

## **Department of Political Science**

### **PROGRAMME OUTCOME:**

The present 6-semester graduation programme on Political Science offers students in-depth knowledge and understanding of the various components of this discipline. This programme aims to arm the students with information and to instill the skill for the ability to comprehend, study, and, analyse the historical beginnings, varied approaches/topics, global politics, and certain specialised courses of this subject.

This programme is structured in a way that students are introduced to the topics gradually and then the number of courses is increased per semester as the programme moves ahead, based on their enhanced view and understanding. The courses covered in this programme under the discipline of Political Science include political theory, political thought, the study of Constitutions (including the Indian constitution), the structure of Indian administration, political sociology, and, public administration. Skill Enhancement Courses (introduced in semester 3), and Discipline Elective Courses (introduced in semester 5) seek to bring in a specialised understanding of the topics at hand, for the students. It involves the study of understanding how the legal system works in India and Indian domestic/foreign policy in historical and current times, respectively. Apart from an extensive review of political thought and theory, this programme will enable students to gain knowledge and awareness regarding the workings of the governmental structure, how public policies are created, and, an overview of the history and current situation of international politics. A comprehensive theoretical base of Political Science is built throughout the programme through various courses, ranging from ancient to contemporary concepts/approaches; and Indian to Western political thought. This Programme also offers some inter-disciplinary topics like political sociology and political economy, which display the wide reach and relevance of political science as a subject, in other disciplines. The completion of various courses in this programme will boost the critical thinking and analytical ability of the students, allowing them to establish correlations and interdependence among the topics present. Regular assessments and end-semester examinations will allow the teachers to evaluate the progress and shortcomings that the students might have, and enable them to work on it. The progressive and increasing order of the courses makes it easier for the students to grasp an understanding of this discipline in a better manner.

By the end of this programme, students will have several options to choose from, in terms of their subsequent course of action. The students will be presented with the opportunity to take up research on any topic of their interest from the programme. Students will also be able to carry out interdisciplinary research, as introduced in the semesters. Students can pursue studies/research in sociology, political economy, women's studies, gender studies, area studies, and so on. Students will also be able to appear for competitive examinations, as this programme already not only offers a wide understanding of the discipline. There is also a similarity in the courses taught under this programme and topics of study for the competitive examinations. An analytical and critical bearing developed via the completion of this programme will also allow the students to take up reporting and writing for the print media. Students can also take up work in think tanks/research organisations as well as work for non-profit organisations, upon the completion of this programme.

**Course Outcome:**

<b><u>Course Code</u></b>	<b><u>Course Name</u></b>	<b><u>Course Outcome</u></b>
<b>CC1</b>	Understanding Political Theory: Concepts	<p>Semester 1 introduces students to the discipline of Political Science. An understanding of the significant concepts and debates in this discipline is studied. In GE1 the general students are introduced to the basic theories and concepts of Political Science. AECC 1 is a compulsory course for all students and it is aimed at boosting and evaluating the students' expertise in any one of the languages offered. Overall, the topics of Semester 1 are designed in a manner to enable the students to grasp the rudimentary learning of this subject. Additionally, the students will be able to build their knowledge regarding the discipline and its associated branches, on this base in the forthcoming semesters.</p>
<b>CC2</b>	Understanding Political Theory: Approaches and Debates	
<b>GE1</b>	Introduction to Political Theory	
<b>AECC1</b>	Communicative English/MIL (Bengali/Hindi/Urdu)	
<b>CC3</b>	Constitutional Government in India	<p>Semester 2 is designed to offer the students an understanding of the political structure in India, and its workings. Various significant components of the Indian constitution are studied, and important amendments are outlined here. GE 2 involves the study of governmental structures of other countries, allowing the students to draw comparisons among them, as well as understand the uniqueness of each. AECC2 offers compulsory environmental science topics for study for all students this semester.</p>
<b>CC4</b>	Politics in India: Structures and Processes	
<b>GE2</b>	Comparative Government and Politics	
<b>AECC2</b>	Environmental Studies	
		Semester 3 introduces the

<b>CC5</b>	Indian Political Thought – I	students to the study of Indian political thinking and processes, beginning from ancient times. A study of comparative governmental structures is introduced for the honours students in this semester while the general students are presented with the topic of the Indian governmental structure. This semester introduces the students to the study of the theories of international politics as well as a review of the legal structure and processes in the Indian democratic system. This course is important for the students as they are now presented with the study of the impact of the concepts and approaches studied earlier, to present political systems.
<b>CC6</b>	Comparative Government and Politics	
<b>CC7</b>	Perspectives on International Relations	
<b>SEC A</b>	Democratic Awareness through Legal Literacy	
<b>GE 3</b>	Government and Politics in India	
<b>CC8</b>	Indian Political Thought – II	In Semester 4, advanced topics on political thought are introduced to the honours students. The students are introduced to significant international political events and bilateral relations in South Asia. The general students are presented with an introduction to the theories and approaches of international political studies. This course is important as the students are now progressively moving towards a deeper understanding of political thought as well as an in-depth study of global politics and introduction to area studies.
<b>CC9</b>	Global Politics since 1945	
<b>CC10</b>	Western Political Thought and Theory – I	
<b>SEC B</b>	Legislative Practices and Procedures	
<b>GE4</b>	International Relations	Semester 5 brings in an interdisciplinary approach to the study of political science. Students are introduced to political sociology as well as gender studies for the first time. This will enable students to build their research
<b>CC11</b>	Western Political Thought and Theory – II	
<b>CC12</b>	Political Sociology	
<b>DSE A1</b>	Gender and Politics	

<b>DSE B1</b>	Indian Foreign Policy in a Globalising World	orientations. DSE B1 offers a specialised study of India's foreign relations after a preliminary understanding has been completed of India's foreign relations in the previous semesters. There are no general subjects offered in this semester.
<b>CC13</b>	Public Administration – Concepts and Perspectives	In the final semester, courses on the study of public administration and the workings of public administration in India are offered. This is important since the courses present an understanding of how the administrative system functions, its strengths and weaknesses, and the operations of the Indian administrative system. The DSE courses offer specialised studies on international relations in South Asia, and contemporary significant political events in India. This course is important as it provides a detailed study of India's domestic functioning and foreign policy making, including a course on the political relations of the area in which India resides.
<b>CC14</b>	Administration and Public Policy in India	
<b>DSE A2</b>	Understanding South Asia	
<b>DSE B2</b>	Development Processes and Social Movements in Contemporary India	