

Department of Political Science

**For 4-year UG Honours/ Honours with Research Programme in
POLITICAL SCIENCE
And
3-Year Multidisciplinary UG Programme in POLITICAL
SCIENCE**

Semesters 1 – 8

Under Curriculum and Credit Framework for Undergraduate Programmes
(CCFUP)
Based on National Education Policy, 2020 (NEP 2020) Course Structure and
Syllabus for the

2025

Major Papers for 4-year Honours/ Honours with Research Programme

Semester	Major Paper	Title	Credit	Paper Code
I	DS-1	Political Theory: Concepts	5	PLSDSC101T
II	DS-2	Indian Constitution and Government	5	PLSDSC202T
III	DS-3	Political Theory: Approaches	5	PLSDSC303T
IV	DS-4	Politics in India: Structures and Processes	5	PLSDSC404T
	DS-5	Comparative Government and Politics	5	PLSDSC405T
	DS-6	International Relations: Theory and Approaches	5	PLSDSC406T
	DS-7	Public Administration: Theory and Concepts	5	PLSDSC407T
V	DS-8	Public Administration and Public Policies in India	5	PLSDSC508T
	DS-9	International Relations: Indian Foreign Policy	5	PLSDSC509T
	DS-10	Western Political Thought – 1	5	PLSDSC510T
	DS-11	Indian Political Thought – 1	5	PLSDSC511T
VI	DS-12	Political Sociology	5	PLSDSC612T
	DS-13	Gender and Politics	5	PLSDSC613T
	DS-14	Western Political Thought – 2	5	PLSDSC614T
	DS-15	Indian Political Thought – 2	5	PLSDSC615T
VII	DS-16	Research Methodology in Social Science	5	PLSDSC716T
	DS-17	Contemporary Debates in Politics	5	PLSDSC717T
VIII	DS-18	International Relations: Global Politics	5	PLSDSC818T/ PLSRES801T (H .w.R)
	DS-19	Understanding Governance	5	PLSDSC819T
	DS-20	Human Rights and Politics	5	PLSDSC820T
	DS-21	Environment and Politics	5	PLSDSC821T

*Students of Honours with Research (H.w.R) will have to take courses DS-18 only.

Programme Outcome

The students studying the programme will develop comprehensive knowledge and understanding politics and its different dimensions. They would learn Indian as well as Western theoretical concepts, geopolitics ,political economy, public policy and other emerging global issues. The programme would help them prepare for administrative jobs and research job

4 Year Degree UG Programme (Honours /Honours with Research)

Course Details – Major Paper

Semester 1

Major/DS 1 (PLSDSC101T)

Political Theory: Concepts

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Outcome

This course is designed to develop a foundational understanding of Political Science. It sheds critical light on key political concepts and their different meanings, interpretations, and theoretical positions. Students are expected to comprehend contemporary debates associated with the subject by studying this course.

Semester 2

Major /DS 2 (PLSDSC202T)

Indian Constitution and Government

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Outcome

The course objective is to familiarise students with the key elements of the Constitution of India. On completion of the course, students are expected to have an objective knowledge of constitutionalism in the Indian context through the functioning of the central and state

governments.

Semester 3

Major/DS 3 (PLSDSC303T)
Political Theory: Approaches
Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Outcome

The course is designed to introduce key political approaches to students to enrich their understanding of political discourses. Diverse traditions and approaches have been included in the teaching scheme to make the understanding comprehensive and insightful. The course is expected to provide students with comprehensive knowledge of the different traditions of political theory.

Semester 4

Major /DS 4 (PLSDSC404T)
Politics in India: Structures and Processes
Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Outcome

The objective of the course is to familiarise students with the political processes of India and enable them to critically assess the same. On completion of the course, students are expected to have critical knowledge of political parties, party systems, electoral processes, and identity politics in India.

Major /DS 5 (PLSDSC405T)
Comparative Government and Politics
Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Objective

The course objective is to make students aware of the constitutional structure and political processes of states around the world. The course is designed to give students an understanding of how the governmental systems in different countries function.

Major /DS 6 (PLSDSC406T)
International Relations: Theory and Approaches
Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Outcome

This paper seeks to equip students with the basic intellectual tools for understanding International Relations (IR). It introduces students to important theoretical approaches to the study of IR. The course deals with major theories, important perspectives, key concepts, and crucial organisations in the realm of global politics.

Major /DS 7 (PLSDSC407T)
Public Administration: Theory and Concepts
Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Outcome

This course seeks to familiarise students with the meaning, nature, scope, and evolution of the discipline of Public Administration. Apart from emphasising the key concepts, the course also sheds light on the various theoretical perspectives and public administrative processes in India and at large.

Semester 5

Major /DS 8 (PLSDSC508T)

Public Administration and Public Policies in India

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Outcome

This course aims to introduce students to the Indian perspective of public administration. This will help them develop an understanding of how different administrative institutions in India evolve and function. It has been designed to provide students with an idea of different and crucial social welfare policies in India.

Major /DS 9 (PLSDSC509T)

International Relations: Indian Foreign Policy

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Outcome

This course provides an overview of the evolution, principles, and strategic direction of Indian foreign policy from independence to the present. It examines India's relations with key global and regional actors and explores the domestic and international factors that shape its diplomatic stance. By analysing major phases and shifts, students will assess India's transition from a postcolonial nation to an aspiring global power

Major /DS 10 (PLSDSC510T)

Western Political Thought – 1

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Outcome

This course explores foundational political ideas from ancient Greece to early modern Europe, tracing the key concepts of justice, citizenship, sovereignty, and social contracts. Through engagement with thinkers like Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, and Rousseau, students will examine the philosophical roots of modern political systems. The course emphasises comparative perspectives and relevance to contemporary political debate

Major/DS 11 (PLSDSC511T)

Indian Political Thought – 1

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Outcome

This course examines key themes in Indian political philosophy through Brahmanic,

Shramanic, Islamic, and syncretic traditions. Students will engage with foundational texts to understand the concepts of state, justice, kingship, and moral governance. Emphasis is placed on thinkers such as Kautilya, Ved Vyasa, Manu, and Kabir to explore indigenous political ideas in context.

Semester 6

Major/DS 12 (PLSDSC612T)

Political Sociology

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Outcome

This course explores how society shapes political behaviour, institutions, and power structures. It introduces key concepts such as political culture, socialisation, participation, and communication, with a focus on the Indian context. Students will critically examine themes such as development, stratification, and military intervention to understand the socio-political fabric of the region.

Major/DS 13 (PLSDSC613T)

Gender and Politics

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Objective

This course critically engages with gender as a political and social construct, examining feminist theories and the shifting paradigms of patriarchy, equality, and identity. Through global and Indian contexts, it explores the intersections of gender, power, development, ecology, and reform. Students will analyse how feminist thought challenges dominant structures and reshapes political discourse.

Major/DS 14 (PLSDSC614T)

Western Political Thought – 2

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Outcome

This course introduces students to key political ideologies and thinkers, spanning utilitarianism, liberalism, feminism, socialism, anarchism, and post-Marxist theory. Through critical engagement with primary texts and debates, it explores concepts such as liberty, justice, rights, and the state. Students will gain historical context and analytical tools to assess the relevance of these ideas in modern political discourse

Major/DS 15 (PLSDSC615T)

Indian Political Thought – 2

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Outcome

This course explores themes and debates in modern Indian political thought through writings of reformers, revolutionaries, and philosophers. It examines ideas of justice, nationalism, socialism, gender, caste, and community articulated by thinkers like Rammohun Roy, Pandita Ramabai, Gandhi, Ambedkar, Tagore, and others. Students will engage with diverse visions

of political transformation that shaped India's historical and ideological landscape.

Semester 7

Major/DS 16 (PLSDSC716T)

Research Methodology in Social Science

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Outcome

This course equips students with essential tools for conducting systematic political science research. It covers core concepts, research designs, and both quantitative and qualitative approaches. Through engagement with methods of data analysis, proposal writing, and academic referencing, students will gain practical and analytical skills necessary for rigorous inquiry in social science

Major/DS 17 (PLSDSC717T)

Contemporary Debates in Politics

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Outcome

This course engages students in critical analysis of political ideas, institutions, and global phenomena shaping the 21st century. It explores debates on justice, democracy, and power while addressing globalisation, digital politics, multiculturalism, and environmental ethics. Drawing from diverse theoretical traditions and perspectives, students will develop insights into the complexities of contemporary political discourse.

Semester 8

Major/DS 18 (PLSDSC818T/ PLSRES801T (H.w.R)

International Relations: Global Politics

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Outcome

This course introduces students to key global transformations and pressing political challenges shaping the post-Cold War world. It explores shifting power dynamics, regional conflicts, globalization, and the evolving role of the Global South. Students will critically examine transnational issues—such as migration, environmental cooperation, terrorism, and nuclear disarmament—to develop a nuanced understanding of international politics in a rapidly changing world

Major/ DS 19 (PLSDSC819T)

Understanding Governance

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Outcome

This course introduces students to governance theory and practice in contemporary political systems, focusing on democratic accountability, public service delivery, and citizen engagement. It examines governance models—local, digital, and green—through key concepts and Indian case studies. Students will analyse how state, market, and civil society shape effective, inclusive, and sustainable governance.

Major/ DS 20 (PLSDSC820T)
Human Rights and Politics
Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Outcome

The course provides students an overview of Human Rights and international provisions to secure them. It builds conceptual understanding of human rights and enables critical examination of key issues, while introducing institutional frameworks and laws at international and national levels.

Major /DS 21 (PLSDSC821T)
Environment and Politics
Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Outcome

This course aims to introduce students to the Indian perspective of public administration. This will help them develop an understanding of how different administrative institutions in India evolve and function. It has been designed to give the students an idea of different crucial social welfare policies in India.

Course Details – Minor/Core Paper

Semester 1

Minor / Core - M 1 (PLSMIN101T/ PLSCOR101T)

Political Theory: Concepts

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Outcome

This course is designed to develop a foundational understanding of Political Science. It sheds critical light on key political concepts and their different meanings, interpretations, and theoretical positions. Students are expected to comprehend contemporary debates associated with the subject by studying this course.

Semester 2

Minor /Core - M 2 (PLSMIN202T/ PLSCOR202T)

Indian Constitution and Government

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Outcome

The course objective is to familiarise students with the key elements of the Constitution of India. Upon completion of the course, students are expected to have an objective knowledge of constitutionalism in the Indian context through the functioning of the central and state governments.

Semester 3

Minor / Core - M 3 (PLSMIN303T/ PLSCOR303T)

Comparative Government and Politics

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Outcome

The course objective is to make students aware of the constitutional structure and political processes of states around the world. The course is designed to give students an understanding of how the governmental systems in different countries function.

Semester 4

Core - M 4 (PLSCOR404T)

International Relations: Indian Foreign Policy

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Outcome

The objective of the course is to familiarize the students with the key aspects of Indian Foreign Policy. It highlights India's relations with big powers as well as regional powers. A critical understanding of India's role at the global and regional level is expected to orient students towards careers related to foreign policy-making.

Semester 5

Core - M 5 (PLSCOR505T)

Politics in India: Structures and Processes

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Outcome

The objective of the course is to familiarise students with the political processes of India and enable them to critically assess the same. On completion of the course, students are expected to have critical knowledge of political parties, party systems, electoral processes, and identity politics in India.

Semester 6

Core - M 6 (PLSCOR606T)

Public Administration and Public Policies in India

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Outcome

This course aims to introduce students to the Indian perspective of public administration. This will help them develop an understanding of how different administrative institutions in India evolve and function. It has been designed to provide students with an idea of different and crucial social welfare policies in India.

Semester 7

Minor / Core - SM 1 (PLSSMC701T)

International Relations: Indian Foreign Policy

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Outcome

This course provides an overview of the evolution, principles, and strategic direction of Indian foreign policy from independence to the present. It examines India's relations with key global and regional actors and explores the domestic and international factors that shape its diplomatic stance. By analysing major phases and shifts, students will assess India's transition from a postcolonial nation to an aspiring global power

Minor / Core - SM 2 (PLSSMC702T)

Politics in India: Structures and Processes

Credit: 5 (4 + 1)

Course Outcome

The objective of the course is to familiarise students with the political processes of India and enable them to critically assess the same. On completion of the course, students are expected to have critical knowledge of political parties, party systems, electoral processes, and identity politics in India

SEC Papers for 4-year Honours/ Honours with Research Programme

Course Details – SEC Paper

Semester I: SEC – SE-1 (4 Yrs Hons/H w R) - PLSHSE101M (as Major)

Semester III: SEC – SE-3 (4 Yrs Hons/H w R) – PLSHSE303M (as Minor)

Semester III & V: SEC – SE - 1 (3 Yrs MDP) - PLSGSE301M/PLSGSE501M

Democratic Awareness through Legal Literacy

Credit - 3

Course Outcome

This course aims to enhance students' skills in legal matters by introducing them to the legal system in India, the institutions attached to jurisprudence, and the crucial laws that govern their public and personal lives. It is designed to make the students aware of basic legal matters like filing a First Information Report (FIR) and understand the meaning and process of legal issues like bail, seizure etc.

Semester II: SEC – SE-2 (4 Yrs Hons/H w R) - PLSHSE202M

Semester IV&VI: SEC – SE -2 (3 Yrs MDP) - PLSGSE402M/PLSGSE602M

Survey Research in Social Science

Credit - 3

Course Outcome

The course has been designed to enhance the skill level of students regarding survey work in social science. It would help them develop an idea of about survey, methods of survey, how to do a sampling, how to prepare a questionnaire and conduct a survey. It would enable them to learn the practical applications of survey research methodology in social science.
