SYLLABUS

POLITICAL SCIENCE

SEC

Political Grooming

Vocational/ Skill Enhancement Course Under

National Education Policy, 2020

Semester 1: Introduction to Politics and Political Process
Semester 2: Political Leadership
Semester 3: Governance & Public Policy
Semester 4: Basics of the Indian Constitution
Semester 5: Leadership in Democracy
Semester 6: Political Training

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VOCATIONAL COURSES

(For those getting admission in the session 2025-26 onwards)

Vocational Course: POLITICAL SCIENCE		
	Year: I	**Semester: I**
Course Code: PS301MT	**Course Title: Introduction to Politics and Political Process**	

Course Outcomes: The course is designed for students and young professionals seeking a career in politics, governance, public affairs, and leadership. Upon completing a political leadership course, students will understand key leadership theories, analyze leadership styles, and evaluate the roles of leaders in political movements. They will develop skills in communication, decision-making, and ethical reasoning, preparing them to effectively lead and influence within political and civic contexts.

Credits: 2	**SEC/VOC**
Max. Marks: 100	**Min. Passing Marks: 33**

Total No. of Lectures-Tutorials-Practical (in hours per week): 2-0-0

Unit	Topic	No. of Lectures
Unit I	Meaning, Nature and Scope of Politics, Evolution of Politics as a Discipline	**10**
Unit II	Concepts of Constitution, and Governance	**10**
Unit III	Politician and Statesman (Indian tradition of leadership, contribution of Uttarakhand)	**10**

Essential Readings

1. Roy, Himanshu, and M. P. Singh. *Indian Political System*. 4th ed., Pearson Education India, 2018.
2. O. P. Gauba, An Introduction to Political Theory, Macmillan, 2024 (pp 1- 172)
3. Tansey, S., & Jackson, N. (2014). Politics: The Basics (5th ed.). Taylor and Francis.(pp 1-24)
4. Alan R. Ball, Modern Politics and Government, Macmillan, 1988 (pp 3-18)

Suggested Readings:

1. Roy, Himanshu, M. P. Singh, and A. P. S. Chouhan, eds. *State Politics in India*. Delhi: Primus Books, 2017.
2. Rajeev Bhargava, Political Theory, Orient Blackswan, 2023
3. Andrew Heywood, Politics, Red Globe Press, 2025

Suggested online link:

1. https://egyankosh.ac.in/bitstream/123456789/53943/1/Unit-1.pdf
2. https://egyankosh.ac.in/bitstream/123456789/23700/1/Unit-10.pdf
3. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gGgFjlKTsDc&pp=ygVKQ29uY2VwdHMgb2YgU3RhdGUsIENpdmlsIFNvY2lldHksIFBvbGl0aWNhbCBTeXN0ZW0sIGFuZCBDb25zdGl0dXRpb24gbnB0ZWw%3D
4. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xhm55mIdSuk&t=1339s&pp=ygUfcG9saXRpY3MgYW5kIHN0YXRlcyBtYW4gbGVjdHVyZQ%3D%3D

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Suggested equivalent online courses: IGNOU and other universities/MOOC platforms such as SWAYAM in India and Abroad. Students of the following subjects can opt for this course as an elective paper. Students who have cleared their 10+2 or Equivalent examination can opt for it.
Suggested Continuous Evaluation Methods: Assignments, Oral presentations, peer interviews, and group tasks can be used for this purpose. The end-of-semester written examination will test all the areas targeted in the course.

Vocational Course: POLITICAL SCIENCE		
	Year: I	**Semester: II**
Course Code: PS302MT	**Course Title: Political Leadership**	
Course Outcomes: The course is designed for students and young professionals seeking a career in politics, governance, public affairs, and leadership. Upon completing a political leadership course, students will understand key leadership theories, analyze leadership styles, and evaluate the roles of leaders in political movements. They will develop skills in communication, decision-making, and ethical reasoning, preparing them to effectively lead and influence within political and civic contexts.		
Credits: 2	**SEC/VOC**	
Max. Marks: 100	**Min. Passing Marks: 33**	
Total No. of Lectures-Tutorials-Practical (in hours per week): 3-0-0		

Unit	**Topics**	**No. of Lectures**
Unit I	Understanding Political Leadership (From Social Leadership to Political Leadership)	**10**
Unit II	Functional Aspect of Leadership	**10**
Unit III	Leadership and Legislative Processes (Bill enactment/ Making questions/ Amendment Process)	**10**

Essential Readings:

1. Harshita Shukla. (2023). Politics Unveiled: The Path to Successful Political Leadership. Notion Press.
2. Darryl Plecas, Colette Squires, & Len Garis. (2018). Essentials of Leadership in Government: Understanding the Basics. Independently published. Second edition. https://cjr.ufv.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Essentials-of-Leadership-book-2nd-Ed-web.pdf
3. Joseph, C. Rost. (1991). Leadership for the Twenty- First Century. New York: Praeger.
4. Udogu, E. (2008). The issue of political leadership in the Third World: What is to be done? Journal of Third World Studie, 25/1, 13-24. https://libres.uncg.edu/ir/asu/f/Udogu_Ike_2008_The_issue_of_political.pdf
5. Michael Foley. (2013). Political Leadership: Themes, Contexts, and Critiques. Oxford University Press.

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Vocational Course: POLITICAL SCIENCE			
		Year: II	**Semester: III**
Course Code: PS303MT	**Course Title: Governance & Public Policy**		
Course Outcomes: The course is designed for students and young professionals seeking a career in politics, governance, public affairs, and leadership. Upon completing a political leadership course, students will understand key leadership theories, analyze leadership styles, and evaluate the roles of leaders in political movements. They will develop skills in communication, decision-making, and ethical reasoning, preparing them to effectively lead and influence within political and civic contexts.			
Credits: 2		**SEC/VOC**	
Max. Marks: 100		**Min. Passing Marks: 33**	
Total No. of Lectures-Tutorials-Practical (in hours per week): 3-0-0			

Unit	**Topic**	**No. of Lectures**
Unit I	Theory and Functions of Governance	**10**
Unit II	Introduction to Public Policy (Policy Making, Implementation, Monitoring)	**10**
Unit III	Interface Between Governance and Leadership	**10**

Suggested Readings:

1. Mark Bevir. (2013). A Theory of Governance. University of California Press, pp. 15-23. https://escholarship.org/content/qt2qs2w3rb/qt2qs2w3rb.pdf
2. Avasthi & Maheshwari. (2017). Public Administration. Lakshmi Narain Agarwal. 33rd Revised Edition, pp. 665-668, 679-681, 682-687.
3. Rainer Koch & John Dixon. (2007). Public Governance and Leadership: Political and Managerial Problems in Making Public Governance Changes the Driver for Re-Constituting Leadership. Deutscher Universitätsverlag Wiesbaden, pp. 12-30.

Essential Readings:

1. R.K. Sapru. (2012). Public Policy: Formulation, Implementation, Evaluation. Sterling Publishers Pvt Ltd. New Delhi.
2. Michael Hill & Peter Hupe. (2014). Implementing Public Policy: An Introduction to the Study of Operational Governance, Third Edition. Sage Publications Ltd.
3. Bidyut Chakrabarty& Prakash Chand Kandpal (2024). Public Policy in India. Taylor and Francis.
4. Deborah Stone. (2012). Policy Paradox: The Art of Political Decision-Making. W. W. Norton & Company
5. Alan S. Gutterman. (2023). Governance, Leadership and Management. https://www.researchgate.net/publication/373238882_Governance_Leadership_and_Management
6. Richard A. Couto. (2010). Political and Civic Leadership: A Reference. SAGE Publications.

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Vocational Course: POLITICAL SCIENCE		
	Year: II	**Semester: IV**
Course Code: PS302MT	**Course Title: Basics of the Indian Constitution**	
Course Outcomes: The course is designed for students and young professionals seeking a career in politics, governance, public affairs, and leadership. Upon completing a political leadership course, students will understand key leadership theories, analyze leadership styles, and evaluate the roles of leaders in political movements. They will develop skills in communication, decision-making, and ethical reasoning, preparing them to effectively lead and influence within political and civic contexts.		
Credits: 2	**SEC/VOC**	
Max. Marks: 100	**Min. Passing Marks: 33**	
Total No. of Lectures-Tutorials-Practical (in hours per week): 3-0-0		

Unit	Topics	No. of Lectures
Unit I	Meaning of Constitution and Constitutionalism	**10**
Unit II	An Introduction to the Indian Constitution; Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles, Centre-State Relations, Role of Election Commission and Reservation Policy	**10**
Unit III	The Indian Constitution: Significant Case Studies and Contemporary Challenges	**10**

Essential Readings:

1. Roy, Himanshu, and M. P. Singh. *Indian Political System*. 4th ed. Noida: Pearson Education India, 2018.
2. Basu, Durga Das (2022). *Introduction to the Constitution of India* (26th Edition). LexisNexis.
3. Kashyap, Subhash C. (2019). *Our Parliament: An Introduction to the Parliament of India*. National Book Trust.

Suggested Readings:

1. **Jayal, Niraja Gopal & Mehta, Pratap Bhanu (Eds.) (2010). *The Oxford Companion to Politics in India*. Oxford University Press.**
2. **Chatterjee, Partha (Ed.) (1997). *State and Politics in India*. Oxford University Press.**

Suggested Online Links:

1. https://youtu.be/qjZfdZxk96I?si=twF4c1mmRpe8n7P5

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Vocational Course: POLITICAL SCIENCE		
	Year: III	**Semester: V**
Course Code: PS304MT	**Course Title: Leadership in Democracy**	

Course Outcomes: The course is designed for students and young professionals seeking a career in politics, governance, public affairs, and leadership. Upon completing a political leadership course, students will understand key leadership theories, analyze leadership styles, and evaluate the roles of leaders in political movements. They will develop skills in communication, decision-making, and ethical reasoning, preparing them to effectively lead and influence within political and civic contexts.

Credits: 2	**SEC**
Max. Marks: 100	**Min. Passing Marks: 33**

Total No. of Lectures-Tutorials-Practical (in hours per week): 3-0-0

Unit	Topic	No. of Lectures
Unit I	Introduction to Democracy (Meaning & Philosophy of Democracy)	**10**
Unit II	Evolution Of Democracy (Bhartiya & Western Perspective)	**10**
Unit III	Structure and Functions of Democratic Institutions (Executive, Legislative & Judiciary)	**10**

Essential Readings:

1. Rwitwik Bhattacharya, What makes a Politician, Harper Collins, 2023. (Section 1)
2. Ramchandra Guha, Democracy and Dissenters, Penguin, 2021 (Ch 3&6)
3. Fali S. Nariman, You must know your Constitution, HayHouse Publishers, 2023. (Ch-6)
4. O P Gauba, Social and Political Philosophy, National publishing house, Delhi, 1970 (pg. 63-97)
5. Del Dickson, The People's Government: An Introduction to Democracy, Cambridge University press, 2014.
6. Sunil Khilnani, The Idea of India, Penguin, 1997.1-60
7. Ramchandra Guha, India After Gandhi: The History of the World's Largest Democracy, Pan Macmillan, 2017. (Ch-37, 45)

Suggested Readings:

1. Arendt Lizphert, Patterns of Democracy Government Forms and Performance in Thirty-six Countries
2. M V Pylee, Introduction to Indian Constitution, Vikas, 2007
3. Atul Kohli ed, The Success of India's Democracy, Cambridge University press,2001.
4. S S Singh, How to win an Indian Election, Penguin, 2023

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	Year: III	**Semester: VI**
Course Code: PS304MT	**Course Title: Political Training**	

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Credits: 2	**SEC/VOC**
Max. Marks: 100	**Min. Passing Marks: 33**

Total No. of Lectures-Tutorials-Practical (in hours per week): 3-0-0

Unit	**Topic**	**No. of Lectures**
Unit I	Self-awareness, Team Building & Stress Elimination, and Political Workers & Indic Approach to Leadership	**08**
Unit II	Essential tools in Public Life, Electioneering & Data Analytics, Psephology and Constituency Management	**11**
Unit III	Traits of Leadership and how to become a Good Politician	**11**

Suggested Readings:

1. Jeffrey J. Mondak, Personality and the Foundations of Political Behavior, Oxford, 2010.
2. Russell J. Dalton & Hans-Dieter Klingemann, The Oxford Handbook of Political Behavior, 2007
3. Ramchandra Guha, Democracy and Dissenters, Penguin, 2021
4. S S Singh, How to win an Indian Election, Penguin, 2023
5. M V Pylee, Introduction to Indian Constitution, Vikas, 2007
6. Fali S. Nariman, You must know your Constitution, Hay House Publishers, 2023.
7. Rwitwik Bhattacharya, What makes a Politician, Harper Collins, 2023.

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