THE SYLLABUS FOR THE THREE-YEAR UNDERGRADUATE COURSE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE HONOURS.

SEMESTER 1

Module 1.1 POLITICAL THEORY

   Approaches to the study of politics : Normative, Behavioural and Post-Behavioural, Feminist.

Basic Readings:

Andrew Heywood : Politics
Alan R. Ball : Modern Politics and Government
David Held : Political Theory and the State.
W. Runciman : Social and Political Theory.
David Apter : Political Analysis.

Module 1.2 POLITICAL THEORY

1. Basic principles of Dialectical and Historical Materialism.
2. Theory of class and class struggle.

Basic Readings

E. Fischer : Marx in his own words.
Thomas Sowell : Marxism.
David McLellan : The thought of Karl Marx.
Maurice Cornforth : Open Society and Open Philosophy.
Tom Bottomore (ed.) : A Dictionary of Marxist Thought.
Module 1.3 INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

1. Framing of the Indian Constitution: Background.
2. Preamble
3. Fundamental Rights and Duties.
5. Nature of Indian Federalism and Union-State relations.
6. Amendment Procedure.

Basic Readings:
Granville Austin: The Indian Constitution –Cornerstone of a Nation.
M.V.Pylee: Constitutional Government in India.
Paul Brass: The Politics of India since Independence.
Ramesh Thakur: The Government and Politics of India.
D.D.Basu: An Introduction to the Constitution of India.
N.G.Jayal (ed.): Democracy in India.

Module 1.4 INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

1. Electoral system: Composition, functions and role of the Election Commission; Electoral reforms.
2. Party system: features and trends. Ideologies and programmes of major political parties in India.
3. Coalition politics in India- Regionalization of the party system.
4. Pressure groups in India- Business groups, Trade Unions and Peasant Organizations.
5. Political Parties in West Bengal- electoral performance and their role in government and opposition.

Basic Readings:
Rakhahari Chatterjee (ed.): Politics India: State-Society Interface.
A.Kohli (ed.): The Success of India’s Democracy.
Rajni Kothari: Politics in India.
Zoya Hasan (ed.): Politics and the State in India.
SEMESTER 2

Module 2.1  POLITICAL THEORY

3. Contemporary Liberalism: John Rawls.
4. Communitarianism (Sandel) and Multiculturalism (Featherstone).

Basic Readings:
Andrew Heywood: Politics.
David Held: Models of Democracy.
Andrew Heywood: Key Concepts.
O.P. Gauba: An Introduction to Political Theory.
Simon Durring: Politics.

Module 2.2  POLITICAL THEORY


Basic Readings:
David Held: Models of Democracy.
David McLellan: Marxism after Marx.
Kolakowski: Main Currents of Marxism, Volumes II & III.
Andrew Gamble: Introduction to Western Social and Political Thought.
Arun Banerjee: People’s Democracy in China.
J.W. Femia: Marxism and Democracy.
Stuart Shrampt: Political Thought of Mao Tse Tung (Introduction)

Module 2.3  INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

1. Union Executive: President – election, powers and position; Prime Minister and Council of Ministers – appointment, functions, position and relationship.
2. Union Legislature: Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha – composition, functions, relationship; law-making, privileges, committee system, Speaker.
State Legislature – composition and functions.

**Basic Readings:**

M.V.Pylee: Constitutional Government in India.
J.C. Johari: Indian Government and Politics. (2 Volumes)

**Module 2.4 INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**

1. Issues in Indian Politics:
   (a) Religion
   (b) Language
   (c) Caste
   (d) Tribes
   (e) Ethnicity

2. New Social Movements since the 1970s:
   (a) Environmental Movements
   (b) Women’s Movements
   (c) Human Rights Movements.

**Basic Readings:**

Ghanashyam Shah: Social Movements in India.
Rajni Kothari: Caste in Indian Politics.
Partha Chatterjee (ed.): State and Politics in India.
Zoya Hasan & S.N.Jha: The State, Political Processes and Identity-Reflections of Modern India.
SEMESTER 3

Module 3.1 COMPARATIVE POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

1. Comparative Politics: Development, Scope and purposes; distinction with Comparative Government.
2. Methods of Comparison
3. Approaches to the study of Comparative Politics: Institutionalism, Systems Analysis, Structural Functionalism, Development.

Basic Readings:
Rakhahari Chatterjee: Comparative Politics.(new edition)
G.Almond et.al.: Comparative Politics Today- A World View.

Module 3.2 COMPARATIVE POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

1. Types of political systems: Liberal and Socialist – their distinguishing features with special reference to the role of conventions, rule of law, parliamentary sovereignty (U.K.); separation of powers, checks and balances, judicial review (U.S.A.); democratic centralism (P.R.C.); Instruments of direct democracy: referendum, initiative and recall.
2. Rights of citizens in the U.K. and in the U.S.A.; Rights and duties of the citizens in the P.R.C.

Basic Readings:
Rod Hague & Martin Harrop: Comparative Government and Politics.
Dennis Kavanagh: British Politics.
Gabriel Almond et.al.: Comparative Politics Today- A World View.
Arun Kumar Banerjee: People’s Democracy in China
Carr,Bernstein & Murphy: American Government.

Module 3.3 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (THEORY)

1. International Relations as an academic discipline – development, nature and scope.
2. Representative theories: Realism; Pluralism; World Systems theory.
3. Select key concepts: Balance of Power; Collective Security; National Interest; International System (Kaplan)
Basic Readings:

P.R.Viotti & M.V. Kauppi : International Relations Theory
S.Smith & J.Baylis : The Globalization of World Politics.
Jackson & Sorensen : Introduction to International Relations.
A.A.Coloumbis & J.Wolfe : Introduction to International Relations.
C.Kegley,E.Wittkopf : World Politics –Trends and Transformations.

Module 3.4 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

1. United Nations : Purposes and principles;Organs with special reference to the
   General Assembly,Security Council,Secretariat.
2. Role of the United Nations in Peace-keeping and Human Rights since 1990s.
3. WTO : its genesis and dispute settlement mechanism
4. Regional Organizations : ASEAN ,SAARC ,EU.

Basic Readings :

Radharaman Chakroborty : United Nations
Rumki Basu : united Nations
C.Kegley,E.Wittkopf : World Politics –Trends and Transformations
S.Smith & J.Baylis : The Globalization of World Politics.
SEMESTER 4

Module 4.1  COMPARATIVE POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

Major Organs of Government :
1. Executive : U.K., U.S.A., P.R.C., France.
2. Legislature : U.K., U.S.A., P.R.C.
4. Relationship between the Executive and the Legislature in the U.K., U.S.A., P.R.C.

Basic Readings :

Alan R. Ball : Modern Politics and Government
Rod Hague & Martin Harrop : Comparative Government and Politics.
Skidmore, Carter, Tripp : American Government
Dennis Kavanagh : British Politics.

Module 4.2  COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

1. Unitary and Federal systems; Cases of federalism - U.S.A. and Russia.
3. Political Parties: features and role of party systems in the U.K., U.S.A., P.R.C.
4. Interest groups: Roles and performance in the U.K. and the U.S.A.

Basic Readings :

Rod Hague & Martin Harrop : Comparative Government and Politics.
G. Almond et al. : Comparative Politics Today – A World View
Skidmore, Carter, Tripp : American Government
J. Harvey & S. Bather : The British Constitution
Dennis Kavanagh : British Politics.
Arun Kumar Banerjee : People's Democracy In China.

Module 4.3  INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

1. Cold War: evolution and decline.
2. Post Cold War World: Globalization and its impact on international relations.
3. Role of non-state actors: MNCs.
4. Role of sub-state actors: Ethnicity.
5. Terrorism as an issue in international relations.

Basic Readings :
Module 4.4 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

1. Foreign Policy: concept and techniques – diplomacy, media and war.
2. Indian Foreign Policy: geo-strategic context and ideological foundation.
   India’s bilateral relations with U.S.A. and Pakistan.
4. Bilateral relations between: U.S.A. and West Asia; P.R.C. and India; U.S.A. and P.R.C.

Basic Readings:

S. Smith & J. Baylis: The Globalization of World Politics
M. Hogan (ed): The end of Cold War – its meaning and implications.
Leslie Holmes: Post-Communism – an introduction
C. Kegley, E. Wittkopf: World Politics – Trends and Transformations.
A. Appadorai & M. S. Rajan: India’s Foreign Policy and Relations.
Joseph Frankel: The Making of Foreign Policy.
SEMESTER 5

Module 5.1 POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

1. Emergence of Political Sociology – from Sociology of Politics to Political Sociology.
2. Power, Authority and Legitimacy.

Basic Readings:

W.G.Runciman: Social and Political Theory
Amal K. Mukhopadhyay: Political Sociology
Michel Rush: Politics and Society.

Module 5.2 POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

1. Social Stratification: Class, Caste and Ethnicity.
2. Gender and Politics: basic issues.

Basic Readings:

Amal K. Mukhopadhyay: Political Sociology
Michel Rush: Politics and Society.
Tom Bottomore: Political Sociology.
Satyabrata Chakraborti (ed): Political Sociology.
Dennis Wrong: Power
Ali Ashraf, L.N. Sharma: Political Sociology.

Module 5.3 WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT

1. Greek Political Thought: main features.
   (a) Plato’s views on Justice and Communism
   (b) Aristotle’s views on the State and Classification of Constitutions.
2. Roman Political Thought: theories of Law and Citizenship.
Basic Readings:

Raymond G. Gettell: History of Political Thought
W.A. Dunning: A History of Political Theories
C.L. Wayper: Political Thought.

Module 5.4 WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT

1. Jean Bodin and his concept of Sovereignty.
2. Machiavelli and his contribution to the secularization of politics.
3. Political thought in the age of Reformation.

Basic Readings:

C.L. Wayper: Political Thought.
Raymond G. Gettell: History of Political Thought.

Module 5.5 INDIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT AND MOVEMENT

1. Features of Ancient Indian Political thought – an overview
   3. Place of Mahabharata and Manusmriti in ancient Indian political thought.
4. Medieval Political thought: Legitimacy of Kingship & Duties and responsibilities of a Muslim ruler in the age of the Sultanate and Mughal period.

Basic Readings:

R.S. Sharma: Aspects of Political Ideas and Institutions in Ancient India.
D. Mackenzie Brown: The White Umbrella
A.T. Embree (ed.): Sources of Indian Tradition (Vol.I)

Module 5.6 INDIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT AND MOVEMENT

1. Modern Indian thought: Rammohan as a pioneer of Indian liberalism.
Basic Readings:

T.Pantham & K.L. Deutsch(ed) : Political Thought in Modern India.
B.B. Majumdar : Militant Nationalism in India.
V.P. Verma : Hindu Political Thought
R.S. Sharma : Aspects of Political Ideas and Institutions in Ancient India.

Module 5.7 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

2. Challenges to the discipline of Public Administration and responses : New Public Administration, Comparative Public Administration, Development Administration.
4. Ecological approach to Public Administration : Riggian model.

Basic Readings:

Mohit Bhattacharya : Public Administration - structure, processes and behaviour.
Rumki Basu : Public Administration - key concepts.

Module 5.8 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

1. Development Administration : Role of the Indian Bureaucracy; Politics - Bureaucracy Interface
2. Civil Service in India : recruitment and training.
3. Administrative Accountability in India - Right to Information Act (93rd Amendment)
4. Organization of the Union Government : Secretariat administration - PMO; Cabinet Secretariat.
5. Organization of the State Government – Role of the Chief Secretary.

Basic Readings:

Ramesh Arora & Rajni Goyal : Indian Public Administration.
A. Avasthi : Indian Administration.
**SEMESTER 6**

Module 6.1   POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

1. Political Culture and Socialization.
2. Political Communication: concept and structures.
3. Political participation: concept and types; determinants of electoral behaviour.

**Basic Readings:**

Amal K. Mukhopadhyay: Political Sociology
Satyabrata Chakraborti (ed): Political Sociology.
G. Ponton, P. Gill: Introduction to Politics.
Andrew Hetwood: Politics.

Module 6.2   POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

1. Nationalism and state formation in Third world and West Europe
2. Political Development
3. Military and politics.

**Basic Readings:**

Andrew Heywood: Politics.
G. Ponton, P. Gill: Introduction to Politics.
Satyabrata Chakraborti (ed): Political Sociology.

Module 6.3   WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT

2. Locke: founder of liberalism – views on liberty, property and consent.
Basic Readings:

Amal K. Mukhopadhyay: Western Political Thought from Plato to Marx.
Raymond G. Gettell: History of Political Thought.

Module 6.4 WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT

1. Hegel: Civil Society and State
2. Utopian and Scientific Socialism.
3. Varieties of non-Marxist Socialism: German Revisionism and Fabianism.

Basic Readings:

C.L. Wayper: Political Thought.
R.N. Berki: The History of Political Thought – A Short Introduction.
Raymond G. Gettell: History of Political Thought.
Maurice Cornforth: Dialectical Materialism.

Module 6.5 INDIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT AND MOVEMENT

1. Gandhi: views on State and Trusteeship.
2. Nehru: views on nationalism and socialism.

Basic Readings:

T. Pantham & K.L. Deutsch (ed): Political Thought in Modern India
B.R. Nanda: Making of a Nation.
V.R. Mehta: Foundation of Indian Political Thought – an interpretation.

Module 6.6 INDIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT AND MOVEMENT

1. Foundations of Indian National Congress.
2. Partition of Bengal and the Swadeshi movement.
3. Khilafat and the Non-cooperation Movement; Civil Disobedience Movement
4. Roots of communal politics: Savarkar and Hindu nationalism; Jinnah and two-nation theory.
5. Class and Nationalist movement under colonial rule: Working class and Peasant movements.
6. Quit India Movement of 1942; I.N.A.; Naval Uprisings.

**Basic Readings:**

Bipan Chandra et.al.: India’s Struggle for Independence.
Sumit Sarkar: Modern India.
B.R. Nanda: Making of a Nation.
S.K. Chaube: Colonialism, Freedom Struggle and Nationalism in India.

**Module 6.7 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

1. Major concepts of administration: Hierarchy, Unity of Command, Span of Control, Authority, Centralization and Decentralization, Line and Staff.
2. Administrative processes: Communication and control, Delegation, Decision-making, Coordination and Leadership.
3. Policy-making: models of policy-making-policies and implementation.

**Basic Readings:**

Mohit Bhattacharya: Public Administration—structure, processes and behaviour.
Rumki Basu: Public Administration—key concepts.

**Module 6.8 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

2. Local Self-Government in India – 73rd and 74th Amendments: an overview.
4. Role of the CAG in financial administration.
5. Citizen and Administration: Lokpal and Lokayukta.

**Basic Readings:**

Ramesh Aurora & Rajni Goyal: Indian Public Administration.
Mohit Bhattacharya, Prabhat K. Dutta: Governing Rural India.

N.B. Additional Readings will be suggested in class as and when necessary.
AT A GLANCE:

SYLLABUS FOR THE THREE YEAR (HONOURS) COURSE OF STUDIES IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AT ST. XAVIER’S (AUTONOMOUS) COLLEGE, KOLKATA.

Course I : POLITICAL THEORY
[4 modules on Political Theory distributed over the first and second semesters]

Course II : INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS
[4 modules on Indian Government and Politics distributed over the first and second semesters]

Course III : COMPARATIVE POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
[4 modules on Comparative Politics and Government distributed over the third and fourth semesters.]

Course IV : INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
[4 modules on International Relations distributed over the third and fourth semesters.]

Course V : POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY
[4 modules on Political Sociology distributed over the fifth and sixth semesters.]

Course VI : WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT
[4 modules on Western Political Thought distributed over the fifth and the sixth semesters]

Course VII : INDIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT AND MOVEMENT
[4 modules on Indian Political Thought and Movement to be covered in the fifth and the sixth semesters]

Course VIII : PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
[4 modules on Public Administration distributed over the fifth and sixth semesters.

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