

UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS
M.A. DEGREE PROGRAMME IN PHILOSOPHY
SYLLABUS WITH EFFECT FROM 2023-2024

Subject Code	Subject Name	Category	L	T	P	S	Credits	Inst. Hours	Marks		
									CIA	External	Total
407C1B	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY	Core - II	Y	-	-	-	5	7	25	75	100
Learning Objectives											
1	To enables the student to understand different types of political thought										
2	To make the student to understand the Philosophy of the state and the nature of the state.										
3	To make him understand the function, values and the function of the state.										
4	To know the history of the political philosophy										
5	To understand how we live together.										
UNIT	Details										
1	<u>Greek Political Thought:</u> City-state – The relation between State and Citizen – Law – Justice – Relation between Ethics and Politics										
2	<u>Origin of State:</u> The Divine right theory – The Social Contract Theory: Hobbes, Locke and Rousseau										
3	a)Plato: Theory of State – Philosopher King – Theory of Communism – Theory of Education (b) Aristotle: Theory of State – Citizenship – Justification of Slavery – Best form of Government										
4	(a) Utilitarian Theory of State: J.S.Mill – Liberty – Representative Government (b) Socialistic Theory of State: Marx – Dialectical Materialism – Theory of Surplus Value – concentration of Capital – Dictatorship of the Proletariat										
5	<u>Recent Political Theories:</u> Fascism – Nazism – Democracy – Communism Socialism – Gandhian thought										
Course Outcomes											
CO	On completion of this course, students will										
1	Students will get introduced to the various types of political thoughts										
2	Understand about the state and its nature										
3	Understand the history of various political thoughts										
4	Students also understands the function, value and the nature of the state										
5	He understands to live in a political society.										
Text Book											
1	D.R.Bhandari, <u>History of European Political Philosophy</u>										
2	G.H.Sabine, <u>A History of Political Theory</u>										

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3	A.C.Kapoor, <u>Principles of Political Science</u>
4	Reginald E. Allen, <u>Greek Philosophy (Thales to Aristotle)</u>
5	Suda J P, <u>History of Political Thought</u>
Reference Books	
1.	Shefali Jha, <u>Western Political Thought</u>
2.	Mukherjee, <u>A History of Political Thought: Plato to Marx</u>
3.	O P Gauba, <u>Western Political Thought</u>
4.	J C Johari, <u>Comparitive Politics</u>
5.	Ryan K Balot, <u>Greek Political Thought</u>
Web Resources	
1.	http://home.sol.no/hansom/elster.htm
2.	https://people.brandeis.edu/~teuber/polphil.html

Mapping with Programme Outcomes:

	PO 1	PO 2	PO 3	PO 4	PO 5	PO 6	PO 7	PO 8	PO 9	PO 10
CO 1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1
CO 2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
CO 3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2
CO 4	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2
CO 5	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2

Strong (3) Medium (2) Low (1)

Mapping with Programme Specific Outcomes:

	PO 1	PO 2	PO 3	PO 4	PO 5	PO6	PO7	PO8	PO9	PO10
CO 1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
CO 2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
CO 3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
CO 4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
CO 5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Weightage	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Weighted percentage of course contribution to POS	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0

Strong (3) Medium (2) Low (1)