

## POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR

Semester	FIVE
Paper Number	C3PS230521T
Paper Title	WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT – ANCIENT & MEDIEVAL
No. of Credits	4
Theory/Composite	Theory
No. of periods assigned	4 per week
Name of Faculty member(s)	
Course description/objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To introduce students to the basic ideas of western political thought, its genesis since the ancient Greek civilization.</li> <li>● To familiarize students with the manner in which political questions were first posed and the reflections of thinkers on the ideas and practices related to state and government.</li> </ul>
Course Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Facilitates an understanding and appreciation of the various approaches and perceptions in political thought with the distinct perspectives of eminent thinkers on political reality.</li> <li>● Cultivates the ability to trace, analyze and interpret contemporary political ideas in the light of questions raised and views expressed by traditional western philosophers.</li> </ul>
Syllabus	<p><b>Module I</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ancient Greek political thought: context and salient features</li> <li>2. Plato: ideas of justice and communism</li> <li>3. Aristotle: views on state and classification of governments</li> </ol> <p><b>Module II</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Medieval political thought: salient features</li> <li>5. Major issues of medieval political thought with special reference to St. Augustine and Marsiglio of Padua.</li> <li>6. Machiavelli: major contributions</li> </ol>
Reference List	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Nelson, B.R. (1982) <i>Western Political Thought – From Socrates to the Age of Ideology</i>. New Jersey: Prentice-Hall</li> <li>2. Russell, Bertrand (1979) <i>A History of Western Philosophy</i>. London: Allen &amp; Unwin</li> <li>3. Curtis, Michael (1981) <i>The Great Political Theories – Volume 1</i>. New York: Avon Books</li> <li>4. Muschamp, David (ed) (1986), <i>Political Thinkers</i>. London : Macmillan</li> </ol>

	<p>5. Mukhopadhyay, Amal (1988), <i>Western Political Thought – From Plato to Marx</i>. Kolkata: K.P.Bagchi &amp; Co.</p> <p>6. Rosen, Michael &amp; Wolff, Jonathan (eds) (1999), <i>Political Thought</i>. New York : Oxford University Press</p> <p>7. Lavine, T.Z. (1984), <i>From Socrates to Sartre: the Philosophic Quest</i>. New York : Bantam Books</p> <p>8. Roberts, Peri &amp; Sutch, Peter (2004), <i>An Introduction to Political Thought – A Conceptual Toolkit</i>. U.K. : Edinburgh University Press</p>
Evaluation	<p>Theory</p> <p>CIA: 25 (20 mid sem test + 5 Assignment) +5 (attendance)</p> <p>Semester Exam: 70</p>
Paper Structure for Theory Semester Exam	<p>Short Notes: 3 out of 5 of 5marks each (3x5=15)</p> <p>Essay Type: 2 out of 4 of 10 marks each (2X10= 20) (35 marks per module)</p> <p>35+35 (Module I + Module II= 70) (70+30 CIA=100)</p>