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Course Code: LAW101
Semester: I

POLITICAL THEORY & ORGANISATION

Course Objectives:

1. The Course aims at introducing basic concepts and theories of Politics.
2. It enables the student to gain working knowledge in founding principles of Political Science.

UNIT - I

15 Periods

Introduction to Political Science

Political Science – Meaning, Nature and Importance – Concept of State – Meaning, Nature and Characteristics of State – Differences between State and Society, State and Nation & State and Government – Theories of Origins of State

UNIT - II

15 Periods

Theories of State

Idealistic Theory – Marxist Theory – Individualist Theory – Organic Theory – Systems Theory - Welfare Theory – Juristic Theory and Anarchist Theory – Critical Appreciation

UNIT– III

15 Periods

Governments, Constitutions and Political Organisation

Ancient and Modern Forms – Monarchy – Aristocracy – Dictatorship – Totalitarian – Communist – Democracy; Constitutionalism – Unitary, Federal and Quasi Federal Governments - Written & Unwritten Constitutions – Rigid & Flexible Constitutions – Constitutional Amendment; Sovereignty – Forms of Sovereignty - Different Organs of Government – Separation of Powers & Checks & Balances – Independence of Judiciary – Judicial Activism– Parliamentary Sovereignty

UNIT– IV

15 Periods

Western and Indian Political Thought

Natural Law & Natural Rights – Forms of Liberalism – Socialism – Idealism – Indian Political Thought – Hindu Concept of State – Islamic concept of State – Liberalism in India – Marxism in India – Gandhism & Sarvodaya

UNIT– V

15 Periods

Representation, Public Opinion And Political Participation

Popular Participation – Conceptions of Representation – Universal Adult Franchise - Proportional Representation – Public Opinion – Factors and Agents of Public Opinion - Political Participation – Definition, Nature and Forms – Functions & Implications

TEXT BOOKS

1. M.V. SubbaRao and M. SrinivasaSastry, (2010). *Lectures on Political Science*. S. Gogia& Company, Hyderabad.
2. J. C. Johari, (2009). *Principles of Modern Political Science*. Sterling Publishers, New Delhi.
3. R. Rathore and S.A. Haqqi, (1991). *Political Theory and Political Organisation for Law Students*. Eastern Book Company, Lucknow.

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1. Andrew Heywood. *Politics*. Palgrave Macmillan, Hampshire, 2007
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3. R. C. Agarwal.*Political Theory*. S. Chand & Company Ltd., New Delhi,2003.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Unit I	The learners will gain an introduction to the discipline of Political Science and will be able to comprehend the basic concepts in the study of state.
Unit II	The learner will be educated about various theories of state and develop critical appreciation about them.
Unit III	The students will be exposed to different forms of Government, a comparative appreciation of different types of Constitutions and the salient features of various constitutions.
Unit IV	The learner will get an overview of Western Political thought and their influence in India.
Unit V	The learner will develop understanding about three important facets of democracy namely political participation, the concept of representation and the formation of public opinion.