



**SYLLABI FOR FYUG PROGRAMME**  
**IN**  
**POLITICAL SCIENCE**  
**(as per the New Curriculum & Credit Framework w.e.f 2024-25)**

**I & II SEMESTERS**

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## **PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES**

- This course aims to impart knowledge about the fundamentals of Political Science.
- This course is designed to familiarize the students with the basic ideas, thoughts, concepts and theories in Political Science.
- The objective of this course is to equip the learners to critically relate the theoretical aspects of Political Science to the socio-economic and political realities of our times, both in the national as well as in the global context.
- It intends to introduce the learners to the constitution making process and the subject matter of the Constitution of India.
- The course has been designed in such a way that every student is equipped with certain practical skills and hands-on training which can be used for seeking gainful employment.
- The course intends to introduce students from multidisciplinary backgrounds on the fundamentals of Human Rights. It provides awareness about the Human Rights movements in the Indian context.
- This course aims to initiate intellectual urge among the students for understanding the most pressing political issues in terms of historical, comparative, theoretical and policy-oriented perspectives.
- The aim of this course is also to provide knowledge and skills to the students thus enabling them to undertake further studies in Political Science, Public Policy, Public Administration or International Relations, in future.



## **PROGRAMME OUTCOMES**

After completion of this Course, a learner is expected to:

- Acquire domain knowledge on the discipline.
- Develop a general understanding of Political Science as a distinct subject of study and its interdisciplinary character as well.
- Study and analyze political contexts from critical and constructive perspectives.
- Have a better understanding of the working of various political institutions such as, the Parliament, state legislatures, Supreme Court, etc. and relate this functioning to the greater cause of nation building as a responsible citizen.
- Assess how global, national and regional developments affect polity and society.
- To gain critical thinking and develop the ability to make logical inferences about socio-economic and political issues, on the basis of comparative and contemporary political discourses in India.
- Contemplate about the contemporary international issues such as, Globalization, Terrorism, Climate Change and its impact on States.
- Pursue higher education such as Post Graduate Studies and Research in Political Science and in other interdisciplinary areas.

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**I & II SEMESTERS**

S E M E S T E R S	PAPER TYPE	PAPER CODE	PAPER TITLE	C R E D I T S	MARKS DISTRIBUTION		
					End Sem	INTERNAL EVALUATIO N	Total
F I R S T	<i>Single Major and Single Minor</i> MAJOR						
	P1	POLSM AJ101	Understanding Political Theory	4	60	20	80
	P2	POLSM AJ102	Introduction to the Constitution of India	4	60	20	80
	<i>Single Major and Single Minor</i> MINOR						
		POLSM IN101	Understanding Political Science	4	60	20	80
	<i>Three Discipline Specific Courses (Multidisciplinary )</i> DSC P1	POLSDSC101	Introducing Political Science	4	60	20	80

S E C O N D	<b>Three Discipline Specific Courses (Multidisciplinary)</b>	*					
	MINOR	(Code not provided)	Understanding Political Science	4	60	20	80
	<b>Single Major and Single Minor</b>						
	MAJOR P3	POLSMAJ203	Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics	4	60	20	80
	P4	POLSMAJ204	Introduction to Public Administration	4	60	20	80
<b>Single Major and Single Minor</b>							
MINOR P2	POLSMIN202	Fundamentals to the Constitution of India	4	60	20	80	
<b>Single Major and Single Minor</b>							
IDC	* (Code not provided)	Public Administration	4	60	20	80	

	<b>Three Discipline Specific Courses (Multidisciplinary )</b>						
	DSC P2	POLSDSC202	Introduction to the Constitution of India	4	60	20	80
	MINOR P2	* (Code not provided)	Fundamentals to the Constitution of India	4	60	20	80



**SYLLABUS**  
**FOR**  
**FIRST SEMESTER**

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**SEMESTER I**

<b>Paper Title</b>	<b>Understanding Political Theory</b>
<b>Paper Code</b>	<b>POLMAJ101</b>
<b>Nature of Paper</b>	<b>Major P1</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>4</b>

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

- This course is designed to familiarize the learners with the basic ideas, concepts, theories and issues in Political Theory.
- This course aims to introduce learners to the key aspects of the conceptual analysis in political theory and the debates surrounding these concepts.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

After completion, a learner is expected to:

- Acquire domain knowledge on the discipline.
- Develop a general understanding of Political Science as a distinct subject of study and its inter-disciplinary character as well.

**SYLLABUS:**

**Unit I: Introduction to Political Theory**

- a. Political Theory: Definitions, Nature, Scope and Evolution; Distinction between Political Theory and Political Ideology, Political Philosophy & Political Thought;
- b. Approaches to Political Theory: Normative, Historical, Marxist, Empirical;
- c. Behaviouralism and Post-Behaviouralism;
- d. Decline & Resurgence of Political Theory with special reference to the contributions of David Easton, Alfred Cobban, Dante Germino, Leo Strauss & Michael Oakshott.

**Unit-II: State: Origin and Nature**

- a. Meaning and Elements of State: Difference between State, Nation, and Society;
- b. Theories of Origin of State: Historical and Social Contract;
- c. Theories of Nature of State: Idealist, Liberal and Marxist;
- d. Sovereignty: Monistic and Pluralistic theory; changing concept of sovereignty in the context of Globalization.

**Unit-III: Key concepts in Political Theory**

- a. Equality: Definitions and Dimensions;
- b. Liberty: Definitions and Classifications: Positive and Negative Liberty;
- c. Justice: Definitions; Procedural and Distributive Justice;
- d. Interrelationship between Equality, Liberty and Justice.

**Unit-IV: Issues in Political Theory**

- a. Liberalism: Evolution and Characteristics;
- b. Socialism: Evolution and Characteristics;
- c. Nationalism: Meaning and Characteristics;
- d. Multiculturalism: Meaning and Characteristics.



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**SEMESTER I**

<b>Paper Title</b>	<b>Introduction to the Constitution of India</b>
<b>Paper Code</b>	<b>POLSMAJ102</b>
<b>Nature of Paper</b>	<b>Major P2</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>4</b>

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

- This course intends to introduce the learners to the constitution making process and the subject matter of the Constitution of India.
- The objective of this course is to familiarize the learners with the constitutional structure, institutions and their functions.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

After completion, a learner is expected to:

- Be acquainted with the constitution making process and the subject matter of the Constitution of India.
- Develop an understanding of the constitutional structure, institutions and their functions in India.

**Unit I: Framing of the Constitution of India:**

- a. Historical background: Government of India Act of 1909, 1919, 1935, 1947;
- b. Constituent Assembly: Composition, Objectives and Functions;
- c. Philosophy of the Indian Constitution: The Preamble; Salient features of the Constitution of India.

**Unit II: Rights and Duties of the Indian Citizens:**

- a. Citizenship: Constitutional provisions;
- b. Fundamental Rights;
- c. Fundamental Duties;
- d. Directive Principles of State Policy.

**Unit III: Union Government: Structures and Functions:**

- a. Legislature: Parliament – Composition and Functions; Speaker;
- b. Executive: President, Vice-President, Prime Minister and Council of Ministers;
- c. Indian Judiciary: Supreme Court and High Court - Composition and Jurisdiction.

**Unit IV: State Government: Structures and Functions:**

- a. Legislature: Legislative Assembly- Composition and Functions;
- b. Executive: Governor, Chief Minister and Council of Ministers;
- c. Local Self-Government: Urban & Rural.

## Suggested Reading List:

1. Agrawal, Arun. (2005). "The Indian Parliament" in Devesh Kapur and Pratap Bhanu Mehta (ed.) *Public Institutions in India: Performance and Design*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 77-104.
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**SEMESTER I**

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<b>Paper Code</b>	<b>POLSMIN101</b>
<b>Nature of Paper</b>	<b>Minor P1</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>4</b>

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**LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

After completion, a learner is expected to:

- Acquire domain knowledge on the discipline.
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**SYLLABUS:**

**Unit I: Political Science and Political Theory**

- a. Meaning, Nature and Scope of Political Science;
- b. Approaches: Traditional, Philosophical, Historical and Marxist;
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- d. Relationship of Political Science with History, Economics, and Sociology.

**Unit-II: State: Origin and Nature**

- a. Definition and Elements of State; Difference between State, Society, and Association;
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- d. Sovereignty: Monistic and Pluralistic theory.

**Unit-III: Key concepts in Political Science**

- a. Equality: Definitions and Dimensions;
- b. Liberty: Definitions; Positive and Negative Liberty;
- c. Justice: Definitions; Liberal and Marxist;
- d. Interrelationship between Liberty and Equality.

**Unit-IV: Issues in Political Science**

- a. Liberalism: Definition and Features;
- b. Nationalism: Definition and Features;
- c. Multiculturalism: Definition and Features.

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# Course structure for Three Discipline Specific Courses (Multidisciplinary)

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## SEMESTER I

<b>Paper Title</b>	<b>Introducing Political Science</b>
<b>Paper Code</b>	<b>POLSDSC101</b>
<b>Nature of Paper</b>	<b>DSC P1</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>4</b>

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#### **Unit-II: State: Origin and Nature**

- a. Definition and Elements of State; Difference between State, Society, and Association;
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- d. Sovereignty: Monistic and Pluralistic theory.

**Unit-III: Key concepts in Political Science**

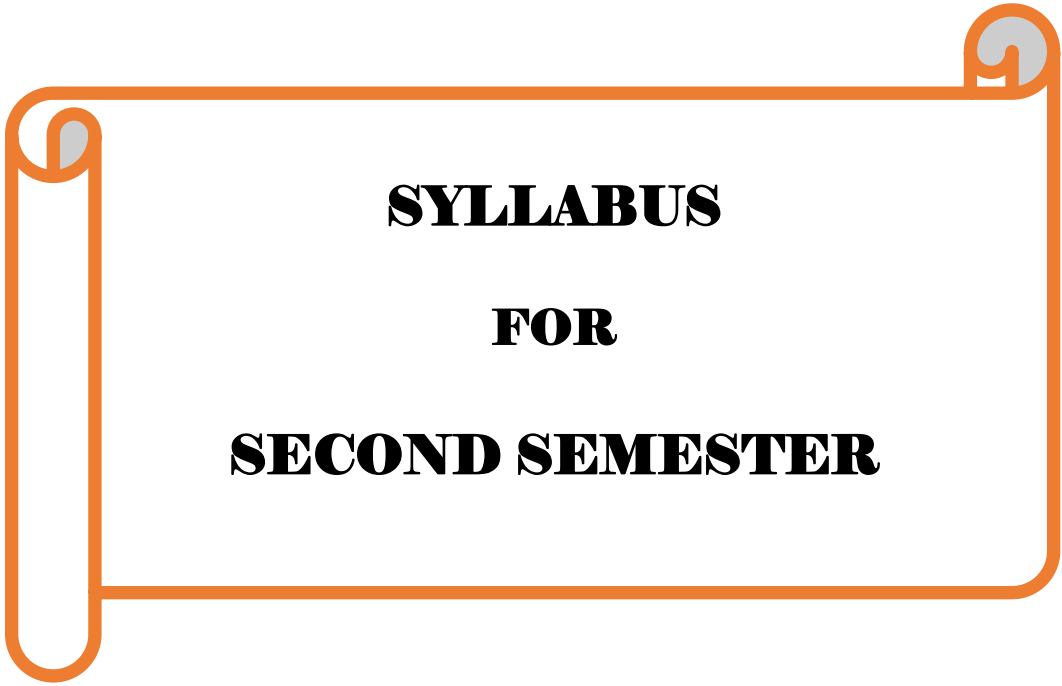
- a. Equality: Definitions and Dimensions;
- b. Liberty: Definitions; Positive and Negative Liberty;
- c. Justice: Definitions; Liberal and Marxist;
- d. Interrelationship between Liberty and Equality.

**Unit-IV: Issues in Political Science**

- a. Liberalism: Definition and Features;
- b. Nationalism: Definition and Features;
- c. Multiculturalism: Definition and Features.

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**SYLLABUS**  
**FOR**  
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**SEMESTER II**

<b>Paper Title</b>	<b>Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics</b>
<b>Paper Code</b>	<b>POLSMAJ203</b>
<b>Nature of Paper</b>	<b>Major P3</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>4</b>

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

- This course intends to introduce the learners to the constitution and government of UK, USA, China, and Switzerland.
- The objective of this course is to familiarize the learners with the constitutional structure, institutions and their functions in a comparative perspective.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

After completion, a learner is expected to:

- Be acquainted with the structures and their functions in the above mentioned countries.
- Develop an understanding of the constitutional structure, institutions and their functions in a comparative perspective.

**Unit I: Introducing Comparative Government and Politics**

- a. What is Comparative Politics-methods of Comparison.
- b. Nature of Liberal (UK and USA) and Socialist political system-their distinguishing feature, with special reference to conventions, rule of law, parliamentary sovereignty (UK); Separation of power, Checks and balances, judicial review (USA); ideology, democratic Centralism, role of Communist Party and central Military Commission (PRC).

**Unit II: An Overview of different system**

- a. Federal and Unitary Systems: Federalism in USA and Switzerland - nature of Unitary systems- UK and PRC.
- b. Parliamentary and Presidential systems: Comparative study of British and American Practices- Unique Position of the PRC.

**Unit III: Legislature and Party Systems**

- a. Legislature in UK, USA, PRC and Switzerland: Composition and functions of the legislative chambers-role of the President of the NPC in PRC-role of Second chambers in UK and USA- Committee System in UK and USA role of speakers in Parliamentary and presidential systems.

- b. Political Parties: features and role of party system/Parties in UK, USA and PRC. Interest groups; their role and performance in UK and USA.
- c. Rights and duties of the citizens of UK, USA and PRC: a comparative study.

#### **Unit IV: Executive and Judiciary**

- a. Executive in UK, USA; Switzerland and PRC

UK: Crown, Prime Minister and Cabinet

USA: President and Cabinet

PRC: State Council-Comparative study of (1) British Crown and American Presidency, (ii) British Prime Minister and American President and (iii) British and American Cabinet Systems.

- c. Swiss Executive: its unique features and Comparison with the executive of the UK and USA- Direct democracy of Switzerland.
- d. Judiciary in UK, USA and PRC (with special reference to the Procuratorate)

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**SEMESTER II**

<b>Paper Title</b>	<b>Introduction to Public Administration</b>
<b>Paper Code</b>	<b>POLSMAJ204</b>
<b>Nature of Paper</b>	<b>Major P4</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>4</b>

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

- The course intends to introduce meanings, nature, scope, evolution on Public Administration
- The objective is to familiarize the learner with theories, approaches, perspectives on Public Administration.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

After completion, a learner is expected to:

- Be acquainted with meanings, nature, scope, evolution on Public Administration.
- Develop an understanding on new approaches on Public Administration such as good governance, e-governance etc.

**SYLLABUS:**

**Unit I**

- a. Public Administration: Meaning, Nature and Scope; Public and Private Administration;
- b. Evolution of Public Administration; New Public Administration;
- c. New Public Management.

**Unit II**

Classical Theories:

- a. Scientific Management (F. W. Taylor);
- b. Administrative Management (Gullick, Urwick, Fayol);
- c. Ideal Type Bureaucracy (Max Weber).

**Unit III**

Neo-Classical and Contemporary theories:

- a. Human Relations Theory (Elton Mayo);
- b. Rational Decision Making (Herbert Simon);
- c. Ecological Approach (Fred Riggs).

**Unit IV**

- a. New Public Service Approach;
- b. Good Governance;
- c. E-Governance;
- d. Feminist Perspective

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**SEMESTER II**

<b>Paper Title</b>	<b>Fundamentals of the Constitution of India</b>
<b>Paper Code</b>	<b>POLSMIN202</b>
<b>Nature of Paper</b>	<b>Minor P2</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>4</b>

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

- The course intends to introduce objectives, philosophy and salient features of the Constitution of India.
- The objective is to familiarize the learner with fundamental duties, rights, and the various structures of Indian state.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

After completion, a learner is expected to:

- Be acquainted with objectives, philosophy and salient features of the Constitution of India
- Develop an understanding on the composition and functions of the formal institutions of the Indian state, both at the union and state levels.

**Unit I: The Constituent Assembly and the Philosophy of the Constitution:**

- a. The Constituent Assembly: Composition, Objectives and Functions;
- b. Philosophy of the Indian Constitution: the Preamble;
- c. Salient features of the Constitution of India.

**Unit II: Rights and Duties:**

- a. Fundamental Rights;
- b. Fundamental Duties;
- c. Directive Principles of State Policy.

**Unit III: Union Government: Structures and Functions:**

- a. Legislature: Parliament – Composition and Functions; Speaker;
- b. Executive: President, Vice-President, Prime Minister and Council of Ministers;
- c. Indian Judiciary: Supreme Court and High Court - Composition and Jurisdiction.

#### **Unit IV: State Government: Structures and Functions:**

- a. Legislature: Legislative Assembly- Composition and Functions;
- b. Executive: Governor, Chief Minister and Council of Ministers;
- c. Local Self-Government: Urban & Rural.

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**SEMESTER II**

<b>Paper Title</b>	<b>Public Administration</b>
<b>Paper Code</b>	<b>• (code not provided)</b>
<b>Nature of Paper</b>	<b>IDC</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>4</b>

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**SYLLABUS:**

**Unit I: Introductory Concepts**

- a. Public Administration: Meaning, Nature, Scope and Significance
- b. Public Administration versus Private Administration
- c. New Public Administration

**Unit II: Theories of Organization**

- a. Scientific Management Theory – Frederick Taylor
- b. Human Relations Theory – Elton Mayo
- c. Bureaucratic Theory – Max Weber

**Unit III: Principals of Organization**

- a. Hierarchy
- b. Span of Control
- c. Unity of Command
- d. Centralization and Decentralization

**Unit IV: Public Administration in India**

- a. The Central Secretariat
- b. The Chief Secretary of a State

- c. The District Collector.

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<b>Paper Title</b>	<b>Introduction to the Constitution of India</b>
<b>Paper Code</b>	<b>POLSDSC 202</b>
<b>Nature of Paper</b>	<b>DSC P2</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>4</b>

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**SEMESTER II**

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**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

- The course intends to introduce objectives, philosophy and salient features of the Constitution of India.
- The objective is to familiarize the learner with fundamental duties, rights, and the various structures of Indian state.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

After completion, a learner is expected to:

- Be acquainted with objectives, philosophy and salient features of the Constitution of India
- Develop an understanding on the composition and functions of the formal institutions of the Indian state both at the union and state levels.

**Unit I: The Constituent Assembly and the Philosophy of the Constitution:**

- a. The Constituent Assembly: Composition, Objectives and Functions;
- b. Philosophy of the Indian Constitution: the Preamble;
- c. Salient features of the Constitution of India.

**Unit II: Rights and Duties:**

- a. Fundamental Rights;
- b. Fundamental Duties;
- c. Directive Principles of State Policy.

**Unit III: Union Government: Structures and Functions:**

- a. Legislature: Parliament – Composition and Functions; Speaker;
- b. Executive: President, Vice-President, Prime Minister and Council of Ministers;

- c. Indian Judiciary: Supreme Court and High Court - Composition and Jurisdiction.

#### **Unit IV: State Government: Structures and Functions:**

- a. Legislature: Legislative Assembly- Composition and Functions;
- b. Executive: Governor, Chief Minister and Council of Ministers;
- c. Local Self-Government: Urban & Rural.

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