MURSHIDABAD UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
(U.G SYLLABUS)

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Murshidabad University – UG course structure (NEP-2020):
Department of Political Science
Session : 2025-2026

Semester	Major	Minor	IDC	MDC	SEC	VAC	Internship/Dissertation	Total Credits
I	I course x 4credits: Introduction to Political Theory Marks: 60+20=80	I course x 4credits: Indian Government and Politics Marks: 60+20=80	I course x 3 credits: Indian State and Society Marks: 45+15=60	I course x 3 credits:	I course x 3 credits: Local Self Government in W.B. Marks: 45+15=60	I course x 2 credits		20
II	I course x 4credits: Theorizing Contemporary Political Approach Marks: 60+20=80	I course x 4credits: Indian Government and Politics Marks: 60+20=80	I course x 3 credits: Social Movements in India: Issues & Challenges Marks: 45+15=60	I course x 3 credits:	I course x 3 credits : International Relations :Major Issues Marks: 45+15=60	I course x 2 credits		20

Semester-I: **Major: Introduction to Political Theory**

Unit-I : Political Theory: Meaning, Nature, Scope, Normative and Empirical Approach- Relevance of Political Theory in contemporary period.

Unit-II : Nation & State: Origin, Nature and Functions. Sovereignty: Monistic, Pluralistic; Power, Legitimacy and Authority: Meaning and inter-relations.

Unit-III: Law, Rights, Liberty, Equality, Justice (Rawls and Nozick); Politics of Representation: Territorial, Functional and proportional.

Unit-IV: Liberalism- Neo-Liberalism, Marxism, Feminism, Colonialism and Post-Colonialism.

Suggested Readings:

1. Andrew Heywood (2021), Political Theory: An Introduction., Palgrave Macmillan
2. N. Barry(2002), An Introduction to Modern Political Theory, Palgrave
3. Rajeev Bhargava & Ashok Acharya (eds.)(2017), Political Theory : An Introduction, Pearson
4. David Held, (2006), Models of Democracy, Polity Press.
5. John Hoffman & Paul Graham (2015), Introduction to Political Theory, Routledge
6. Sushila Ramaswamy (2017), Political Theory : Ideas and Concepts, PHI Learning
7. E.Ashirvatham & K.K. Mishra (2016),Political Theory, S. Chand Publishing
8. O.P.Gauba (2019), An Introduction to Political Theory, Mayur Paperback
9. George H. Sabine (2018 reprint), A History of Political Theory Oxford & IBH Publishing
10. Arun Kumar Chakraborty, (2015),Rajnaitik Tatwer Moulik Dharona, Manisha Publication
11. Sanjay Kumar De, (2018), Rajnaitik Tatwer Mul Bisoysomuho, Central Publishers.
12. Aurobindo Ghosh, (2017), Rajnaitik Tatwer Itihas o Dharona, Rupali Prakashana.
13. Dipankar De, (2019), Rajnaitik Tatwer Adhunik Drishtibhangi.Srijoni Prokashana
14. Krityapriyo Ghosh, Rastratatwa, Paschimbanga Rajya Pustak Parsad
15. Dipak Kumar Das,(edited)(2016), Rajnitir Tatwakatha, Ekuse Publication

Semester-II: **Major: Theorizing Contemporary Political Approach**

Unit-I : Contemporary Approaches: System Approach: David Easton, Structural-Functionalism: Gabriel Almond, Rational Choice Theory, Gandian Approach

Unit-II : Marxian Approach: Revolution, Role of the Party: Lenin-Rosa-Mao, Gramschi; Civil Society and Hegemony, Ralph Miliband – Nicos Poulantzas Debate: Instrumentalism Vs. Structuralism

Unit-III: Multiculturalism, Communitarianism, Green Political Approach.

Unit IV : The Debate: Decline and Resurgence of Contemporary Political Theory : Positivism, Neo-Positivism, Neo-Right Theory.

Suggested Readings:

1. Om Bakshi, The Crisis of Political Theory: An Inquiry into Contemporary Thought, Oxford University Press.
2. Andrew Hacker, Political Theory: Philosophy, Ideology and Science, Macmillan.
3. Catriona McKinnon, Issues in Political Thoeory, OUP
4. Paul Graham and John Hoffman,(2022), Introduction to Political Theory, Routledge
5. John Gray,(1995), Liberalism, Univ of Minnesota Press.
6. G.W. Smith, Liberalism, (Series of four volume), Routledge.
7. Rajeev Bhargava, (et.all), (1999),Multiculturalism , Liberalism and Democracy, OUP,
8. Avineri De Shalit and S. Avineri,(1992), Communitarianism and Individualism, OUP.
9. Daniel Bell, (1993),Communitarianism and its Critics, Clarendom Press.
10. Will Kymlicka,(2001) Contemporary Political Philosophy,OUP.
11. Leszek Kolakowski, Main Currents of Marxism, W.W. Norton & Company.
12. David McLellan,(2007), Marxism After Marx, Palgrave Macmillan.
13. Tom Bottomore (eds.), (1991),A Dictionary of Marxist Thought, Wiley Blackwell.
14. Pradip Basu, (2011), Rajnitir Tatwa Tatwer Rajniti, Charchapada Publication.
15. Proloydev Mukhopadhyay, (2022), Rastra o Rajniti, Vijaya Publishing House.
16. Dipak Kumar Das(eds),(2016), Rajnitir Tatwakatha, Ekushe.
17. Chaitali Basu, Rajnitishastra o Abhigyatabadi Rastratatwa, Paschimbanga Rajya Pustak Porshad.

Minor: Indian Government and Politics (Semester-1 and Semester-2)

Unit-I : Foundations of Indian Constitution: Constituent Assembly, Preamble, Fundamental Rights & Duties. Directive Principles of State Policy.

Unit: II: Federalism in India: Centre-State Relations: Recent Trends.

Unit- III : Union Legislature: Rajya Sabha & Lok Sabha, Speaker: Functions and Role; Union Executive: President, Vice-President, Prime Minister and Council of Ministers.

Unit-IV : Indian Judiciary: Supreme Court & High Court: Composition and Functions, Independence, Judicial Review & Judicial Activism, Public Interest Litigation (PIL).

Suggested Readings:

1. D.D Basu (2019, Introduction to the Constitution of India, LexisNexis
2. S.C Kashyap (2018) Our Parliament, National Book Trust.
3. B.L.Fadia, & K.Fadia, (2020), Indian Government and Politics, Sahitya Bhawan
4. M.V.Pylee (2017), India's Constitution. , S. Chand Publishing
5. Subrata K. Mitra , Politics in India: Structure, Process and Policy, Routledge
6. M.P.Singh & Rekha Saxena, Indian Politics: Contemporary Issues and Concerns, PHI Learning
7. J.C.Johari, (Latest edition), Indian Government and Politics, Sterling Publishers
8. U.R.Ghai, (2017), Indian Government and Politics, New Academic Publishing
9. Paul Brass, The Politics of India since Independence, Cambridge University Press.
10. Sudhir Chakrabarty, (2014) Bharater Sangbidhan: Ekti Bisleson, Monisha publication.
11. Ajit Kumar Dey, (2015) Bharater Sangbidhan o Rajniti.
12. Aurobindo Ghosh,(2017) Bharater Sangbidhan: Itihas o Bisleson
13. Apurba Mohon Mukhopadhyay, Nimai Poddar, Sangsodio Bidhi o Karjaprokria.
14.Swagata Ghosh, (2025) An Outline of Constitutional Values And Fundamental Duties.World Press.
15.Anadi Kumar Mahapatra, bharater shsanbabostha O Rajniti, Suhrid Publication
16. Amal Kumar Mukhopadhyay, Sangbidhaner Sahajpath

SEC-I: Local Self Government in West Bengal

Unit:1 Local Self Govt: Origin and evolution , Institutional Frame Work: Structure and Function of Rural and Urban Local Government.

Unit:2 : Metropolitan Development Committee, Corporation-Municipality: Structure , Role and Functions..

Unit:3: Gram Sabha, Gram Samiti, Gram Unnayan Samiti: Composition, Functions and Role.

Suggested Readings:

1.Biswanath Chakraborty, (2025) Panchayati Raj in West Bengal: Structure Functions Process and Trends, Mitram Publication.
2 Debnaryan Modok, Bharatio Rajniti: Nirbachito Prosongo..
3. Harihar Bhatacharya (2002) Making Local Democracy work in India, Vedams
4.Provat Datta, Local Governance in West Bengal: Politics and Prospects, Minerva associates
5.A Banerjee (2017) Politics of Panchayati Raj in West Bengal, K.P Bagchi and Company.
6.D. Bhatacharya (2016) Government as Practice: Democratic Left in a Transforming India, CUP.
7. Harihar Bhattacharyya (2002), India as a Federal Union, Kanishka Publishers
8. Ashok Mukhopadhyay (2013), Pachayiti Raj in West Bengal, Concept Publishers
9. B.Ghosh, (2009), Grassroots Politics in West Bengal , Prayas Publications.
10. D.Bhattachariyya, (2016), Government as Practice : Democratic Left in a Transforming India, CUP.
11. A. Sinha, (2004), The Politics of Opposition in West Bengal , Orient BlackSwan
12. S.Basu, (2015), Decentralization and Development : The Indsian Experience, OBS
13. B.Chakraborty, (2008), Indian Politics and Society since Independence, Routledge

SEC-2: International Relations: Major Issues

Unit -1 : Cold War Politics, Post-Cold War Period: Trends and Challenges

Unit-2: Regional Dynamism: AU, EU, ASEAN, SAARC, OPEC, BRICS: Geopolitical Strategies and Security Challenges

Unit-3: International Organisation: UNO, World Bank, IMF, WTO: Role and Functions

Suggested Readings:

1.J.Goldstein, J.Pevehouse (2020) International Relations, Pearson.
2.J.Baylis, S.Smith (2019), The Globalization of World Politics, OUP.
3.R.Jackson and G.Sorensen, Introduction to International Relations.
4.D.Malone, C. Raja Mohan and S.Raghavan(eds) The Oxford Handbook of Indian Foreign Policy, OUP.
5.P.R. Viotti, M.V. Kauppi (2019) International Relations and World Politics, Pearson.
6. Tanja Borzel and Thomas Risse (eds.), The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Regionalism
7. Abhishek Dixit, Poornima Singh. Intrnational Organization. Singhal Law Publication.
8. Radharaman Chakraborty, (1998), UNO: A Study in Essentials, K.P.Bagchi & Co.
9. Anindyo Jyoti Majumdar, (2025), India's Foreign Policy: Past Patterns and Present Trends, PHI.
10. Anindyo Jyoti Majumdar and Purushottam Bhattachariya, Antarjatik Samporker Ruprekha, Setu Publication
11. P.Calvocoressi, (2009),World Politics Since 1945, Routledge
12.Subhajit Ghosh and Subhadip Mukherjee, Somokalin Antorjatik Rajniti. Avenel Publisher.
13. Rumki Basu, (2012), International Politics. Sage

IDC: Semester: 1: Indian State and Society

Unit :I : Modern Indian State: Nature, Trends and Approaches: Conventional, Modernist, Liberal, Marxist.

Unit: II : Ethnic Politics in India : Regionalism, Parochialism: Sub-National Politics in India & Politics of Consolidation.

Unite: III: Social Stratification: Caste, Class, and Social Mobility in Indian Society, Middle-Class Politics in India.

Suggested Readings:

1. Partha Chatterjee, (1993), The Nation and Its Fragments: Colonial and Postcolonoial Histories, Princeton Unioversity Press
2. Atul Koholi & Prerna Singh, (2016),Routledge Handbook of Indian Politics
3. R.Guha, (1982), Subaltern Studies, Vol-I, OUP
4. S.Kaviraj, (2010), The Imaginary Institution of India: Politics and Ideas, Columbia University Press
5. A. Koholi, (1990), Democracy and Discontent: India's Growing Crisis of Governability, CUP
6. Rudlph & Rudlph, (1987), In Pursuit of Lakshmi: The Political Economy of the Indian State , University of Chicago
7. James Manor, (1999), The Political Economy of Democratic Decentralization, World Bank Publications
8. C.Jaffrelot, (2003), India's Silent Revolution, Columbia University Press
9. M.N. Srnivas, (1966), Social Change in Modern India, University of California Press
10. A. Beteille, (1965), Caste Class and Power, OUP
11. G.Shah, (2002),Caste and Democratic Politics in India, Permanent Black
12. Urmila Phadnis, and R. Ganguly, (2001), Ethnicity and Nation Building in South Asia, Sage
13. R. Kothari, (1970), Politics in India , OBS
14. R. Chatterejee, (edited),(2002), Politics India: The State-Society Interface, South Asian Publishers
15. Satyabrata Chakraborty, (2003),Rastra Samaj Rajniti, Ekushe Publication
16. Bholanath Banerjee,(edited), (2005), Rajniti O Prashan, Sridhar Publishers

IDC: Semester: 2: Social Movements in India

Unit:1: Social movements: Definition, Types and Nature, Distinction between Old and New Social Movements.

Unit:2 : Theories of Social movements: Classical, Marxist, resource mobilization, Post-Colonial

Unit: 3: Globalization and the rise of New Social Movements: Right based movements and Civil Society, Media and the State, Identity movements

Suggested Readings:

1. Ghanashyam Shah, (2004), Social Movements in India : A Review of Litewrature, Sage
2. D.N.Dhanagare (2009), Themes and Perspectives in Indian Sociology, Rawat Publication.
3. A. Baviskar (2011), Social Movements in India, Permanent Black
4. M.S.A. Rao(ed.), Social Movements and Social Transformation in India, Manohar Publishers
5. Ramchandra Guha, The Unquiet Woods, OUP
6. T.K.Oommen, (1990), Protest and Change, Sage
7. R.Ray and M.F. Katzenstein (eds), (2005) , Social Movements in India, Rowman and Littlefield Publisher
8. Ajay Gudavarthy, (2013), Politics of Post-civil Society, Sage.
9. R.Singh, (2001), Social Movements Old and New: A Post-modernist Critique, Sage
10. G. Omvedt, (1993), Reinventing Revolution, M.E. Sharpe Publishers