

**ST JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY, BENGALURU-560027**

**B.A FIRST SEMESTER**

**POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**COURSE TITLE: PS 124 ELEMENTS OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**(W.e.f July, 2024)**

Total Contact Hours:75	Course Credits:4
No. Of Teaching Hours per week:05	Duration of ESA Exams: 2 hours
Formative Assessment	40 Marks
Summative Assessment	60 Marks

**Course Objective:**

The main objective of this Course/Paper, is to introduce the students to the Core Concepts of Political Science and prepare them to explore the subject further in the consecutive semesters. This paper will have topics for Student self-study (SSS) in each chapter with guided reading.

**Learning Outcome:**

At the end of the course the students will be able to- (i) learn the elements and core concepts, pertaining to the discipline of Political science and (ii) gain necessary knowledge and skills for comprehending the dynamics of politics.

**Pedagogy:**

The course shall be taught through the bridge courses, lectures, tutorial, interactive sessions, self-guided learning materials, practical exercises, assignments, quiz, seminars, group discussions and remedial classes.

**I INTRODUCTION**

- Glossary- Bridge course
- Meaning of Political Science ( Traditional, Modern and Contemporary)
- Nature, Scope and Significance of Political Science
- Approaches to the study of Political Science- Historical, Philosophical, Comparative, Institutional and Legal.
- Evolution of the Discipline of Political Science (SSS)

**(15 hrs.)**

**II STATE**

- Meaning & Elements of State
- State and Government; State and Society
- Theories of origin of State- Evolutionary theory; Social Contract theory (Hobbes, Locke & Rousseau),
- Civil Society- Meaning and Importance
- Different State Forms (SSS) - Minimal State, Developmental state, Social-democratic state, Collectivized state, Totalitarian state & Soft state.

**(15 hrs.)**

### **III SOVEREIGNTY**

- Sovereignty- Origin, Meaning and Characteristics
- Kinds of Sovereignty
- Theories- Monistic & Pluralist theories of Sovereignty
- Stephan Krasner's Notion of Sovereignty in the Age of Globalization (SSS) (15 hrs.)

### **IV LAW, JUSTICE AND LIBERTY**

- Law- Meaning, Sources and Kinds; Rule of Law; Law and Governance
- Justice- Meaning and Types- Natural, Distributive, Procedural, Retributive, Restorative and Social
- Liberty- Meaning and Kinds; Law and Liberty (SSS) (15 hrs.)

### **V RIGHTS, DUTIES AND EQUALITY**

- Rights- Meaning and Safeguards of rights; Human rights- Meaning and Nature; Three Generation of Rights
- Duties- Meaning and Nature ; Duties of citizens towards the state
- Equality- Meaning and Kinds (SSS); Affirmative action (15 hrs.)

#### **SELECT REFERENCES:**

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2. Laski, 1955, A Grammar of Politics, UK: Holt, Rinehart and Wilson Press.
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4. Robert Leach, 2008, The Politics Companion, UK, Palgrave Macmillan
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6. McKinnon, 2015, Issues in Political Theory, UK, OUP
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8. O. P. Gauba, 2019, An Introduction to Political Theory, New Delhi, NPH
9. J.C. Johari, 2009, Principles of Modern Political Science, New Delhi, Sterling Publishers Pvt Limited.
10. Vinod and Deshpande, 2013, Contemporary Political Theory, New Delhi, PHI learning Pvt. Ltd.
11. Rajeev Bhargava, 2008, Political Theory: An Introduction, New Delhi, Pearson
12. S. Ramaswamy, 2002, Political Theory: Ideas & Concepts, Macmillan., New Delhi
13. Vidya Bhushan and Vishnoo Bagwan 1998, Political Theory, Chand & Co, New Delhi.
14. A. C. Kapoor, 2022, Principles of Political Science, S. Chand Publication, New Delhi.
15. V. D. Mahajan, 2016, Political Theory (Principles of Political Science), 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, S. Chand Publication, New Delhi.
16. The Oxford Handbook of Political Science.

#### **JOURNALS**

1. Indian Journal of Political Science
2. Teaching Politics
3. Main Stream
4. Seminar
5. Economic and Political Weekly
6. Alternatives

### FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT

<b>Assessment Type</b>	<b>Weightage of Marks</b>
<b>Activity-1</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Activity-2</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Mid-semester Examination</b>	<b>25 (20)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>

**ST JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY, BENGALURU-560027**  
**B.A SECOND SEMESTER**  
**POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**COURSE TITLE: PS 224 POLITICAL THEORY**  
**(W.e.f December, 2024)**

Total Contact Hours:75	Course Credits:4
No. Of Teaching Hours per week:05	Duration of ESA Exams: 2 hours
Formative Assessment	40 Marks
Summative Assessment	60 Marks

**Course Objective:**

The main objective of this Course/Paper, is to introduce the students to the key components of Political theory and equip them to explore the subject further in the consecutive semesters; develop an understanding about the nature and philosophy of political science its influent on state and society. This paper will have topics for Student self-study (SSS) in each chapter with guided reading.

**Learning Outcome:**

At the end of the course the students will be able to- (i) familiarize with the basic ideas, thoughts and the theories in Political Science and (ii) study and analyze political contexts from critical and constructive perspectives.

**Pedagogy:**

The course shall be taught through the, lectures, tutorial, interactive sessions, self-guided learning materials, practical exercises, assignments, quiz, seminars, group discussions and remedial classes.

**I INTRODUCTION**

- Meaning , Nature and Functions of Political Theory
- Distinction between- Political Science, Political theory and Political Philosophy
- Significance of Political Theory(SSS)
- Debate on the Decline of Political theory **(10 hrs.)**

**II KEY COMPONENTS**

- Citizenship- Meaning and Historical Development; Theories- Liberal, Marxian and Communitarian
- Power- Nature and Significance; Kinds of Power; Theories- Elite and Pluralist; Distinction between- Power, Authority and Legitimacy (SSS)
- Political Obligation- Meaning and Theories **(15 hrs.)**

**III NEW PARADIGMS**

- Behavioiurialism- Background and features
- Post-Behavioiurialism- Background and features (SSS)
- Post-modernism- Background and features
- Positivism
- Identity Politics and Multiculturalism **(15 hrs.)**

#### **IV SOCIALISM**

- Socialism- Background, Meaning and Features
- Utopian Socialism- Background and Features
- Democratic Socialism- Background and Features
- Fabianism- Background and Features (SSS)
- Scientific Socialism- Background and Features
- Communitarianism

**(20 hrs.)**

#### **V LIBERALISM**

- Liberalism- Background, Meaning and Features
- Classical Liberalism- Background and Features
- Modern Liberalism - Background and Features (SSS)
- Neo-Liberalism- Background and Features
- Libertarianism

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