

POLITICAL STUDIES

Programme Structure

Course Code	Course Title	Lecture (L) Hours Per Week	Tutorial (T) Hours Per Week	Practical (P) Hours Per Week	Total Credits
POL2151	Indian National Movement	3	-	-	3
POL2251	Indian State and Politics after Independence	3	-	-	3
POL2351	State Politics in India	3	-	-	3
POL2451	Politics and Media	3	-	-	3
POL2551	South Asia: Political Perspectives	3	-	-	3
POL2651	Post-Cold War World Politics	3	-	-	3
	TOTAL				18

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Syllabus - Semester First

INDIAN NATIONAL MOVEMENT

Course Code: POL2151

Credit Units: 03

Course Objectives:

The course will seek to provide the student with a basic yet meaningful understanding of the political scenario that led to the struggle for India's independence. It would endeavour to cover the entire duration of the growth of nationalism in India till the attainment of independence in 1947.

Course Contents

Module-I: Emergence of nationalism in India

Agrarian Society and Peasant Discontent, The New Middle Class and the Emergence of Nationalism, Foundation of the Indian National Congress, The moderate Congress: objectives and methods

Module-II: Early Nationalism: Discontent and Dissension

The Moderates and Economic Nationalism, Hindu Revivalism and Politics, Muslim Politics and the Foundation of the Muslim League

Module-III: Roots of extremism

The Swadeshi Movement in Bengal- 1905-1908, Extremism in other provinces, Repression, conciliation, and divide and rule, War and Indian politics, Bhagat Singh, Surya Sen and the Revolutionary Terrorists

Module-IV: The Age of Gandhian Politics

Limited Self Government, 1909-1919, The Arrival of Mahatma Gandhi, Champaran, Kheda, Ahmedabad, Khilafat and Non-Cooperation Movements, Civil Disobedience Movement, The Rowlatt Satyagraha, The Act of 1935 and the Princely States

Module-V: Independence and Partition

Simla Conference, The Cabinet Mission, Quit India Movement, The turbulent forties, The Mountbatten Plan, Freedom and Partition, Communal holocaust and peasant rebellion, Post-Partition violence, Impact of violence on politics of India and Pakistan, Integration of States

Examination Scheme

Components	A	P	A/TP	CT	EE
Weightage (%)	5	10	5	10	70

(A : Attendance ; P : Presentation ; A/TP : Assignment/Term Paper ; CT : Class Test ; EE : External Examination)

Text and References

Text:

Benedict Anderson, *Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origin and Spread of Nationalism*, 1983

Shekhar Bandyopadhyay, *From Plassey to Partition: A History of Modern India*, 2004

Bipan Chandra, Mridula Mukherjee, Aditya Mukherjee, K N Panicker and Sucheta Mahajan, *India's Struggle for Independence*, 1989

Sumit Sarkar, *Modern India 1885-1947*, 1983

References:

Partha Chatterjee, *The Nation and its Fragments: Colonial and Post-colonial histories*, 1993

Ashish Nandy, *The Illegitimacy of Nationalism: Rabindranath Tagore and the Politics of the Self*, 1994

C A Bayly, *Origins of Nationality in South Asia: Patriotism and Ethical Government in the Making of Modern India*, 1998

Tapan Raychaudhuri, "Indian Nationalism as Animal Politics", *The Historical Journal* 22(3): 747-63, 1979

Ayesha Jalal and Sugata Bose, "Exploding Communalism: The Politics of Muslim Identity in South Asia", in *Nationalism, Democracy, and Development: State and Politics in India*, 1997

Ranajit Guha, *Subaltern Studies: Writings on South Asian History and Society*, Volume I, 1982

Gyan Prakash, *Another Reason: Science and the Imagination of Modern India*, 1992

M K Gandhi, *Hind Swaraj and Other Writings*, 1997

Syllabus - Semester Second

INDIAN STATE AND POLITICS AFTER INDEPENDENCE

Course Code: POL2251

Credit Units: 03

Course Objectives:

To provide the student with a comprehensive background of the political scenario as it developed after independence in 1947. To understand processes that shaped independent India such as the Constitution of India, the Executive and the Legislature, electoral politics and political parties, federalism and the federal structure, communalism and communal politics, linguistic movements etc.

Course Contents:

Module-I: The Indian Constitution

Making of India's Constitution: Perspectives from the Constituent Assembly, Indian Constitution: Features, Socio-economic basis and philosophy and the Preamble, Major Amendments: Trends and rationale

Module-II: Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles

Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles of State Policy

Module-III: Organs of the Government

The Union Executive: the President, Prime Minister, Cabinet, Governor, Parliamentary form of government: The Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha, Supreme Court: Judicial Review and Judicial Activism

Module-IV: Federalism in India

Nature of Indian Federalism, Centre-State relations, Issues of state autonomy, Panchayati Raj and Urban Local Bodies

Module-V: Political Parties and Electoral Processes

Political Parties and Pressure Groups, Election Commission, Electoral Reforms

Module-VI: Major Issues in Indian Politics

Caste, religion, language, region, Problems of illiteracy, regional imbalance, environmental degradation, and poverty alleviation, Development strategy and liberalization

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Text and References

Text:

Jayal, Neerja Gopal and Pratap Bhanu Mehta. 2011. *The Oxford Companion to Politics in India* (Student Edition). New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Basu, D. 2013. *Introduction to the Constitution of India*. New Delhi: Lexis Nexis.

Kohli, A. 2001. *The Success of India's Democracy*. New Delhi: Cambridge University Press.

Brass, P. 1994. *Politics in India Since Independence*. New Delhi: Cambridge University Press.

References:

Kothari, R. 1970. *Politics in India*. New Delhi: Orient Blackswan.

Kohli, A. 1988. *India's Democracy*. New Delhi: Orient Longman.

Bhambri, C P. 1998. *The Indian State: Fifty Years*. New Delhi: Shipra.

Kashyap, S C. 1992. *Our Parliament*. New Delhi: National Book Trust.

Kothari, R. 1967. *Party System and Election Studies*. Bombay: Asia Publishing House.

Chanda, A. 1965. *Federalism in India: A Study of Union-State Relations*. London: George Allen and Unwin.

Austin, G. 1979. 'The Constituent Assembly: Microcosm in Action', in *The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Chaube, S.K. 1973. *Constituent Assembly of India*. Delhi: People's Publishing House.

Austin, G. 2000. 'The Social Revolution and the First Amendment', in *Working a Democratic Constitution*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Syllabus - Semester Third

STATE POLITICS IN INDIA

Course Code: POL2351

Credit Units: 03

Course Objectives:

The course will seek to define historical legacies and current themes in the development of politics in the states of India. It would provide the student within-depth understanding of the democratic processes in practice in various states and encourage them to understand the politics of states better. A study of politics and political processes in states also pertains to the exigencies of coalition politics at the centre.

Course Contents :

Module-I : Regions and Regionalism

Regional cultures in Indian Civilization ; States Reorganization Commission ; Integration and ethnic conflict ; Movements for state autonomy : Jharkhand and Uttarakhand

Module-II : Political Parties and Electoral Politics in the States

Congress Party in Uttar Pradesh ; BJP's expansion and coalition strategies ; Regionalization of Indian Politics ; Telugu Desam Party in Andhra Pradesh ; Changing Nature of Tamil Nadu ; Asom Gana Parishad in Assam ; Politics of the left in West Bengal

Module-III : Social Movements and Politics in the States

Decline of Backward Caste Politics in North India ; Bahujan Samaj Party and Subaltern Mobilization in Uttar Pradesh ; Ethnic Minorities in Majoritarian Indian Polity

Module-IV: Economic Reforms and Indian Politics

India's federal economy ; Globalization and State Disparities in India ; India's special economic zones : protest politics and growth patterns ; Reforms and economic growth in Indian states

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Texts and References

Texts :

Pai, Sudha. 2013. *Handbook of Politics in Indian States : Regions, Parties and Electoral Reforms*. New Delhi : Oxford University Press.

Narain, Iqbal. 1976. *State Politics in India*. Meerut : Meenakshi Prakashan.

Weiner, Myron. 1968. *State Politics in India*. Princeton : Princeton University Press.

References :

Jenkins, Rob. 2004. *Regional Reflections : Comparing Politics across India's States*. New Delhi : Oxford University Press.

Yadav, Yogendra. 2000. 'Understanding the Second Democratic Upsurge: Trends of Bahujan Participation in Electoral Politics in the 1990s', in Francine R. Frankel, Zoya Hasan, Rajeev Bhargava and Balveer Arora (eds.), *Transforming India*. New Delhi : Oxford University Press.

Yadav, Yogendra and Suhas Palshikar. 2003. 'From Hegemony to Convergence: Party System and Electoral Politics in the Indian States – 1952-2002'. *Journal of the Indian School of Political Economy*, January-June.

Syllabus - Semester Fourth

POLITICS AND MEDIA

Course Code: POL2451

Credit Units: 03

Course Objectives:

To provide students with an overarching perspective on the various processes at play in the manner in which the media – print and visual – transform into vehicles of politics. The course will, through exploration of several case studies pertaining to various types of media, encourage the students to critically analyse media messages, both print and visual.

Course Contents :

Module-I : Theories of the mass media

Agenda Setting Theory ; Cultivation Theory ; Dependency Theory ; Hypodermic Needle Theory ; Knowledge Gap ; Media Richness Theory ; Medium Theory ; Spiral of Silence ; Two Step Flow Theory ; Uses and Gratifications Approach ; Priming ; Framing

Module-II : Print media and politics

Brief history of newspapers in India ; Growth of print media in India ; print media and Indian political parties ; democratic processes and print media

Module-III : Television news media and politics

Brief history of television media in India ; Growth of Television news media in india ; democratic politics and television media : perspectives and trends

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Texts and References

Texts :

McQuail, Dennis. 2010. *McQuail's Mass Communication Theory*. New Delhi : Sage Publications.
Jeffrey, Robin. 2000. *India's Newspaper Revolution : Capitalism, Politics and the Indian Language Press, 1977-99*. New Delhi : Oxford University Press.
Mehta, Nalin. 2008. *Television in India: Satellites, Politics and Cultural Change*. New Delhi : Routledge.

References :

Sahay, Uday. 2006. *Handbook of the Media in Contemporary India*. New Delhi : Oxford University Press.
Batabyal, Somnath, Angad Chowdhry, Meenu Gaur, Matti Pohjonen. 2011. *Indian Mass Media and Politics of Change*. New Delhi : Routledge.

Syllabus - Semester Fifth

SOUTH ASIA: POLITICAL PERSPECTIVES

Course Code: POL2551

Credit Units: 03

Course Objectives:

The course would attempt to inculcate understanding of the various political processes at work in South Asia, particularly states like Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Nepal. It will supplement the South Asia unit from the core paper on post-colonial states and their development after independence. This course will focus primarily on two countries in South Asia – Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

Course Contents :

Module-I : Institutions and Political Processes in South Asia

Development of post-colonial institutions ; historical development and current debates in democracy in South Asia ; role of military in post-colonial societies in South Asia

Module-II : State and Polity in Pakistan

Democracy and electoral process ; Islamization and cultural change ; the army and its role in political process ; Pakistan's foreign policy ; issues of internal security and terrorism

Module-III : State and Polity in Sri Lanka

Democratic institutions and their functioning ; role of the military ; the Tamil issue ; internal security and terrorism ; Sri Lanka's foreign policy

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Texts and References

Texts :

Brass, Paul R. 2010. *Routledge Handbook Of South Asian Politics: India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, And Nepal*. USA : Routledge.

Reference :

Newman, Edward, Itty Abraham, and Meredith L. Weiss. 2010. *Political Violence in South and Southeast Asia: Critical Perspectives*. UNU Press.

Syllabus - Semester Sixth

POST-COLD WAR WORLD POLITICS

Course Code: POL2651

Credit Units: 03

Course Objectives:

To provide a theoretical understanding of politics as it developed in the post-Cold War scenario particularly with regard to the politics of the United States of America vis-a-vis the rest of the world, the shifting of the power blocks, and the growth of anti-American sentiment in certain parts of the world. The course would also encourage students to read contemporary literature on emerging international political scenarios.

Course Contents :

Module-I : Overview of the post-Cold War decade

Historical background of US foreign policy ; US relations with EU ; brief history of US interventions in West Asia, South East Asia and the Middle East

Module-II : Post-Cold War American Politics

Key institutional players ; lobbies and their importance in American politics ; media and public opinion in US ; America's position in a globalized economy

Module-III : America and the Arab/Muslim World

Historical development of politics of the Arab/Muslim world ; why the Arabs/Muslims hate America? US intervention and international war against terrorism

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Texts and References

Texts :

Cameron, Fraser. 2002. *US Foreign Policy after the Cold War: Global Hegemon or Reluctant Sheriff?* London: Routledge.

Jentleson, Bruce W. 2000. *American Foreign Policy: The Dynamics of Choice in the 21st Century*. W.W. Norton & Company.

References :

Antizzo, Glenn J. 2010. *U.S. Military Intervention in the Post-Cold War Era : How to Win America's Wars in the Twenty-first Century*. LSU Press.

Lewis, Bernard. 1990. "The Roots of Muslim Rage". *The Atlantic Online*, September. Details available at <http://www.theatlantic.com/past/issues/90sep/rage.htm>.

Mamdani, Mahmood. 2004. "Introduction: Modernity and Violence". *Good Muslim, Bad Muslim: Islam, the USA, and the Global War against Terror*. New Delhi: Permanent Black.

Huntington, Samuel P. 1993. "The Clash of Civilizations?" *Foreign Affairs* 72 (3) Summer: 22. Details available at <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/48950/samuel-p-huntington/the-clash-of-civilizations>.

Said, Edward W. 2000. "The Clash of Definitions". In *Reflections on Exile and Other Essays*. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Press.