

COMPLEMENTARY COURSES FOR OTHER BA PROGRAMMES

COURSE I AN INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE

Course Rationale: The course follows a basic historical-analytical framework of the discipline. It stresses upon a critical understanding of constitutional design and institutional framework of government. Integral to the course is the understanding that ideas of democracy and freedom and corresponding social relations and political and institutional practices took shape the discipline in a more meaningfully. The course aims therefore to develop among students the ability to comprehend contemporary politics as a relationship between institutional structures and historically constituted political processes.

Module I

- i. Political Science: Definition, Nature & Scope of the Discipline.
- ii. Approaches to the study of Political Science: Traditional, Behavioural, Post-Behavioural and Marxian approaches

(20 Hours)

Module II: Essential Concept in Political Science.

- i. State-Concept-Origin of State-Evolutionary Theory.
- ii. State in a Globalised Era.
- iii. Key Concepts in Political Science: Liberty - Positive and Negative, Equality – Formal and Political, Law - Rule of Law, Justice-Distributive Justice.

(30 Hours)

Module III: Major Political Ideologies.

- i. Liberalism.
- ii. Gandhism.
- iii. Marxism.
- iv. Fascism.

(20 Hours)

Module IV: Democracy and Classification of Government.

- i. Democracy: Liberal, Deliberative and Representative.
- ii. Forms of Government: Parliamentary & Presidential, Federal & Unitary.

(20 Hours)

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