

C3PS230531T

Semester: V				
Programme: POLITICAL SCIENCE				
Course: COMPARATIVE POLITICAL PROCESSES AND INSTITUTIONS				
Paper code: C3PS230531T			Credits: 4	
Hours/week: 4				
Category: CORE/MDC/SEC/VAC: CORE				
Theory / Practical / Composite: THEORY				
No of Modules: TWO				
Course Overview: This course offers a critical and comparative exploration of political institutions and processes across diverse regimes and regions. Designed for advanced undergraduate students, it delves into the evolving nature of the state, electoral systems, party dynamics, and democratic structures in both Western and non-Western contexts.				
Course Outcome:				
1. Remember- Identify key concepts related to political institutions, electoral systems, and party typologies across different regimes				
2. Understand- Explain the evolution of political processes and institutional arrangements in both Western and non-Western contexts.				
3. Apply- Demonstrate the use of comparative frameworks to analyse political systems and democratic structures.				
4. Analyse- Compare unitary, federal, and confederative systems by examining their structural and functional differences.				
5. Evaluate- Critique contemporary perspectives on the state and assess the impact of globalization on political regimes.				
6. Create- Formulate original comparative models or case studies that synthesize institutional patterns across diverse democracies.				
Prerequisites: Basic knowledge about any prior course				
SYLLABUS				
UNIT/Module	CONTENT	HOURS or NUMBER OF CLASSES	CO Mapping	COGNITIVE LEVEL
I.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contemporary perspectives on the state. 2. Political parties and party systems--- typologies; changing dimensions of interest articulation and aggregation. 	26	CO1 CO2 CO3 CO4 CO5 CO6	K1,K2,K3,K4,K5,K6

	3. Electoral systems and representation			
II.	4. Unitary and federal systems; confederation; contemporary perspectives. 5. Varieties of Democracy 6. Globalization and political regimes: evolving dimensions	26	CO1 CO2 CO3 CO4 CO5 CO6	K1,K2,K3,K4,K5,K6
Text Books				
1. Andrew Heywood, Politics, Palgrave, New York, 2002.				
2. Roland Axtmann ed., Understanding Democratic Politics---An Introduction, Sage Publications, London, 2003.				
3. Carles Boix and Susan Stokes eds., The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Political Analysis, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2007.				
Suggested readings				
1. Michael Burgess, Comparative Federalism: Theory and Practice, Routledge, London, 2006.				
2. John Hutchinson and Anthony D Smith eds., Nationalism, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1994.				
Evaluation: Theory CIA: 30 (mid-semester exam 20 + 5 assignment) + 5 Attendance = 30 Semester Exam: 70				
Paper Structure for Theory Semester Exam Module: Short Notes: 3 out of 5 of 5marks each (3x5=15) Essay Type: 2 out of 4 of 10 marks each (2X10= 20) (35 marks per module) 35+35 (Module I + Module II= 70) (70+30 CIA=100)				

Course outcomes (COs) and Cognitive Level Mapping

COs	CO Description	Cognitive levels
CO1	Remember- Identify key concepts related to political institutions, electoral systems, and party typologies across different regimes	K1
CO2	Understand- Explain the evolution of political processes and institutional arrangements in both Western and non-Western contexts.	K2
CO3	Apply- Demonstrate the use of comparative frameworks to analyse political systems and democratic structures	K3

CO4	Analyse- Compare unitary, federal, and confederative systems by examining their structural and functional differences.	K4
CO5	Evaluate- Critique contemporary perspectives on the state and assess the impact of globalization on political regimes.	K5
CO6	Create- Formulate original comparative models or case studies that synthesize institutional patterns across diverse democracies.	K6