciaries in the UK and the USA; Courts and Procuratorates in the PRC---basic features and role.

Module III:

1. Rights and duties of citizens: Bill of Rights in the UK and the USA.


Semester Four

Paper IV: POLITICS IN INDIA Paper code: PSG 2441

Module I:

1. Secularism: nature, significance, challenges.


3. Women’s movements: emergence and issues.


Module II:

1. Evolution of party system.

2. Growth of regional parties and their role.

3. Emergence of coalition politics and its changing pattern.

Semester Five

Paper V: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND ORGANISATION Paper code: PSG 2551

Module I:

1. Features of the post-Second World War world.

2. An outline of the post-Cold War era.

3. Globalisation: meaning, types, causes and consequences.
4. Terrorism: meaning, causes and consequences.

5. Changing role of the PRC in the contemporary world.

**Module II:**


3. UN peacekeeping since the 1990s: some representative cases.

4. Protection of human rights by the UN: some representative cases.

**Semester Six**

**Paper VI: INDIAN ADMINISTRATION AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**  
**Paper code: PSG 2661**

**Module I:**

1. The Prime Minister’s Office; the Cabinet Secretariat---structure, functions, role.

2. Recruitment and training of civil servants; UPSC and SPSC: composition and functions.

3. The Right to Information Act: origin and impact.

**Module II:**

1. Role and importance of local government.


Political Science Elective

(For Honours students of other Departments)

Syllabus under Restructured Curriculum from July 2014

(As approved by the Board of Studies)

Semester One

Paper I: Political Theory Paper code: PS 21011

Module I:


2. Approaches to the study of Political Science: Normative, Behavioural and Post-Behavioural, Marxist.

3. Theories of the state: Contract theory, Idealist theory, Liberal and neo-liberal theory, Marxist theory, Gandhian theory.

Module II:

1. Sovereignty of the state---Monistic and Pluralistic theories; doctrine of popular sovereignty.

2. Democracy and Dictatorship---comparison of features.

3. Political parties and interest groups---functions and importance in modern states.


5. Nationalism and Internationalism---interrelation.

6. Fascism---meaning and nature.

Module III:

1. Law: meaning, sources, nature.

2. Rights, Liberty, Equality: meaning and nature, relation between liberty and equality, safeguards of liberty, right to resistance.

3. Governance and e-governance: basic concept, chief issues; role of the civil society and media.
Semester Two

Paper II: INDIAN CONSTITUTION AND GOVERNMENT Paper code: PS 22021

Module I:

1. The Preamble to the Constitution.

2. Fundamental Rights and Duties.


4. Nature of federalism and Union-State relations.

Module II:

1. Union Executive---powers, functions and position of the following offices:
   a) The President, b) The Vice-President, c) The Prime Minister and the Council of Ministers.


Module III:

1. State Governments---powers, functions and position of the following offices:
   a) The Governor, b) The Chief Minister and the Council of Ministers.


3. The judiciary: its nature, composition and functions of the Supreme Court and the High Courts; judicial activism in India.


5. Election Commission---composition and functions.

6. Democratic accountability and the Right to Information.
Semester Three

Paper III: COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS Paper code: PSG 23031

Module I:

1. Comparative Politics---meaning, nature, scope.

2. Basic features of political systems: a) Liberal democratic (Conventions, Rule of Law, Parliamentary sovereignty in the UK; Separation of Powers and Checks and Balances in the USA), b) Socialist (the 1982 Constitution of the PRC and the General Principles).


Module II:

1. Comparing the legislatures in the UK and the USA: composition, powers and functions; committee system in the UK and the USA, office of the Speaker in the UK and the USA. The legislature in the PRC---composition, powers, functions.

2. Comparing the executives in the UK and the USA: importance and role of monarchy in the UK, composition and functions of the British Cabinet, role of the British Prime Minister; the American President---powers, functions, position in relation to Cabinet; powers, functions, position of the President, Premier, State Council in the PRC.

3. Comparing the judiciaries in the UK and the USA, judicial activism, power of judicial review; Courts and Procuratorates in the PRC---basic features and role.

Module III:

1. Rights and duties of citizens: Bill of Rights in the UK and the USA; Fundamental Rights and Duties of Chinese citizens.

2. Comparing party systems and pressure groups in the UK and the USA; Chinese Communist Party: structure, functions, role.