

Dinabandhu Mahavidyalaya
Department of Political Science (Honours)
CBCS Syllabus
Session July 2023-June 24

Honours	Paper Title & Paper Code	Month	No of lectures	Topic	
Semester 1	–Understanding Political Theory PLSACOR01T	July	15	Models of studying political theory-(a) Authority Models (Weber)	
		August	20	Approaches to the; (a) Traditional, (b) Marxist, (c) Behavioural (d) Post Behavioural	
		September	11	Models of studying political theory-(b) System Analysis	
		October	08	Models of studying political theory-(c) Structural Functional Model	
		November	10	What is Political and What is Political Science	
		December	12	Models of studying political theory-(d) Post Modernism (to be studied at the backdrop of current debates)	
Semester 1	Constitutional Government and Democracy in India PLSACOR02T	July	15	Constitution of India (Article Wise) (a) Preamble	
		August	20	Constitution of India (Article Wise) (b) Fundamental Rights Constitution of India (Article Wise) (a) Directive Principles of State Policy	
		September	11	(a)Union Government: Executive(total as it is in the constitution)Legislature(total, according to the Constitution)	
		October	08	Judiciary(total, following the articles of the constitution with two additional dimensions: landmark decisions and PIL	
		November	10	Federalism	
		December	12	b)State Government: Executive, Legislature, Judiciary (In the same way as the Union government is to be studied)	
Semester 2	Political Theory- Concepts and Debates PLSACOR03T	Jan	20	Core political concepts: (i) Nationalism and nation state (ii) Sovereignty: Monism, Pluralism	
		Feb	20	Core Concepts and Debates: (i). Rights, Liberty, Equality (ii)Justice: Plato, Rawls	
		March	15	Theories of State (a)Idealist Theory	
		April	12	(a)Idealist Theory (a)Idealist Theory b)Liberal and Neo-liberal Theories	
		May	04	b)Liberal and Neo-liberal Theories	

		June	04	b) Liberal and Neo-liberal Theories	
Semester 2	Political Process in India PLSACOR04T	Jan	20	Structure and process of election system a) Party system in India: features and trends; coalition Governments	
		Feb	20	Electoral process: Election Commission— Composition and Functions	
		March	15	Issues in contemporary politics a) Regionalism in India b) Role of religion, caste, dalits, Women	
		April	12	The concerns: Measures to curb corruption in Indian politics (a) Corruption and politics:	
		May	04	The concerns: Measures to curb corruption in Indian politics: The concerns (b) Media and politics	
		June	04	The concerns Measures to curb corruption in Indian politics: (b) Media and politics	
Semester 3	Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics PLSACOR05T	July	15	Understanding Comparative Politics (a) Nature and scope (b) Going beyond Eurocentrism	
		August	20	Historical context of modern government (a) Capitalism: meaning and development: globalization (b) Socialism: meaning, growth and development c. Colonialism and decolonization: meaning, context, forms of colonialism; anti-colonialism struggles and process of decolonization	
		September	11	Historical context of modern government (c) Colonialism and decolonization: meaning, context, forms of colonialism; anti-colonialism struggles and process of decolonization	
		October	08	Historical context of modern government (c) Colonialism and decolonization: meaning, context, forms of colonialism; anti-colonialism struggles and process of decolonization	
		November	10	Themes for comparative analysis A comparative study of constitutional developments and political economy in the following countries: Britain, Brazil and China	
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Semester 3	Perspectives on Public Administration PLSACOR06T	July	15	Public Administration as a Discipline (a) Meaning, Dimensions and Significance of the Discipline (b) Public and Private Administration c. Evolution of Public Administration	
		August	20	Theoretical Perspectives (a) CLASSICAL THEORIES - Scientific management (F.W. Taylor), Administrative Management (Gullick, Urwick and Fayol), Ideal-type bureaucracy (Max Weber)	
		September	11	(b) NEO-CLASSICAL THEORIES - Human relations theory (Elton Mayo) , Rational decision-making (Herbert Simon)	
		October	08	c. CONTEMPORARY THEORIES ☐ Ecological approach (Fred Riggs), Innovation and Entrepreneurship (Peter Drucker)	
		November	10	Major Approaches In Public Administration - New Public Administration, New Public Management , New Public Service Approach, Good Governance, Feminist Perspectives	
		December	12	Major Approaches In Public Administration ☐ New Public Administration, New Public Management, New Public Service Approach, Good Governance, Feminist Perspectives	
Semester 3	Perspectives on International Relations and World History PLSACOR07T	July	15	Studying International Relations - (a) How do you understand International Relations: Levels of Analysis (b) History and IR: Emergence of the International State System (c) Pre-Westphalia and Westphalia d. Post-Westphalia	
		August	20	Theoretical Perspectives (a) Classical Realism & Neo-Realism (b) Liberalism & Neo-liberalism (c) Marxist Approaches (d) Feminist Perspectives e. Eurocentricism and Perspectives from the Global South	
		September	11	An Overview of Twentieth Century IR History (a) World War I: Causes and Consequences (b) Significance of the Bolshevik Revolution (c) Rise of Fascism / Nazism	
		October	08	An Overview of Twentieth Century IR History (d) World War II : Causes and Consequences	
		November	10	An Overview of Twentieth Century IR History (e) Cold War: Different Phases (f) Emergence of the Third World (g) Collapse of the USSR and the End of the Cold War	
		December	12	An Overview of Twentieth Century IR History (h) Post Cold War Developments and Emergence of other Power Centres of Power	

Semester 4	Political Processes and Institutions in Comparative Perspective PLSACOR08T	Jan	20	Nation-state: What is nation–state? Historical evolution in Western Europe and postcolonial contexts ‘Nation’ and ‘State’: debates	
		Feb	20	Process of democratization in postcolonial, post- authoritarian and post-communist countries	
		March	15	(a) Federalism: Historical context Federation and Confederation: debates around territorial division of power: USA, CANADA, INDIA	
		April	12	(b) Nature of Party System : (i) Historical contexts of emergence of the party system and types of parties (ii) Nature of party System: USA, UK, China	
		May	04	Approaches to Studying Comparative Politics (a) Political Culture (b) New Institutionalism	
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Semester 4	Public Policy and Administration in India PLSACOR09T	Jan	20	Citizen and Administration Interface (a) Public Service Delivery (b) Redressal of Public Grievances: RTI, Lokpal, Citizens’ Charter and E-Governance	
		Feb	20	Public Policy (a) Concept, relevance and approaches b. Definition, characteristics and models (c) Public Policy Process in India, (d) Formulation, implementation and evaluation	
		March	15	Public Policy (e) Social Welfare Policies: Education: Right To Education, National Education Policy, Kothari Commission. Health: National Health Mission. Food: Right To Food Security a. Employment: JNNURM, MNREGA	
		April	12	Decentralization (i) Meaning, significance and approaches and types (ii) Local Self Governance: Rural and Urban – With Special Reference to West Bengal	
		May	04	Budget (a) Concept and Significance of Budget (b) Budget Cycle in India	
		June	04	Budget (c) Various Approaches and Types Of Budgeting, Vote on Account, Zero Base Budgeting, Performance Budgeting	
Semester 4	Global Politics PLSACOR010T	Jan	20	Contemporary Global Issues (a) Ecological Issues: Historical Overview of International Environmental Agreements, Climate Change, Global Commons Debate (b) Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (c) International Terrorism: Non-State Actors and State Terrorism; Post 9/11 developments (d) Migration (e) Human Security	
		Feb	20	Globalization: Conceptions and Perspectives (a) Understanding Globalization and its Alternative Perspectives (b) Political: Debates on Sovereignty and	

				Territoriality	
		March	15	Globalization: Conceptions and Perspectives (c) Global Economy: Its Significance and Anchors of Global Political Economy: IMF, World Bank, WTO, TNCs	
		April	12	Globalization: Conceptions and Perspectives (d) Cultural and Technological Dimension (e) Global Resistances (Global Social Movements and NGOs	
		May	04	Global Shifts: Power and Governance	
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