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COURSE OUTCOME OF
BA (HONOURS) POLITICAL SCIENCE
CORE COURSE

POL HC 1016: Understanding Political Theory

Course Objective: This course is divided into two sections. Section A introduces the students to the idea of political theory, its history and approaches, and an assessment of its critical and contemporary trends. Section B is designed to reconcile political theory and practice through reflections on the ideas and practices related to democracy.

Course Outcomes:


- To introduce the idea of political theory and various approaches
- To enable the students to assess the contemporary trends of political theory
- To reconcile theory and practice in relation to democracy

POL HC 1026 Constitutional Government and Democracy in India

Course objective: This course acquaints students with the constitutional design of state structures and institutions, and their actual working overtime. The Indian Constitution accommodates conflicting impulses (of liberty and justice, territorial decentralization and a strong union, for instance) within itself. The course traces the embodiment of some of these conflicts in constitutional provisions, and shows how these have played out in political practice. It further encourages a study of state institutions in their mutual interaction, and in interaction with the larger extra-constitutional environment.

Course Outcomes:

- To acquaint students with constitutional design of state structures and institutions
- To understand the conflicts in constitutional provisions
- To make them comprehend the state institutions in relation to extra constitutional environment


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POL HC 2016 Political Theory-Concepts and Debates

Course Objective: This course is divided into two sections. Section A helps the student familiarize with the basic normative concepts of political theory. Each concept is related to a crucial political issue that requires analysis with the aid of our conceptual understanding. This exercise is designed to encourage critical and reflective analysis and interpretation of social practices through the relevant conceptual toolkit. Section B introduces the students to the important debates in the subject. These debates prompt us to consider that there is no settled way of understanding concepts and that in the light of new insights and challenges, besides newer ways of perceiving and interpreting the world around us, we inaugurate new modes of political debates.

Course outcomes: After reading the course, the students would

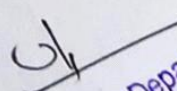
- Understand the various concepts in political theory and appreciate how they can be helpful to analyse crucial political issues
- Understand the significance of debates in political theory in exploring multiple perspectives to concepts, ideas and issues.
- Appreciate how these concepts and debates enrich political life and issues surrounding it.

POL HC 2026 Political Process in India

Course objective: Actual politics in India diverges quite significantly from constitutional legal rules. An understanding of the political process thus calls for a different mode of analysis -that offered by political sociology. This course maps the working of 'modern' institutions, premised on the existence of an individuated society, in a context marked by communitarian solidarities, and their mutual transformation thereby. It also familiarizes students with the working of the Indian state, paying attention to the contradictory dynamics of modern state power.

Course outcomes:

- Understand the working of major political institutions in India
- Understand the major debates in Indian politics along the axes of caste, gender, region and religion
- Understand the changing nature of the Indian state and the contradictory dynamics of modern state power


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POL HC 3016 Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics

Course objective: This is a foundational course in comparative politics. The purpose is to familiarize students with the basic concepts and approaches to the study of comparative politics. More specifically the course will focus on examining politics in a historical framework while engaging with various themes of comparative analysis in developed and developing countries.

Course Outcomes:


- To make students understand the basic concepts in comparative politics,
- To make students classify the different political systems and historical context of modern governments,
- To enable students to have a comparative analysis of countries related to their political institutions and behaviour.

POL HC 3026 Perspectives on Public Administration

Course Objective: The course provides an introduction to the discipline of public administration. This paper encompasses public administration in its historical context with an emphasis on the various classical and contemporary administrative theories. The course also explores some of the recent trends, including feminism and ecological conservation and how the call for greater democratization is restructuring public administration. The course will also attempt to provide the students a comprehensive understanding on contemporary administrative developments.

Course Outcomes:

- To enable students to learn the basic concepts related to public administration and its importance
- To make students learn the major theories of public administration,
- To enable students to have an understanding of public policy and its formulation,
- To familiarize students with the major approaches and recent debates related to field of public administration.


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POL HC 3036 Perspectives on International Relations and World History

Course Objective: This paper seeks to equip students with the basic intellectual tools for understanding International Relations. It introduces students to some of the most important theoretical approaches for studying international relations. The course begins by historically contextualizing the evolution of the international state system before discussing the agency structure problem through the levels-of-analysis approach. After having set the parameters of the debate, students are introduced to different theories in International Relations. It provides a fairly comprehensive overview of the major political developments and events starting from the twentieth century. Students are expected to learn about the key milestones in world history and equip them with the tools to understand and analyze the same from different perspectives. A key objective of the course is to make students aware of the implicit Euro - centricism of International Relations by highlighting certain specific perspectives from the Global South.

Course outcomes:

- To make students understand the key theoretical approaches in International relations,
- To familiarize students with the evolution of International state systems and its importance.
- To make students aware of the key theoretical debates in International relations • To enable students to have an overall understanding of International relations in relation to twentieth century IR history.

POL HC 4016 Political Processes and Institutions in Comparative Perspective

Course objective: In this course students will be trained in the application of comparative methods to the study of politics. The course is comparative in both what we study and how we study. In the process the course aims to introduce undergraduate students to some of the range of issues, literature, and methods that cover comparative politics.

Course Outcomes:

- To understand, comprehend and analyse the complex nature and functioning of the political systems, political institutions and corresponding issues to these both in a country specific case of India and cross-country perspectives.
- To demonstrate critical thinking about key issues of political system of different forms, political process and public policy.
- To use the contents and sub-units of the course as yardsticks for comparing these political systems and processes

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POL HC 4026 Public Policy and Administration in India

Course Objectives: The paper seeks to provide an introduction to the interface between public policy and administration in India. The essence of public policy lies in its effectiveness in translating the governing philosophy into programs and policies and making it a part of the community living. It deals with issues of decentralization, financial management, citizens and administration and social welfare from a non-western perspective.

Course Outcomes:

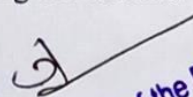
- Be familiarised with and gain knowledge about the processes of public policy making in India and their significance in administering the state.
- Develop the ability to assess the functioning of the government and the administration in ensuring a citizen centric welfare administration in India.

POL HC 4036 Global Politics

Course objective: This course introduces students to the key debates on the meaning and nature of globalization by addressing its political, economic, social, cultural and technological dimensions. In keeping with the most important debates within the globalization discourse, it imparts an understanding of the working of the world economy, its anchors and resistances offered by global social movements while analyzing the changing nature of relationship between the state and trans-national actors and networks. The course also offers insights into key contemporary global issues such as the proliferation of nuclear weapons, ecological issues, international terrorism, and human security before concluding with a debate on the phenomenon of global governance.

Course Outcomes:

- To enable students to 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.
- To have knowledge of the essential theoretical assumptions underlying globalisation's conceptual frameworks and their relationships to policy interventions.
- To demonstrate elementary knowledge of major issues and subject-matters surrounding globalisation that decides the international relations- political, economic and security relations- among the nations.


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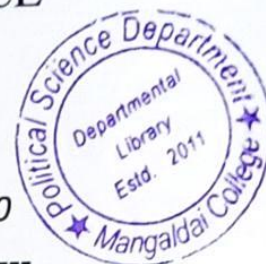
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POL HC 5016 Classical Political Philosophy

Course objective: This course goes back to Greek antiquity and familiarizes students with the manner in which the political questions were first posed. Machiavelli comes as an interlude inaugurating modern politics followed by Hobbes and Locke. This is a basic foundation course for students.

Course Outcomes:

- To interpret ideas underlying traditions in classical political philosophy
- To analyze the debates and arguments of leading political philosophers belonging to different traditions of the period
- To appraise the relevance of classical political philosophy in understanding contemporary politics

POL HC 5026 Indian Political Thought-I

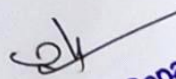
Course objective: This course introduces the specific elements of Indian Political Thought spanning over two millennia. The basic focus of study is on individual thinkers whose ideas are however framed by specific themes. The course as a whole is meant to provide a sense of the broad streams of Indian thought while encouraging a specific knowledge of individual thinkers and texts. Selected extracts from some original texts are also given to discuss in class. The list of additional readings is meant for teachers as well as the more interested students.

Course Outcomes:

- To underline themes and issues in political traditions of pre-colonial India.
- To compare and contrast positions of different political traditions those were present in pre-colonial India.
- To evaluate the relevance of political thought of pre-colonial India for contemporary politics.

POL HC 6016 Modern Political Philosophy

Course objective: Philosophy and politics are closely intertwined. We explore this convergence by identifying four main tendencies here. Students will be exposed to the manner in which the questions of politics have been posed in terms that have implications for larger questions of thought and existence.


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Course Outcome:

- To interpret ideas underlying traditions in modern political philosophy
- To analyze the debates and arguments of leading political philosophers of different philosophical traditions
- To appraise the relevance of modern political philosophy in understanding contemporary politics

POL HC 6026 Indian Political Thought-II

Course objective: Based on the study of individual thinkers, the course introduces a wide span of thinkers and themes that defines the modernity of Indian political thought. The objective is to study general themes that have been produced by thinkers from varied social and temporal contexts. Selected extracts from original texts are also given to discuss in the class. The list of additional readings is meant for teachers as well as the more interested students.


Course Outcomes:

- To underline themes and issues in political thought of modern India.
- To compare and contrast positions of leading political thinkers in India on issues those are constitutive of modern India.
- To assess the relevance of political thought of modern India in understanding contemporary politics.

POL HE 5016 Human Rights

Course Outcomes:

- To describe the basic concepts of human rights
- To comprehend different approaches regarding human rights
- To familiarise the role of UNO in the growth and development of human rights
- To describe different measures taken for the protection of human rights


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POL HE 5046 Select Constitutions - I

Course Objective: The course introduces the constitutional and political systems of two (2) countries. Students will have a stronger and more informed perspective on approaches to studying the constitutional and political systems of these countries in a comparative manner.

Course outcomes:

- Students will be able to understand the importance of constitutions
- This paper is an integral part of public services examinations
- Students will be introduced to the various types of constitutions and the forms of governments from different parts of the world

POL HE 6016 Human Rights in India

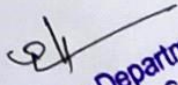
Course Outcomes:

- To describe origin and development of human rights in India
- To comprehend different measures adopted by India for the protection and development of human rights
- To familiarise the emerging issues related to human rights

POL HE 6046 Select Constitutions – II

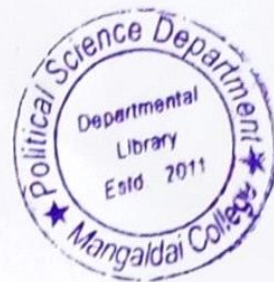
Course Objective: The course introduces the constitutional and political systems of two (2) countries. Students will have a stronger and more informed perspective on approaches to studying the constitutional and political systems of these countries in a comparative manner. Course outcomes:

- Students will be able to understand the importance of constitutions;
- Students will be introduced to the various types of constitutions and the forms of governments from different parts of the world.


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POLITICAL SCIENCE
SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSE**

SEMESTER III

POL SE 3014 Parliamentary Procedures and Practices

Course Objective: The course attempts to make the students familiar with legislative practices in India with an orientation to equip them with the adequate skills of participation in deliberative processes and democratic decision making. The introductory unit of the course aims to provide basic understanding on the constitutional provisions related to the process of legislations as well as the kinds of bills. The second unit of this course seeks to enhance proper understanding related to the procedures, practices related to the passage of a bill from drafting to that of the passing of the Bill. Third unit is about different Committees in the House, and the Fourth unit is on hours and motions in the House.

Course outcomes:

- To help students in understanding the practical approaches to legislative practices and procedures,
- To make students understand the procedures and processes related to drafting a Bill and the passage of the Bill,
- To enable students to have an understanding of the importance of Parliamentary Committees,
- To make students learn about the basic functioning of Parliament.

POL SE 3024 Youth and Nation-Building

Course objective:

The aim of this course is to highlight the importance of NCC and NSS. The students will be able to get involved with the NCC and the NSS and learn about its activities and undertake tasks under its aegis. The students will also be able to learn about the basics of disaster preparedness and its management.


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Course Outcomes:

- To enable students to learn the importance of youth in NSS and NCC,
- To make students understand the activities related to NSS and NCC and its importance,
- To make students learn the basics of National Disaster Management and its importance.

SEMESTER IV

POL SE 4014: Panchayati Raj in Practice

Course objective: This course acquaints students with the Panchayati Raj Institutions and their actual working. It further encourages a study of PRIs in their mutual interaction and their interaction with the people.

Course outcomes:

- This paper will help students understand the importance of grassroot political institutions in empowering people.
- This paper will highlight the complex challenges faced by PRIs in India and mechanisms involved to make it more participatory and inclusive in nature.

POL SE 4024 Citizens and Rights

Course objective:

This course aims to understand law as a source of rights, as a progressively widening sphere of substantive justice, welfare, and dignity. This relationship between laws and rights will be studied through specific values which have come to be seen as integral for a democratic society viz., equality and non-discrimination, empowerment, redistribution and recognition of traditional rights etc.

Course outcomes:

- To analyse the linkages between citizenship, law, rights and equality
- To understand the measures of discrimination, justice and empowerment and the ways to protect the same.
- To evaluate the idea of justice and assess its relevance in context of contemporary India.

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POL HG 1036 Governance: Issues and Challenges

Objectives: This paper deals with concepts and different dimensions of governance highlighting the major debates in the contemporary times. There is a need to understand the importance of the concept of governance in the context of a globalising world, environment, administration, development. The essence of governance is explored through the various good governance initiatives introduced in India.

Course Outcomes:

- To introduce major concepts and debates of Governance
- To enable the students to relate governance with globalization, environment and development
- To make students explore good governance initiatives in India

POL HG 2016 Indian Government and Politics

Course objectives:

The course would introduce the students to the major approaches to the study of Indian Politics. The course details the functioning of the major institutions of government while also highlighting the politics of caste, class and patriarchy prevalent in India. The thrust of this course is not to study the national constituents separately but to look at the institutions, processes, problems, and solutions that pertain to the country as a whole.

Course outcomes:

- To appreciate the approaches to the study of Indian politics and the changing nature of the state
- To understand the basic features of the Indian constitution and its institutional functioning
- To examine the changing role of caste, class and patriarchy and their impact on politics
- To understand the dynamics of social movements in India.

POL HG 2026 Feminism: Theory and Practice

Course Objective: The aim of the course is to explain contemporary debates on feminism and the history of feminist struggles. The course begins with a discussion on construction of gender and an understanding of complexity of patriarchy and goes on to analyze theoretical debates within feminism. Part II of the paper covers history of feminism in the west, socialist societies and in anti-colonial struggles. Part III focuses a gendered analysis of Indian society, economy and polity with a view to understanding the structures of gender inequalities. And the last section aims to understand the issues with which contemporary Indian women's movements are engaged with.

Course outcomes:

- This course on gender studies will open up the structural and institutional basis of patriarchy as well as establish that gender identity and gender injustice cannot be understood in isolation,

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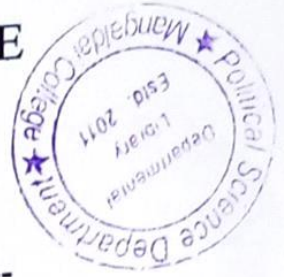


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but only with reference to caste, class and religious community identities.

- Understand the history of feminism and its origins in different parts of the world
- Appreciate the Indian Women's Movement and its role in foregrounding important issues relating to women's position in the society, economy and polity

POL HG 2036 Local Rural and Urban Governance

Course Objective:

The course will equip the students to understand the nuances of development as it relates to greater decentralization and democratization by focusing on the evolution of local governance in India. It will familiarize the students with the institutions of rural and urban local governance and the role of the various associated committees.

Course Outcomes:

- Understand the historical evolution of local governance in India
- Understand the working of rural and urban governance in India
- Understand the workings of committees and commissions associated with local governance

POL HG 3016 Comparative Government and Politics

Course Outcomes:

- To make students have a basic understanding of comparative political analysis,
- To make students learn the classification of political systems from a comparative politics framework.
- To make students learn the classification of governments and the political behavior of institutions and the changes in the nature of the nation-state.

POL HG 3026 Gandhi and the Contemporary World

Course objective: Locating Gandhi in a global frame, the course seeks to elaborate Gandhian thought and examine its practical implications. It will introduce students to key instances of Gandhi's continuing influence right up to the contemporary period and enable them to critically evaluate his legacy.

Course Outcomes:

- To make students understand relevance of Gandhi and his philosophy in modern times
- To familiarize students with Gandhian ideology and leadership
- To make students learn Gandhi's critique on modern civilization and development


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- To make students understand Gandhi's political strategy and philosophy

POL HG 3036 United Nations and Global Conflicts

Course Objective: This course provides a comprehensive introduction to the most important multilateral political organization in international relations. It provides a detailed account of the organizational structure and the political processes of the UN, and how it has evolved since 1945, especially in terms of dealing with the major global conflicts. The course imparts a critical understanding of the UN's performance until now and the imperatives as well as processes of reforming the organization in the context of the contemporary global system.

Course Outcomes:

- To make students learn the importance of United Nations as an organization
- To enable students to have a basic understanding of the political processes of the United Nations
- To make students to learn the relevance of United Nations and its intervention in global conflicts critically.

POL HG 4016 Introduction to International Relations

Course Objective: This Course is designed to give students a sense of some important theoretical approaches to understand international relations; a history from 1945 onwards to the present; and an outline of the evolution of Indian foreign policy since independence and its possible future trajectory.

Course Outcomes:

- To demonstrate basic understanding of scientific methods of inquiry in international relations.
- To understand how international relations influence societies.
- To demonstrate a basic understanding of the foundational theories and concepts in international relations.
- To analyse the current world events and their implications on the Indian Foreign policy decision making process by applying prominent theories of international relations and generate substantial research question on the topics.

POL HG 4026 Understanding Ambedkar

Course objective: This course is broadly intended to introduce Ambedkar's ideas and their relevance in contemporary India, by looking beyond caste. Ambedkar's philosophical contributions towards Indian economy and class question, sociological interpretations on religion, gender, caste and cultural issues; ideas on politics such as concepts of nation, state, democracy, law and constitutionalism are to be pedagogically interrogated and interpreted. This will help students to critically engage themselves with the existing social concerns, state and economic structures and other institutional mechanisms. This also will facilitate them to strengthen their creative thinking with a collective approach to

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understand ongoing social, political, cultural and economic phenomena of the society.

Course Outcomes:

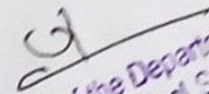
- To analyse Ambedkar's views on caste, class, religion, nationalism, gender and constitutional democracy.
- To understand contribution of Ambedkar to political thought in modern India.
- To evaluate political ideas of Ambedkar and assess its relevance in context contemporary politics

POL HG 4036 Politics of Globalization

Course objective: The objective of this generic elective paper is to make students from diverse background understand the process of globalization from a political perspective. This paper will create a broad understanding of the issues and processes globalization based on critical analysis of the various anchors and dimensions of globalization.

Course Outcomes:

- To analyse the historical evolution of globalisation.
- To understand social, economic, cultural and political impact of globalisation.
- To evaluate the idea of globalisation and assess its relevance in context of contemporary politics.


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