

# **VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY**

Midnapore, West Bengal



*PROPOSED CURRICULUM & SYLLABUS (DRAFT) OF*

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**BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH POLITICAL SCIENCE  
(MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES)**

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**3-YEAR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME**  
*(w.e.f. Academic Year 2023-2024)*

*Based on*

**Curriculum & Credit Framework for Undergraduate Programmes  
(CCFUP), 2023 & NEP, 2020**

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**BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HUMANITIES/ SOCIAL SCIENCE with POLITICAL SCIENCE**  
*(under CCFUP, 2023)*

Level	YR.	SEM	Course Type	Course Code	Course Title	Credit	L-T-P	Marks			
								CA	ESE	TOTAL	
B.A. in Humanities/ Social Science with Pol. Sc.	1 <sup>st</sup>	I	<b>SEMESTER-I</b>								
			Major-1 (Disc.-A1)	POLPMJ101	T: Introduction to Political Theory <i>(To be studied by the students taken Pol .Sc. as Discipline-A)</i>	4	3-1-0	15	60	75	
			SEC	SEC01	<i>To be chosen from SEC-01 of Discipline A/B/C of their Hons. prog.</i>	3	0-0-3	10	40	50	
			AEC	AEC01	Communicative English-1 <i>(common for all programmes)</i>	2	2-0-0	10	40	50	
			MDC	MDC01	Multidisciplinary Course-1 <i>(to be chosen from the list )</i>	3	3-0-0	10	40	50	
			VAC	VAC01	VAC-01: ENVS <i>(common for all programmes)</i>	4	2-0-2	50	50	100	
			Minor (Disc.-C1)	POL MI01/C1	T: Nationalism and Anti-colonial Movements in India <i>(To be studied by the students taken Pol .Sc. as Discipline-C)</i>	4	3-1-0	15	60	75	
		<b>Semester-I Total</b>						20			400
		II	<b>SEMESTER-II</b>								
			Major (Disc.-B1)		<i>To be decided (Same as like A1 for students taken Pol .Sc. as Discipline-B )</i>	4	3-1-0	15	60	75	
			SEC	SEC02	<i>To be chosen from SEC-02 of Discipline A/B/C of their Hons. prog.</i>	3	0-0-3	10	40	50	
			AEC	AEC02	MIL-1 <i>(common for all programmes)</i>	2	2-0-0	10	40	50	
			MDC	MDC02	Multi Disciplinary Course-02 <i>(to be chosen from the list )</i>	3	3-0-0	10	40	50	
			VAC	VAC02	VAC-02 <i>(to be chosen from the list)</i>	4	4-0-0	10	40	50	
			Minor (Disc.-C2)	POL MI 02/C2	T: Gender Studies <i>(To be studied by the students taken Pol .Sc. as Discipline-C)</i>	4	3-1-0	15	60	75	
			Summer Intern.	CS	Community Service	4	0-0-4	-	-	50	
		<b>Semester-II Total</b>						24			400
		<b>TOTAL of YEAR-1</b>						44	-	-	800

P MJ= Major Programme (Multidisciplinary), MI = Minor, A/B = Choice of Major Discipline; C= Choice of Minor Discipline; SEC = Skill Enhancement Course, AEC = Ability Enhancement Course, MDC = Multidisciplinary Course, VAC = Value Added Course; CA= Continuous Assessment, ESE= End Semester Examination, T = Theory, P= Practical, L-T-P = Lecture-Tutorial-Practical, MIL = Modern Indian Language, ENV5 = Environmental Studies

## MAJOR (MJ)

### Major A1/B1: Introduction to Political Theory

**Credits 04**

#### **COURSE OUTCOME:**

Learning is necessary for being a useful member of society. The first step towards learning is having a theoretical understanding of the subject matter. This course is specifically dedicated for this purpose.

### Major A1/B1T: Introduction to Political Theory

**Full Marks: 75**

#### **Course contents:**

#### **Group A**

Sl	Topic	No of Classes
01	Politics, Political Science and Political Theory	08
02	Democracy, Liberty and Equality	08
03	Citizenship: Rights and Duties	08
04	Human Rights: Concept and Scope	06

#### **Group B**

Sl	Topic	No of Classes
05	State and Political Theory: Core Issues	06
06	The State and Civil Society: Privacy and Surveillance	07
07	Development and Economic Growth: Major Themes	07
08	Issues of Justice: Gender, Fairness and Protective Discrimination/Affirmative Action	10

#### **Suggested Readings:**

1. Acharya, A. (2008) 'Affirmative Action', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 298-307.
2. Acharya, A. (2008) 'Equality', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 58-73.
3. Bhargava, R. (2008) 'What is Political Theory', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 2-17.
4. Bhargava, R. (2008) 'Why Do We Need Political Theory', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 18-37.
5. Brighouse, H. (2008) 'Citizenship', in McKinnon, C. (ed.) *Issues in Political Theory*. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 241-259.
6. Casal, P. & William, A. (2008) 'Equality', in McKinnon, C. (ed.) *Issues in Political Theory*. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 149- 165.
7. Chambers, C. (2008) 'Gender', in McKinnon, C. (ed.) *Issues in Political Theory*. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 241-288.
8. Christiano, Thomas. (2008) 'Democracy', in McKinnon, Catriona. (ed.) *Issues in Political Theory*. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 80-96
9. Das, S. (2008) 'State', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 170-187.
10. Frances E O. (1985) 'The Myth of State Intervention in the Family', *University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform*, 18 (4), pp. 835-64.

11. Jha, M. (2001) 'Ramabai: Gender and Caste', in Singh, M.P. and Roy, H. (eds.) *Indian Political Thought: Themes and Thinkers*. New Delhi: Pearson.
12. Menon, K. (2008) 'Justice', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 74-82.
13. Menon, N. (2008) 'Gender', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 224-235.
14. Prezowski, A., et al. (2003) 'Political Regimes and Economic Growth,' in Dahl, R., Shapiro, I. and Cheibub, A. J. (eds.) *The Democracy Sourcebook*. Cambridge, Massachusetts: MIT Press, pp. 447-454.
15. Riley, J. (2008) 'Liberty', in McKinnon, C. (ed.) *Issues in Political Theory*. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 103-125.
16. Roy, A. 'Citizenship', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 130-147.
17. Sen, A. (2003) 'Freedom Favours Development,' in Dahl, R., Shapiro, I. and Cheibub, A. J. (eds.) *The Democracy Sourcebook*. Cambridge, Massachusetts: MIT Press, pp. 444-446.
18. Sethi, A. (2008) 'Freedom of Speech and the Question of Censorship', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 308-319.
19. Shorten, A. (2008) 'Nation and State', in McKinnon, C. (ed.) *Issues in Political Theory*. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 33-55.
20. Singh, M. (2008) 'Civil Society', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 188-205.
21. Srinivasan, J. (2008) 'Democracy', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 106-128.
22. Sriranjani, V. (2008) 'Liberty', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 40-57.
23. Swift, A. (2001) *Political Philosophy: A Beginners Guide for Students and Politicians*. Cambridge: Polity Press.
24. Talukdar, P.S. (2008) 'Rights', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 88-105.
25. Wolf, J. (2008) 'Social Justice', in McKinnon, C. (ed.) *Issues in Political Theory*. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 172-193.
26. দীপক কুমার দাশ (সম্পাদিত) [২০১৬] রাজনীতির তত্ত্বকথা, প্রকাশন একুশে, কলকাতা।
27. ইয়াসিন খান (সম্পাদিত) [২০২২] রাজনৈতিক সমাজঃ তত্ত্ব ও বাস্তব, প্রোগ্রেসিভ পাব্লিশারস, কলকাতা।
28. ইয়াসিন খান (সম্পাদিত) [২০১৭] মানব অধিকারঃ নানাদিক, প্রোগ্রেসিভ পাব্লিশারস, কলকাতা।

**MINOR (MI)**

**MI-1/C1: Same as Minor-1 (POLMI01) of Pol. Sc. (Hons) programme**

**Credits 04  
Full Marks: 75**

**MI-2/C2: Same as Minor-2 (POLMI02) of Pol. Sc. (Hons) programme**

**Credits 04  
Full Marks: 75**

**SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSE (SEC)**

**TO BE CHOSEN FROM THE BUCKET OF SECs OF SELECTED DISCIPLINE A/B/C  
(As per A/B/C Hons. Prog. Syllabus)**