



**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 2024-2025  
based on the National Education Policy 2020**

## DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

### COURSE DETAILS FOR MINOR:

	SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>PRINCIPLES AND CONCEPTS OF POLITICAL THEORY</b>	<b>POLITICAL VALUES AND IDEOLOGIES</b>
<b>TYPE OF COURSE - DSC</b>	<b>Minor</b>	<b>Minor</b>
<b>CREDITS</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>

### 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

<b>PO 1</b>	To provide students with an understanding of political processes, governance structures, and the broader socio-economic and cultural contexts that shape political dynamics.
<b>PO 2</b>	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.
<b>PO 3</b>	Apply interdisciplinary knowledge to address complex political and social issues.

## PROGRAMME SPECIFIC OUTCOMES

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

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<b>Programme: Humanities Political Science Minor</b>		<b>Semester – 1</b>	
<b>Course Title: PRINCIPLES AND CONCEPTS OF POLITICAL THEORY</b>		<b>Course Code: APOL111MN</b>	
<b><u>COURSE OBJECTIVES:</u></b>			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide an overview of political systems, ideologies and institutions.</li> <li>2. Analyse classical and contemporary political theories.</li> <li>3. Foster an understanding of the evolution of political thought over time.</li> </ol>			
<b><u>COURSE OUTCOMES:</u></b>			
The learner will be able to:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Students learn to analyse complex ideas, evaluate arguments, and develop their own perspectives based on reasoned analysis.</li> <li>2. Encourages students to consider ethical dimensions of political issues, promoting a deeper understanding of justice, equality, rights, and freedoms.</li> <li>3. By applying theoretical frameworks to contemporary political challenges, students develop creative problem-solving skills.</li> </ol>			
<b>Lectures per week (1 Lecture is 60 minutes)</b>		<b>4</b>	
<b>Total number of Hours in a Semester</b>		<b>60</b>	
<b>Credits</b>		<b>4</b>	
<b>Evaluation System</b>	<b>Semester End Examination</b>	<b>2 Hours</b>	<b>50 marks</b>
	<b>Internal Assessment</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>50 marks</b>

<b>UNIT 1</b> 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

<b>Programme: Humanities Political Science Minor</b>	<b>Semester – 2</b>
<b>Course Title: POLITICAL VALUES AND IDEOLOGIES</b>	<b>Course Code: APOL122MN</b>
<p><b><u>COURSE OBJECTIVES:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To trace the historical development of key political ideologies and understand their origins, evolution, and impact on political thought and practice.</li> <li>2. Evaluate how different ideologies influence political parties, policies, and governance structures in both historical and contemporary settings.</li> <li>3. To explore the ethical implications of different political ideologies and their impact on social justice, human rights, and global relations.</li> </ol>	
<p><b><u>COURSE OUTCOMES:</u></b></p> <p>The learner will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Learner will be able to identify and define major political ideologies such as liberalism, conservatism, socialism, feminism, libertarianism, and environmentalism.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>3. The Learner will develop critical thinking skills to assess the strengths and weaknesses of various ideological positions on contemporary political challenges.</li> </ol>	
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	<b>Internal Assessment</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>50 marks</b>
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	



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

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