

B. R. A. BIHAR UNIVERSITY, MUZAFFARPUR

# University Department of Political Science

## Courses of Study

M.A. Political Science under Choice Based Credit System

With effect from 2018-19

Post Graduate Board of Studies, Political Science

3/26/2019

Amritpal  
25-03-2019  
25-03-2019  
Babita  
25-03-2019

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25-03-2019  
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Babita  
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**Courses of Study (with effect from 2018-19)**

**N.L.A. SEMESTER I**

**Course Code MPOLCC-I Paper I: Western Political Thought**

**Unit I**

1. Plato
2. Aristotle

**Unit 2**

3. Machiavelli
4. Hobbes
5. Locke
6. Rousseau

**Unit 3**

7. Hegel
8. John Stuart Mill
9. Karl Marx

**Unit 4**

10. Gramsci
11. Hannah Arendt

**Unit 5**

**Reading List:**

1. William A. Dunning, *History of Political Theory*, Central Book Depot, Allahabad, 1970
2. George H. Sabine, *History of Political Thought*, Oxford, New Delhi, 1970
3. C.L. Wayper, *Political Thought*, B.L Publications, Bombay, 1975
4. Ernest Barker, *Greek Political Theory: Plato and his Predecessors*, London, 1967
5. Srivakash Mani Tripathi, *Sanskrit Rajniti Chintan*, Raj Publications, Daryaganj, Delhi, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, 2016
6. Sabena Mukherjee and Sushila Ranjwany, *A History of Political Thought: Plato to Marx*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 2013, PHI learning, New Delhi
7. Brj Kishore Jha, *Promilla Rajniti Chintak*, Bihar Hindi Grantha Academy, Patna

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**Paper II Paper Code: MPOLCC-2  
Political Institutions and Practices in India**

**Unit I**

1. Making of the Indian Constitution: Colonial Heritage and the Contribution
2. Constituent Assembly: Composition, Ideological Moorings and Working

**Unit-2**

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- Philosophy of the Constitution: Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy
- Constitutional Amendments: Process, Amendment as an instrument of social change, Basic Structure Debate

**Unit-3**

- Nature and Prospects of Federalism; Its working with reference to Centre- State relations, Emerging Trends

**Unit-4**

- Union Executive: President, Prime Minister and Council of Ministers
- Union Parliament: Structure, Role and Functioning, Parliamentary Committees
- Judiciary: Supreme Court, High Courts, Judicial Review, Judicial Activism, Judicial Reforms

**Unit-5**

- Executive and Legislature in the States: Governor, Chief Minister, State Legislature
- Electoral Process and Election Commission of India: Conduct of Elections, Electoral Reforms

**Reading List:**

- D.D. Basu, *Introduction to the Constitution of India*
- B. D. Dua, M P Singh and Rekha Saxena (eds), *India's Judiciary and Politics: Changing Landscape*, Manohar, Delhi, 2006
- B D Dua and M P Singh (eds), *Federalism in the New Millennium*, Manohar, Delhi, 2003
- B. Shiva Rao, *The Framing of India's Constitution: A Study and Select Documents*, Tripathi, Bombay 1968
- G. Austin, *Working of a Democratic Constitution: The Indian Experience*
- Bidyut Chakrabarty and Rajendra Kumar Pandey, *Indian Government and Politics*, Sage, 2008
- Nirja Gopal Jayal and Pratap Bhushan Mehta (eds) *The Oxford Companion to Politics of India*, 2011
- Bidyut Chakrabarty, *Indian Constitution: Text, Context and Interpretation*, Sage, 2017
- Lloyd and Susanne Radtigh, *Explaining Indian Democracy: A Fifty Year Perspective*, 1950-2006, Volumes I-III, Oxford University Press, 2008
- Zoya Hasan, E. Sridharan and R. Sudarshan (eds), *India's Living Constitution: Ideas, Practical Controversies*, Permanent Black, New Delhi, 2002

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Paper Code: MIPOLCC-3

**Paper III Comparative Politics: Concepts and Models**

**Unit-1**

- Comparative Method in the study of Political Systems -- Approaches : Political Sociology, Political Economy and Structural-Functionalism

**Unit-2**

2. Political Socialization, Political Culture, Political Participation and Social Mobilization, Political Development and Modernization

Unit-3

3. The American and British Political System

Unit-4

4. The French and Swiss Political System

Unit-5

5. The Chinese Political System

**Reading List:**

1. Gabriel A. Almond and J.S. Coleman, *The Politics of Developing Areas*, Princeton N.J., Princeton University Press, 1960
2. G.A. Almond and Sidney Verba, *Civic Culture: Political Attitudes and Democracy in Five Nations*, Princeton N.J., Princeton University Press, 1963
3. Sidney Verba (ed), *Civic Culture: Revisited*, Boston, Little Brown, 1989
4. G A Almond and G.B. Powell, *Comparative Politics: A Developmental Approach*, Boston, Little Brown, 1966
5. G.A. Almond and G.B. Powell, *Comparative Politics Today*, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition, Harper Collins, 2009
6. David E. Apter, *The Politics of Modernization*, Chicago, Chicago University Press, 1965
7. Paul Baran, *The Political Economy of Growth*, New York Monthly Review Press, 1957
8. A. Bebler and J. Sroka (eds), *Contemporary Political Systems: Classifications and Typologies*, Boulder Colorado, Lynne Rienner Publishers, 1990
9. Samuel P. Huntington, *Political Order in Changing Societies*, New Haven CT, Yale University Press, 1968
10. R. C. Macaulay, *The Study of Comparative Government*, 1955
11. Herman Finer, *Theory and Practice of Modern Government*, 1932
12. Carl J. Friedrich, *Constitutional Government and Democracy: Theory and Practice in Europe and America*, 1950
13. Todd Landman, *Issues and Methods in Comparative Politics: An Introduction*

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Paper Code MPOLCC-4 Paper IV: International Relations: Theories and Approaches

Unit-1

1. Development of the study International Relations

2. International Relations: Meaning and Significance

Unit-2

3. Approaches: Idealism, Realism, Neo-Realism, Neo-Liberalism, Systems and Decision Making Theories

Unit-3

4. Conflicts and Peace: Changing Nature of Warfare, Weapons of Mass Destruction, Conflict Resolution

5. Disarmament and Arms Control : CTBT, NPT

Unit-4

6. The concept of Power: its Constituents and Limitations; Security, State and State System, Non-State actors

7. The Management of Power: Balance of Power, Collective Security, Changing Dimension of National Power

Unit-5

8. Regional Organizations – Past Performance and Future Prospects: SAARC, ASEAN, European Union, BRICS and Shanghai Cooperation Organization, African Union

Reading List:

1. "Thinking Theory Thoroughly" in James N. Rosenau, *The Scientific Study of Foreign Policy*, 1980, pp.19-21
2. Mahendra Kumar, *Theoretical Aspects of International Politics*, 1972
3. Hans J. Morgenthau, *Politics Among Nations*, chapters 1,2,3, and 4, Scientific Book Agency, Kolkata, 1976
4. Robert O. Keohane and Joseph S. Nye Jr., *Realism and Complex Interdependence*, in Power and Interdependence: World Politics in Transition, Brown & Company, 1977, pp.3-5,8-11, 22-37
5. Robert Sorensen and Georg Jackson, *Introduction to International Relations*, 5<sup>th</sup> edition, Pearson, 2017.
6. Pnu Ghosh, *International Relations*, 4<sup>th</sup> edition, PHI
7. V.N. Khurana, *Adhikarayav Sambabah* (Hindi)
8. Barry Buzan, *Regions and Power: The Structure of International Security*
9. Kenneth W. Waltz, *Theory of International Politics*
10. Kenneth W. Waltz, *Man, The State and War: A Theoretical Analysis*
11. Joseph S. Nye Jr., *Soft Power: The Means to Success in World Politics*
12. Stephen M. Walt, *The Collique of the Liberal Order* (2016)
13. John J. Mearsheimer and Stephen M. Walt, *The Case for Offshore Balancing*, Foreign Affairs
14. Carl Von Clausewitz, *On War*, Oxford University Press
15. Wolfgang Zom (ed), *Clash or Cooperation of Civilizations: Overlapping Integration and Identities*

**MPOL AECC- I (Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course)**

**A. Environmental Sustainability (3 credits) & B. Swachha Bharat Abhiyan (2 credits)**

Each credit requires 10 hours of teaching-learning for theory and 20 hours for practical assignments and field work

**A. Environmental Sustainability**

**Unit- 1**

**Environmental Ethics and Ecosystem:** Concept of Sustainable Development with reference to Human Values in Western and Indian Perspectives; Sustainable Development and Conservation of Natural Resources (Nature, Factors, Structure, Development and People's Participation); Development Environment – Rural and Urban, Concept of Ecosystem

**Unit-2**

**Development and its effects on Environment:** Environmental Pollution—Water, Air, Sound etc due to Urbanization and Industrial Civilization; Concept of Global Warming, Climate Change, Green House Effect, Acid Rain, Ozone Layer Depletion; Menace of Encroachment of Exotic Plants, particularly Parthenium and Trees with special reference to impact on habits and habitat of Indigenous Flora and Fauna

**Unit-3**

**Concept of Bio-diversity and its conservation:** Environmental Degradation and conservation; Government policies, Social Effects and role of Social Reforms in this Direction. Role of Science in Conservation of Environment; Concept of three R (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle), Need of Education and Awareness Programmes and Ecological Economics

**B. Swachha Bharat Abhiyan Activities (2 credits)**

**Unit-4**

**Swachha Bharat Abhiyan:** The concept of Swachhata as personal, Gandhian approach towards social and environmental moral values. A concept of Swachhata and its relation to Moral Upgradation of society and Freedom Struggle, Awareness Programmes related to Swachhata, Role of Swachhagravitis in Swachha Bharat Abhiyan

**Sanitation and Hygiene:** Why Sanitation is needed? Sanitation and Human Rights, Plantation, Value of Nature, Concept of Community Participation and Role of State Agencies, Case Study of Sanitation, effects of Cleanliness, Diseases- Infection and Vector-borne, Idea of spread of diseases through body and other biological fluids and excreta

**Unit-5**

Assignment/Practical/ Field work based on Unit-4

Alternative to Units 4 and 5, a student can enrol for Swachha Bharat Internship Programme of Ministry of Human Resource Development

-----End of Semester I-----