



**SOPHIA COLLEGE FOR WOMEN
(AUTONOMOUS)**

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UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI

Programme: Political Science

Programme Code: SBAPOL

F.Y.B.A.

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(Choice Based Credit System with effect from the year 2018-19)

Programme Outline : FYBA (SEMESTER I)

Course Code	Unit No.	Name of the Unit	Credits
SB APOL101		Principles And Concepts Of Political Theory	3
	1	Introduction to Political Theory	
	2	State, Civil Society and Market	
	3	Power, Authority and Legitimacy	
	4	Concept of Law and Political Obligations	

Programme Outline : FYBA (SEMESTER II)

Course Code	Unit No.	Name of the Unit	Credits
SB APOL201		Political Values And Ideologies	3
	1	Rights	
	2	Basic Political Values	
	3	Democracy	
	4	Political Ideologies	

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	Develop an understanding of the cultural and social contexts that influence political behavior and institutions.
PO 2	Develop the ability to critically evaluate political arguments, policies, and institutions. Enhance skills in logical reasoning, evidence-based analysis, and problem-solving in political contexts.
PO 3	Prepare for careers in public service, law, journalism, international organizations, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and other related fields.

PROGRAMME SPECIFIC OUTCOMES

PSO 1	The learner will understand the basic principles and structures of political systems, including different forms of government and political ideologies.
PSO 2	The learner will explore major political theories and ideologies, including liberalism, conservatism, socialism, feminism, and others. Examine the contributions of key political philosophers and theorists throughout history.
PSO 3	The course will foster in the learner, a sense of civic responsibility, encouraging active participation in political and community affairs.

SEMESTER 1

NAME OF THE COURSE	PRINCIPLES AND CONCEPTS OF POLITICAL THEORY	
CLASS	FYBA	
COURSE CODE	SBAPOL101	
NUMBER OF CREDITS	4	
NUMBER OF LECTURES PER WEEK	4	
TOTAL NUMBER OF LECTURES PER SEMESTER	60	
EVALUATION METHOD	INTERNAL ASSESSMENT	SEMESTER END EXAMINATION
TOTAL MARKS	25	75
PASSING MARKS	10	30

COURSE OBJECTIVES

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

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES:

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

UNIT 1	Introduction to Political Theory
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, Civil Society and Market
2.1	State: Concept and Perspectives
2.2	Nation-State: Meaning and Changing Perceptions
2.3	State and Civil Society
UNIT 3	Power, Authority and Legitimacy

3.1	Power
3.2	Authority
3.3	Legitimacy
UNIT 4	Concept of Law and Political Obligations
4.1	Concept of Law
4.2	Political Obligation
4.3	Right to Resist

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

SEMESTER 2

NAME OF THE COURSE	POLITICAL VALUES AND IDEOLOGIES	
CLASS	FYBA	
COURSE CODE	SBAPOL201	
NUMBER OF CREDITS	3	
NUMBER OF LECTURES PER WEEK	4	
TOTAL NUMBER OF LECTURES PER SEMESTER	60	
EVALUATION METHOD	INTERNAL ASSESSMENT	SEMESTER END EXAMINATION
TOTAL MARKS	25	75
PASSING MARKS	10	30

COURSE OBJECTIVES

CO 1.	To trace the historical development of key political ideologies and understand their origins, evolution, and impact on political thought and practice.
CO 2.	Evaluate how different ideologies influence political parties, policies, and governance structures in both historical and contemporary settings.
CO 3.	To explore the ethical implications of different political ideologies and their impact on social justice, human rights, and global relations.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES:

CLO 1.	The Learner will be able to identify and define major political ideologies such as liberalism, conservatism, socialism, feminism, libertarianism, and environmentalism.
CLO 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.
CLO 3.	The Learner will develop critical thinking skills to assess the strengths and weaknesses of various ideological positions on contemporary political challenges.

UNIT 1	Rights
1.1	Meaning and Nature of Rights
1.2	Theories of Rights
1.3	Classification of Rights
UNIT 2	Basic Political Values
2.1	Liberty
2.2	Equality
2.3	Justice
UNIT 3	Democracy
3.1	Theories of Democracy
3.2	Principles of Liberal Democracy
3.3	Conditions for the Successful working of Democracy
UNIT 4	Political Ideologies
4.1	Marxism
4.2	Fascism
4.3	Feminism

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- Abbas, Hoveyda and Ranjay Kumar, Political Theory, Pearson, 2012
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ASSESSMENT DETAILS:

Each course/paper of each semester is of 100 marks. There is an Internal Assessment (IA) of 25 marks held during the semester and a written Semester End Exam (SEE) of 75 marks at the end of each semester, for each course/paper.

Internal Assessment (25 marks)

Part 1: (20 Marks)

The Examiner may give an objective type Test/s and/or a Project. Each type of testing method would be for marks ranging from 10 to 20. The duration of each will depend on the nature of the Test/Project.

For the objective type Test, the Examiner may choose the type of questions – MCQs, one line answer, fill in the blanks etc. The questions may be all of one type or a combination of different types of questions.

With regard to the Project, the Examiner will determine the type of project – presentation and/or written assignment and/or viva voce.

Part 2: Attendance (05 Marks)

Five marks out of the 25 will be given for attendance. The marking scheme for attendance will be determined by the Examination Committee.

Semester End Examination –External Assessment (75 marks)

The SEE will be of 2.5 hours.

There will be FIVE questions of 15 marks and students will be given a choice of questions.

Question I to Question IV will be essay type questions based on one Unit each. Students will be given TWO questions from which they have to attempt any one.

Question V will be short notes of 5 marks each. Students will be given FIVE questions and they have to attempt any three of them. There will be atleast one short note from each Unit.