
SEMESTER I

I. MAJOR COURSE –MJ 1: POLITICAL THEORY

Marks: 25 (5 Attd. + 20 SIE: 1Hr) + 75 (ESE: 3Hrs) = 100

Pass Marks: Th (SIE + ESE) = 40

(Credits: Theory-04) Theory: 60 Lectures

Course Objectives:

1. The course has been designed to introduce key concepts in politics to the students in order to sharpen their understanding of political discourses and the ability to make scientific enquiry into political phenomena and political questions.
2. Diverse traditions and approaches have been included in the scheme of teaching to make understanding comprehensive and insightful.
3. Contemporary debates on key concepts and theories shall allow the students to understand the expanding horizons of the discipline.

Learning Outcomes:

1. The course shall enable a solid understanding of theoretical aspects of the discipline.
2. The different traditions and approaches of Political Theory shall enable a better understanding of the various nuances of the discipline of Political Science.
3. The course shall also train the students to critically analyse political phenomena through the conduit of political theory.
4. The students shall be able to familiarize themselves with contemporary debates in democracy and the changing role of the state.

Course Content

UNIT I

1. Meaning Nature and Significance of Political theory
2. Traditions of Political Theory: Liberal and Marxist
3. Different Approaches of Political Theory
 - a. Normative Approach
 - b. Empirical Approach
4. Critical and Contemporary Perspectives in Political theory
 - a. Feminist
 - b. Post-Modern

UNIT II

1. Democracy
 - a. Theories of Democracy and Contemporary Debates
 - b. Elitist v/s Pluralist Theory

Reference Books:

1. S.P. Verma- Modern Political Theory
 2. SushilaRamaswamay – Political Theory
 3. O.P. Gauba, Political Ideas and Ideologies
 4. Ernest Barker– Principles of Social and Political Theory
 5. R. Dhal- Modern Political Analysis
 6. Rajiv Bharghava and Ashoka Acharya- Political Theory: An Introduction
 7. Norman P. Barry – An Introduction to Modern Political Theory
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