

Department of Political Science

Semester-I

Undergraduate Certificate in Political Science

No. of Hours-

60 CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course Title	Credits	Credit distribution of the Course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the Course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/Practice		
DSC: Basic Principles of Political Science	4	60	0	0	Passed Class XII	Nil

Undergraduate Certificate in Political Science		
Programme: Undergraduate Certificate in Political Science	Year 1	Semester 1 Paper: DSC
Subject: Political Science		
Course: DSC	Course Title: Basic Principles of Political Science	
Course Outcomes: <i>Basic Principles of Political Science</i> is a foundational course that introduces students to the core concepts, theories, and structures that form the basis of political science. It aims to develop a comprehensive understanding of politics as an essential component of human society, equipping students with the analytical tools necessary for the critical study of political systems, institutions, ideologies, and processes. The course lays the groundwork for advanced learning in political theory, comparative politics, governance, and public policy.		
Credits: 4 Credits	Discipline Specific Course	
Max. Marks: As per University rules	Max. Marks: As per University rules	
Unit	Topic	No. of Hours

I	Introduction to Political Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political Science: Definition, Nature, Scope and Significance • Inter-disciplinary Connections- History, Economics and Geography 	12
II	Key Concepts of Political Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State and its elements • Sovereignty and its types • Power, Authority and Legitimacy 	12
III	Foundations of Good Human Life <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liberty • Equality • Justice • Law 	12
IV	Rights and Responsibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rights • Duties • Political Obligation 	12
V	Citizenship & Political Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizenship • Political System: Monarchy, Aristocracy, Democracy, Authoritarianism, Totalitarianism and Military Dictatorship 	12

Suggested Reading:

- Kapoor, A. C. (2010). *Principles of Political Science*. S. Chand.
- Heywood, A. (2023). *Political theory: An Introduction*. Bloomsbury.
- Bhargava, R., & Acharya, A. (2022). *Political theory: An introduction*. Pearson.
- Ashirvadam, E. & Mishra. K. K. (2010). *Political Theory*. S. Chand.
- Laski, H. J. (2012). *A Grammar of politics*. R.G. Book.
- Gauba, O. P. (2021). *An introduction to Political Theory*. Mayur Books.
- Roskin, M. G., Cord, R. L., Medeiros, J. A., & Jones, W. S. (2019). *Political science: An introduction* (14th ed.). Pearson Education UK.

- Ramaswamy, S. (2010). *Political theory*. Ideas and Concepts. PHI Learning.
- Jain, P. (2023). Foundations of Political Science. Sahitya Bhawan Publications.
- Gettell, R. G. (2024). *Introduction to political science*. Gyan Publishing House.
- Garner, J. W. (2015). *Introduction to political science: A treatise on the origin, nature, functions and organisation of the state*. Arkose Press.
- प्रसाद, व. श. (n.d.). राजनीतिशास्त्रकेमूलतसदाँहि.
- सर अनेस्ट बाककर, यूनानी राजनीति तसदान्त वी एन प्रकाशन, 1976
- Sandhu, G. S. (1988). राजनीतिसदाँहि[Political Theory]. Delhi: Hindi Madhyam Karyanvay Nideshalaya.

Suggested Online Links:

- <https://www.digitalindia.gov.in/service>
- <https://rtionline.gov.in/>
- <https://www.india.gov.in/topics/law-justice>

Suggested equivalent online courses: IGNOU & other centrally/state-operated universities/MOOC platforms such as SWAYAM in India and Abroad.

This course can be opted by students who have cleared their 10+2 or Equivalent examination.

Suggested Continuous Evaluation Methods -Assignments, Oral presentations, peer interviews, and

group tasks can be used for this purpose. The end-of-semester written examination will test all the areas targeted in the course

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Course Title	Credits	Credit distribution of the Course			Eligibility criteria	Prerequisite of the Course (if any)	No. of Hours
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/Practic e			
GE : Awareness with Civic Rights	4	60	0	0	Passed Class XII with	Nil	

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Programme: Undergraduate Certificate in Political Science	Year 1	Semester 1
		Paper: GE

Subject: Political Science

Course Code: GE	Course Title: Awareness of Civil Rights
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Course Outcomes: This paper intends to provide clear understanding of the fundamental rights guaranteed by the Constitution of India. The students will also learn about civil liberties which are essentially limitations on government power to protect individual freedoms. Students will become aware of the mechanisms available to them for the protection and enforcement of their rights. Recognizing their rights empowers students fostering a stronger sense of self-worth and dignity. They understand that they are entitled to fair treatment and have recourse if their rights are violated.

Credits: 4 Credits	Generic Elective
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Max. Marks: As per University rules	Min. Passing Marks: As per University rules
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Total No. of Hours - Practical (in hours per week): 4-0-0

Unit	Topics	No. of Hours
I	<p>Introduction to Civil Rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are Civil Rights: Definition & Significance • Civil, Political, Social and Economic Rights • Key Documents: Constitution and UDHR 	12

II	Constitution and Civil Rights in India <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preamble • Fundamental Rights (Articles 12 to 35) • Duties (Article 51A) 	12
III	Civil Rights & Democratic Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Democracy In Action: Electoral Process, Voting Rights, Role of The Election Commission • Participating Governance: Panchayat Raj & Local Self Government Structure 	12
IV	Citizen Advocacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RTI • Citizen Charter • Public Grievance system 	12
V	Challenges and Barriers to Civil Rights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • System Barriers: Corruption & Misuse of Power • Rights of Marginalized Groups: Dalits, Adivasis Women, LGBTQ 	12

Suggested Readings:

- Khosla, Madhav, et al. (2016). *The Oxford Handbook of the Indian Constitution*. New Delhi: OUP
- Agarwal, H.O. (2014). *ManavAdhikar (Human Rights)*. Central Law Publication
- Babel, B.L. (2023). *A Guide to Civil Practice (Hindi)*. Eastern Book Company.
- Benegal, Shyam. (2014). *Samvidhan*. Rajya Sabha TV
- Kumar, Vijay. (2003). *Human Rights Dimensions and Issues*. Anmol Publications, New Delhi
- Basu, D. D. (2018). *Introduction to the Constitution of India* (23rd ed.). LexisNexis.
- Bajwa, G.S. and D.K. Bajwa. (1995). *Human Rights in India: Implementation and Violations*. D.K. Publishers, New Delhi
- Donnelly, J. (2005). *Universal Human Rights in Theory and Practices*. Manas Publication, New Delhi.
- People's Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL). (2003). *Rights in Retreat: A Report on the State of Civil Liberties in India*. PUCL Publications.
- Chandhoke, N. (2012). *Contested citizenship: Notes from Indian Experience*. In R. Kaur & S. Rajagopal (Eds.), *Diasporic Cultures of South Asia During the 21st Century*. Routledge.
- Sen, A. (2005). *The Argumentative Indian: Writings on Indian History, Culture and Identity*. Farrar, Straus and Giroux.
- Thapar, R. (2000). *History and the Present*. Oxford University Press

- Bhargava, R. (2023). *Citizen Advocacy and Participatory Governance in India*. New Delhi: Sage Publications.
- Menon, N. (2022). Grassroots Movements and Citizen Advocacy in India: A Case Study Approach. *Journal of South Asian Studies*, 45(3).
- Singh, A., & Sharma, P. (2021). The Role of NGOs in Promoting Citizen Advocacy in India. *International Journal of Social Work and Human Services Practice*, 9(2).
- Tripathy, R. (2024). Human Rights Movement in India: Challenges and Prospects. *International Journal of Social Science and Economic Research*, 2(384).
- Noorani, A. G. (2012). South Asia Human Rights Documentation Centre: Challenges to Civil Rights Guarantees in India. Oxford University Press.

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VOCATIONAL COURSES

(For those getting admission in the session 2025-26 onwards)

Vocational Course: POLITICAL SCIENCE

Year: I Semester: I

Course Code: PS301MT	Course Title: Introduction to Politics and Political Process
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Course Outcomes: The course is designed for students and young professionals seeking a career in politics, governance, public affairs, and leadership. Upon completing a political leadership course, students will understand key leadership theories, analyze leadership styles, and evaluate the roles of leaders in political movements. They will develop skills in communication, decision-making, and ethical reasoning, preparing them to effectively lead and influence within political and civic contexts.

Credits: 2	SEC/VOC
Max. Marks: 100	Min. Passing Marks: 33

Total No. of Lectures-Tutorials-Practical (in hours per week): 2-0-0

Unit	Topic	No. of Lectures
Unit I	Meaning, Nature and Scope of Politics, Evolution of Politics as a Discipline	10
Unit II	Concepts of Constitution, and Governance	10
Unit III	Politician and Statesman (Indian tradition of leadership, contribution of Uttarakhand)	10

Essential Readings

1. Roy, Himanshu, and M. P. Singh. *Indian Political System*. 4th ed., Pearson Education India, 2018.
2. O. P. Gauba, An Introduction to Political Theory, Macmillan, 2024 (pp 1- 172)
3. Tansey, S., & Jackson, N. (2014). Politics: The Basics (5th ed.). Taylor and Francis.(pp 1- 24)
4. Alan R. Ball, Modern Politics and Government, Macmillan, 1988 (pp 3-18)

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1. Roy, Himanshu, M. P. Singh, and A. P. S. Chouhan, eds. *State Politics in India*. Delhi: Primus Books, 2017.
2. Rajeev Bhargava, Political Theory, Orient Blackswan, 2023
3. Andrew Heywood, Politics, Red Globe Press, 2025

Suggested online link:

1. <https://egyankosh.ac.in/bitstream/123456789/53943/1/Unit-1.pdf>
2. <https://egyankosh.ac.in/bitstream/123456789/23700/1/Unit-10.pdf>
3. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gGgFjlKTsDc&pp=ygVKQ29uY2VwdHMgb2YgU3Rh dGUzIENpdmlsIFNvY2lldHksIFBvbGl0aWNhbCBTeXN0ZW0sIGFuZCBDb25zdGl0dXR pb24gbnB0ZWw%3D>
4. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xhm55mIdSuk&t=1339s&pp=ygUfcG9saXRpY3MgYW5kIHN0YXRlcyclYW4gbGVjdHVyZQ%3D%3D>