

UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS
B.A. DEGREE PROGRAMME IN HISTORICAL STUDIES
 SYLLABUS WITH EFFECT FROM 2023-2024

FIRST YEAR – SEMESTER- I

ELECTIVE I – PRINCIPLES OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Subject Code	Subject Name	Category	L	T	P	S	Credits	Inst. Hours	Marks		
									CIA	External	Total
106E1A	PRINCIPLES OF POLITICAL SCIENCE	E					4	3	25	75	100
Course Objectives											
C1	To understand the principles of Political Science.										
C2	To get acquainted with the concept of state, nation and civil society.										
C3	To demonstrate knowledge of key thinkers and their concepts.										
C4	To understand the nature, methods and significance of political thought.										
C5	To understand the basic concepts, principles and dynamics of political science.										
UNIT	DETAILS										No. of Hours
I	Meaning and Definition of State – Essential Elements of State – Society, State and Government – Organs and Functions of Government – Legislature, Executive and Judiciary – Functions of Modern State – Concept of Welfare State.										15
II	Sovereignty – Equality – Liberty – Law – Citizenship: Meaning – Process of acquiring – Loss of citizenship – Rights and Duties of the citizen – Fundamental Rights.										15
III	Definition and Types of Democracy – Theories of Democracy – Achievements of Indian Democracy – Challenges to Indian Democracy – Forms of Government: Unitary, Federal, Parliamentary and Presidential – Concept of Governance.										15
IV	Political Ideologies: Liberalism, Communism, Socialism, Nationalism, Fascism, Nazism, Dravidian Ideology – Political Parties: Formation and Functions – Role of Political Parties in a Democracy – Nature of Franchise and Representation – Electoral Reforms and Anti-Defection Law.										15
V	Meaning, Nature and Importance of Local Government – Classification of Local Government Institutions – Origin and Development of Local Government in India – Concept of Social Justice – Just Distribution – Socio-Cultural Equality.										15
Total										75	

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Course Outcomes		Programme Outcomes
CO	On completion of this course, students will	
1	To make the students understand the basic concepts, principles and dynamics of political science.	PO1,PO2, PO5
2	Understand the basic concept and ideological orientations of political science discipline.	PO2, PO3
3	Enable understanding of the various perspectives of government and its administration.	PO1, PO2
4	Understand various political Ideologies of the parties	PO1, PO2
5	Classify Local Government Institutions – Origin and Development of Local Government in India – Concept	PO1,PO2,P03

Text Book

1	A. C. Kapoor, Select Modern Governments, S.Chand &Company, New Delhi, 1956.
2	D.D. Basu, Introduction to the Constitution of India, New Delhi, 1997.
3	M.Valluvan Clarence, Arasangathin Varalaru (Tamil), TamilNadu TextBook Society, Madras, 1976.
4	P. Gomathinayagam, Modern Governments, Tensy Publications, Sivakasi, 2010.
5	R. C. Agarwal, Political Theory, S. Chand Publications, New Delhi.
6	Rajiv Bhargava and Ashok Acharya, Political Theory: An Introduction, Pearson India Education Services Pvt. Ltd., Uttar Pradesh, 2017.
7	Sushila Ramaswamy, Political Theory: Ideas and Concepts, MacMillan India Limited, New Delhi, 2005.
8	V.D.Mahajan, Select Modern Governments, S.Chand &Company, New Delhi, 1995.

REFERENCE BOOKS

1.	Andrew Heywood, Political Ideologies: An Introduction, MacMillan, London, 2003.
2.	O.P. Gauba, Western Political Thought, MacMillan Publishers India Limited, Delhi, 2011.
3.	Srinibas Pathi & Amareswar Mishra, Major Constitutions, Dominant Publishers and Distributors, New Delhi, 2004.
4.	Vijayaragavan, Political Thought, Sterling Publications, New Delhi.

Mapping with Programme Outcomes:

	PO 1	PO 2	PO 3	PO 4	PO 5	PO 6	PO 7	PO 8
CO 1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
CO 2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
CO 3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
CO 4	3	3	3	3	2	3	2	3
CO 5	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	3
Weightage	14	14	14	14	13	15	13	15
Weighted percentage of course contribution to POS	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.6	3.00	2.6	3.00

S-Strong-3 M-Medium-2 L-Low-1