SOPHIA COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

(EMPOWERED AUTONOMOUS)

Affiliated to the University of Mumbai

F.Y.B.A.

Programme: Humanities

Political Science (Minor)

Syllabus for the Academic Year 2023-2024

based on the National Education Policy 2020

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

COURSE DETAILS FOR MINOR:

	SEMESTER 1		SEMESTER 2
TITLE	**PRINCIPLES AND CONCEPTS OF POLITICAL THEORY**		**POLITICAL VALUES AND IDEOLOGIES**
TYPE OF COURSE - DSC	**Minor**		**Minor**
CREDITS	**4**		**4**

Preamble:

Political Science is the academic discipline that studies systems of governance, political activities, political thoughts, and political behavior. It explores the theoretical and practical aspects of politics, including the analysis of political systems, institutions, processes, and policies. The field seeks to understand how power and resources are distributed and exercised, both within and between societies, and examines the role of citizens, leaders, ideologies, and public opinion in shaping political life. Through the study of Political Science, one gains insights into the functioning of governments, the development of political theories, and the factors influencing political stability and change, thereby contributing to the informed and active participation of individuals in their political communities.

Political Science employs a diverse range of methodologies, from qualitative analysis and historical approaches to quantitative research and statistical modeling. It draws on insights from economics, sociology, history, law, and other disciplines to provide a holistic understanding of political phenomena. The study of Political Science is vital for fostering informed citizenship, promoting democratic engagement, and advancing social justice.

By exploring the distribution of power, the dynamics of political change, and the factors influencing governance, Political Science equips individuals with the analytical tools necessary to critically evaluate political issues and contribute to the betterment of society. Whether addressing local, national, or global challenges, Political Science remains a crucial field for understanding the past, interpreting the present, and envisioning a future where human potential can be fully realized.

PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

PO 1	To provide students with an understanding of political processes, governance structures, and the broader socio-economic and cultural contexts that shape political dynamics.
PO 2	The program aims to equip students with critical thinking skills, a deep understanding of political ideologies, and the ability to analyse political events and trends.
PO 3	Apply interdisciplinary knowledge to address complex political and social issues.

PROGRAMME SPECIFIC OUTCOMES

PSO 1	To possess a solid grounding in political science concepts and methodologies.
PSO 2	To develop an appreciation for the role of politics in shaping societies and influencing global trends.
PSO 3	They will be prepared for further academic pursuits or careers in public administration, law, international relations, journalism, policy analysis, and more.

Programme: Humanities Political Science Minor	Semester – 1
Course Title: PRINCIPLES AND CONCEPTS OF POLITICAL THEORY	**Course Code: APOL111MN**

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. Provide an overview of political systems, ideologies and institutions.
2. Analyse classical and contemporary political theories.
3. Foster an understanding of the evolution of political thought over time.

COURSE OUTCOMES:
The learner will be able to:

1. Students learn to analyse complex ideas, evaluate arguments, and develop their own perspectives based on reasoned analysis.
2. Encourages students to consider ethical dimensions of political issues, promoting a deeper understanding of justice, equality, rights, and freedoms.
3. By applying theoretical frameworks to contemporary political challenges, students develop creative problem-solving skills.

Lectures per week (1 Lecture is 60 minutes)		4	
Total number of Hours in a Semester		60	
Credits		4	
Evaluation System	Semester End Examination	2 Hours	50 marks
	Internal Assessment	--	50 marks

UNIT 1 Introduction to Political Theory (1 Credit)			15 hours
	1.1	Definition and Scope of Political Theory	
	1.2	Approaches to the study of political theory-Traditional	
	1.3	Approaches to the study of political theory-Contemporary	

UNIT 2 State and Civil Society (1 Credit)	2.1	Theories of State		15 hours
	2.2	Nation		
	2.3	Civil Society		
UNIT 3 POWER AUTHORITY AND LEGITIMACY (1 Credit)	3.1	Power		15 hours
	3.2	Authority		
	3.3	Legitimacy		
UNIT 4 CONCEPT OF LAW POLITICAL OBLIGATION R (1 Credit)	4.1	Concept of Law		15 hours
	4.2	Political Obligation		
	4.3	Right to Dissent		

ASSESSMENT DETAILS:

I.   Internal Assessment (IA): 50 marks

II.   Semester End Examination (SEE): 50 marks

REFERENCES:

- Abbas, Hoveyda and Ranjay Kumar, Political Theory, Pearson, 2012
- Bhargava, Rajeev and Ashok Acharya (eds), Political Theory: An Introduction, Pearson Longman, 2008

- Bhargava, Rajeev and Helmut Reifeld (eds), Civil Society, Public Sphere, and Citizenship: Dialogues and Perception, Sage Publications, New Delhi, 2005

- Chandhoke, Neera, State and Civil Society: Explanations in Political Theory, Sage Publications, New Delhi, 1995

- Gauba, O.P., An Introduction to Political Theory, Macmillan Publishers India Ltd., 2011
- Heywood, Andrew, Politics, Palgrave Foundations, New York, 2002
- Hoffman, John and Paul Graham, Introduction to Political Ideology, Pearson, 2006
- Marsh David and Gerry Stoker (ed), Theory and Methods in Political Science, Macmillan Press Ltd, 1999

Programme: Humanities Political Science Minor	Semester – 2
Course Title: POLITICAL VALUES AND IDEOLOGIES	Course Code: APOL122MN

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. To trace the historical development of key political ideologies and understand their origins, evolution, and impact on political thought and practice.

2. Evaluate how different ideologies influence political parties, policies, and governance structures in both historical and contemporary settings.

3. To explore the ethical implications of different political ideologies and their impact on social justice, human rights, and global relations.

COURSE OUTCOMES:

The learner will be able to:

1. The Learner will be able to identify and define major political ideologies such as liberalism, conservatism, socialism, feminism, libertarianism, and environmentalism.

2. The Learner will understand and explain core political values and concepts, including justice, freedom, equality, and democracy, and their role in shaping political systems and policies.

3. The Learner will develop critical thinking skills to assess the strengths and weaknesses of various ideological positions on contemporary political challenges.

Lectures per week (1 Lecture is 60 minutes)	4

SOPHIA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)

Total number of Hours in a Semester			60	
Credits			4	
Evaluation System		Semester End Examination	2 Hours	50 marks
		Internal Assessment	--	50 marks
UNIT 1 POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES (1 Credit)	1.1	What is an ideology?		15 hours
	1.2	Socialism		
	1.3	Secularism		
UNIT 2 RIGHTS (1 Credit)	2.1	Meaning and Nature of Rights		15 hours
	2.2	Theories of Rights		
	2.3	Classification of Rights		
UNIT 3 BASIC POLITICAL VALUES (1 Credit)	3.1	Liberty		15 hours
	3.2	Equality		
	3.3	Justice		

UNIT 4 Democracy (1 Credit)	4.1	Theories of Democracy	
	4.2	Principles of Liberal Democracy	
	4.3	Conditions for the Successful Working of Democracy	
			15 hours

ASSESSMENT DETAILS:

I.   Internal Assessment (IA): 50 marks

II.   Semester End Examination (SEE): 50 marks

REFERENCES:

- Abbas, Hoveyda and Ranjay Kumar, Political Theory, Pearson, 2012
- Bhargava, Rajeev and Ashok Acharya (eds), Political Theory: An Introduction, Pearson
- Longman, 2008
- Bhargava, Rajeev and Helmut Reifeld (eds), Civil Society, Public Sphere, and Citizenship:
- Dialogues and Perception, Sage Publications, New Delhi, 2005
- Chandhoke, Neera, State and Civil Society: Explanations in Political Theory, Sage
- Publications, New Delhi, 1995
- Gauba, O.P., An Introduction to Political Theory, Macmillan Publishers India Ltd., 2011

- Heywood, Andrew, Politics, Palgrave Foundations, New York, 2002
- Hoffman, John and Paul Graham, Introduction to Political Ideology, Pearson, 2006
- Marsh David and Gerry Stoker (ed), Theory and Methods in Political Science, Macmillan Press *Ltd, 1995.*

SOPHIA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)