

MAYNAGURI COLLEGE
DEPT. OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

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

Program 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.

Program Outcome:

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 inter-disciplinary 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.

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- 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.

SEMESTER I

Understanding Political Theory (Major)
Course No. POLSMAJ101

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 interdisciplinary character as well.

Introduction to the Constitution of India (Major)
Course No. POLSMAJ102

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.

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Understanding Political Science (Minor)
POLSMIN101

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- This course aims to impart knowledge about the fundamentals of Political Science.
- This course is designed to familiarize the learners with the basic ideas, concepts, approaches, theories and issues in Political Science.

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 interdisciplinary character as well.

Three Discipline Specific Courses (Multidisciplinary)

Understanding Political Science (Minor)

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LEARNING OUTCOMES:

After completion, a learner is expected to:

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**FOUR YEAR UNDER GRADUATE PROGRAM (FYUGP)
PROGRAM NAME: B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE (MAJOR)**

PROGRAM OUTCOME

- Demonstrate an understanding of fundamental political processes, institutions, actors, behaviour and ideas; and familiarity with major theories, methods, and concepts of Political Science.
- Synthesize, analyze and critically evaluate major arguments in the discipline.
- Analyse political problems, arguments, information, and/or theories.

COURSE OUTCOMES

SEM 1

Understanding Political Theory (UPLSMAJ11001-MAJOR):

- Acquiring domain knowledge on the discipline
- Understanding various theories and its implications.

Introduction to Legal Awareness (UPLSSEC11001 – SEC):

- Understanding the legal rights of the citizen of India in general and the marginalized groups in particular
- Equipping the students with a working knowledge of the dispute redressal laws and mechanisms available in India.

Human Rights (UPOAMDC11016-MDC)

- Understanding the basic concepts of Human Rights and its various formulations
- Having necessary knowledge and skills for analyzing, interpreting the debates surrounding the Human Rights situations and the Social Movements around them

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SEM 2

Introduction to the Constitution of India (UPLSMAJ12002 – MAJOR):

- Introducing the Indian Constitution with a focus on the role of the Constituent Assembly and examining the essence of the Preamble. Understanding various theories and its implications.
- Critically analyzing the important institutions of the Indian Union: the Executive: President; Prime Minister, Council of Ministers; Governor, Chief Minister and Council of Ministers; The legislature: Rajya Sabha, Lok Sabha, Speaker, Committee System, State Legislature, The Judiciary: Supreme Court and the High Court's: composition and functions- Judicial Activism, Local-self Government.

Legislative Procedures in India (UPLSSEC12002 – SEC):

- Understand the law-making process in the Parliament
- Be familiar with the legislation making process and how to authorize the making of different laws

International Relations (UPOBMDC12037-MDC):

- Demonstrating knowledge of the key dimensions, events and processes of international relations within their historic context, such as: the origins of the nation-state system, the Cold War, the shift to the post-Cold War system, the features and effects of globalizing market capitalism, growing environmental problem.
 - Understanding the major concepts of international relations, including: power, balance of power, hegemony, conflict, cooperation, integration, globalization, interdependence, dependence, regimes, globalization, terrorism, climate change.
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PROGRAM NAME: B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE (MINOR)

PROGRAM OUTCOME

- Demonstrate a proficiency in thinking systematically about political interactions in national, global and international contexts.
- Comprehend the basic structures and processes of government systems and/or theoretical underpinnings.
- Demonstrate a proficiency in thinking systematically about political interactions in national, global and international contexts.

COURSE OUTCOMES

SEM 2

Understanding Political Science (UPLSMIN10001 – MINOR):

- Acquiring domain knowledge on the discipline and being able to think creatively and critically.
 - Obtain advance level of knowledge in political theory and other basic ideas of the subject.
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CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM (CBCS)

PROGRAM NAME: B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE (HONOURS)

PROGRAM OUTCOME

- The undergraduate programme of Political Science aims at providing students with a conceptual foundation in the discipline.
- Asses how global, national, regional development effect polity and Society.
- Demonstrate an understanding of fundamental political processes, institutions, actors, behaviour and ideas; and familiarity with major theories, methods, and concepts of Political Science.

COURSE OUTCOMES

SEM 1

Understanding Political Science (DSC-101)

- Students will develop the ability to critically analyze different political systems, institutions, and ideologies. They will gain a deep understanding of the functions and structures of government, political behavior, and the role of political parties, interest groups, and public opinion in shaping political processes.
- Students will be able to apply core political science theories and concepts to real-world political events and issues. This includes understanding the dynamics of power, democracy, governance, and justice, and being able to evaluate the impacts of policies on societies at both national and global levels.

Perspectives on Public Administration (DSC-102)

- Students will gain a foundational understanding of key theories and principles in public administration, exploring the role of bureaucracy, governance, and policy implementation in public sector organizations.
- Students will develop the ability to critically analyze public administration practices, evaluating how public policies are formulated, implemented, and their impact on society.

Reading Gandhi (GE 101):

- To understand the relevance of Gandhi and his philosophy in modern times. At the same time, the course will give students a good knowledge about Human values and Gandhian Principles. its helps students to improve their attitude to Gandhian philosophy. It inculcates the right moral values in students. It teaches students to understand that doing Social service and field work is essential for self-development.

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- The course focuses on Gandhi's influence on Indian and Western thinkers, on the historical developments of Gandhi's philosophy, on ethical issues, Gandhi's moral, religious and social philosophy.

SEM 2

Indian Government and Politics (DSC 203):

- Students will gain a comprehensive understanding of the structure, functions, and dynamics of the Indian political system, including its constitution, political institutions, and electoral processes.
- Students will develop the ability to critically analyze contemporary political issues in India, such as federalism, democracy, governance, and socio-political challenges.

Western Political Thought (DSC 204):

- Students will gain knowledge of foundational Western political thought, exploring the ideas of key philosophers such as Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, and Rousseau.
- Students will develop the ability to critically analyze how Western political theories have shaped modern political systems, ideologies, and governance structures.

Feminism: Theory and Practice (GE 202):

- Students will gain an in-depth understanding of various feminist theories, including liberal, radical, Marxist, and intersectional feminism, and their historical development.
- Students will develop the ability to critically apply feminist theories to contemporary social, political, and cultural issues, analyzing gender inequality and advocating for social change.
- Students will analyze and engage with real-world examples of feminist activism and practices in India, evaluating their effectiveness in addressing issues such as gender inequality, caste, class, and violence against women.

SEM 3

Comparative Politics (DSC 305):

- This course aims to familiarize students to basic concepts, methods and scope of comparative politics, different approaches their strengths and weaknesses. The objective is to provide deeper understanding of structures and functions of institutions in comparative perspective. Further, the course will examine politics in a historical framework while engaging with various themes of comparative analysis in developed and developing countries.

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- The goal of comparative study is to develop “law-like” generalizations and thereby facilitate both explanation and prediction, thus warranting the status of a “science.”The course includes case studies of Western liberal and Socialist countries such as United Kingdom, United States, China and France. U.S.A., China and Russia. The course is aimed at generating a wealth of information that allows us to construct the key features for each of the individual cases, examine similarities and differences among various political systems, and appreciate the diversity of the political world.

Public Policy and Administration in India (DSC 306):

- Through this course the students will be able to effectively recognize, communicate, and contrast foundational concepts and issues in public policy and administration in India.
- Being able to develop the ability to assess the functioning of the government and the administration in ensuring a citizen centric welfare administration in India.

Nationalism in India (DSC 307):

- Understand the different theoretical perspectives on the emergence and development of nationalism in India
- Acquire the knowledge of historical trajectory of the development of the nationalist movement in India with special emphasis on the history of partition and the movement of independence that followed.

Public Opinion and Survey Research (SEC 301):

- Understand the issue involves in Public Opinion and Psychological Studies.
- Acquire basic knowledge of research design as it relates to the selection of documentary sources, evaluation of existing data-sets, and survey research and able to use basic descriptive and inferential statistics.

Reading Gandhi (GE 301):

- To understand the relevance of Gandhi and his philosophy in modern times. At the same time, the course will give students a good knowledge about Human values and Gandhian Principles. its helps students to improve their attitude to Gandhian philosophy. It inculcates the right moral values in students. It teaches students to understand that doing Social service and field work is essential for self-development.
- The course focuses on Gandhi’s influence on Indian and Western thinkers, on the historical developments of Gandhi’s philosophy, on ethical issues, Gandhi’s moral, religious and social philosophy.

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SEM 4

Introduction to the International Relations - (DSC 408):

- Understand key concepts and concerns in International Relations, including notably the way power is acquired and used globally and how the states and non-state actors interact.
- Identify the structure and operation of political systems, and to define and apply concepts and theories in International Relations.

Political Sociology (DSC 409):

- It promotes knowledge on basic concepts such as politics, power, gender, civil society, citizens, culture and behaviour of individuals, how they developed over time and where they stand today. It also helps formulate independently generated and theoretically based research questions within political sociology.
- It helps students in gaining knowledge about how political cultures are formed & shaped, the importance of political socialization process, the causes behind political participation & non-participation, the influence of political parties & the pressure groups in a political system and, further, the concepts of change and political development and how it's being shaped in developing countries.

Political Theory: Concepts and Debates (DSC 410):

- Acquiring advance level of knowledge in political theory.
- Updating their knowledge level in the field of study of political theory with major political debates.

Democratic and Legal Awareness (SEC 402):

- Understand the legal rights of the citizen of India in general and the marginalized groups in particular
- Equipped with a working knowledge of the dispute redressal laws and mechanisms available in India.

Feminism: Theory and Practices (GE 402):

- Students can aware about the intersectional effects of sex, gender, race, class, sexuality, age, and other complex aspects of identity influence social structures and women's empowerment.
- Understand and articulate the history, strategies and goals of interconnected movements for social justice. And also know about their voting right, equal pay for equal work, fighting

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against gender stereotypes and per formative behaviour, protection against sexual harassment and assault, and right to own property.

SEM 5

Understanding Global Politics (DSC 511):

- Understand how to approach a wide range of important global political and economic policy problems and participate in public policy debates on the crucial issues facing the world today.
- Get knowledge of major issues and subject matters surrounding the world that decides the international relations- political, economic and security relations among nations.

Indian Political Thought (DSC 512):

- Understand the themes and issues in political traditions and its institutional structure of pre-colonial India
- Compare and contrast the positions of leading political thinkers in India on issues those are constitutive of modern India. And further. The students know about the relevance of political thought of pre-colonial India for contemporary politics

Party System in India (DSE 501A):

- Acquire Knowledge about the ideology and the organization of political parties in India and changing party systems.
- Able to apply the knowledge in understanding and predicting the role of political parties.

International Organization (DSE 502B):

- Understand the contemporary relevance of the UN and its relationship with other Organizations
- Understand how to contextualize recent international crises and their resolution

SEM 6

India's Foreign Policy in a Globalised World (DSC 613):

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- Understand the International events and foreign policy issues and developments in Indian Foreign Policy approach.
- Trained in diplomatic and foreign affairs which will help them to get jobs in international research think tanks and Indian Foreign Service.

Political Ideology (DSC 614):

- Understand major ideologies for the study of Political Science.
- Enable for discussion, debate and discourse for better understanding of the Political Ideologies and helps them for nation building process.

India and Her Neighbour (DSE 603A):

- Students are able to evaluate India's foreign policy towards neighboring countries.
- Able to evaluate and understand the major issues with the neighboring countries and further to understand India's policy towards small South Asia Neighbours.

Grass Root Democracy in India (DSE 604A):

- Understand the significance of grass root democracy and the concept of good governance in the eyes of democratic decentralization.
- Mobilize and empower responsible dynamics through local self government.