

# **VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY**

Midnapore, West Bengal



***PROPOSED CURRICULUM & SYLLABUS (DRAFT) OF***

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## **BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH POLITICAL SCIENCE (MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES)**

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**3-YEAR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME**  
***(w.e.f. Academic Year 2023-2024)***

***Based on***  
**Curriculum & Credit Framework for Undergraduate Programmes**  
**(CCFUP), 2023 & NEP, 2020**

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**BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HUMANITIES/ SOCIAL SCIENCE with POLITICAL SCIENCE**  
**(under CCFUP, 2023)**

| Level                                               | YR.             | SEM               | Course Type        | Course Code  | Course Title                                                                                                          | Credit | L-T-P | Marks |     |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-----|-------|
|                                                     |                 |                   |                    |              |                                                                                                                       |        |       | CA    | ESE | TOTAL |
| B.A. in Humanities/<br>Social Science with Pol. Sc. | 1 <sup>st</sup> | I                 | SEMESTER-I         |              |                                                                                                                       |        |       |       |     |       |
|                                                     |                 |                   | Major-1 (Disc.-A1) | POLPMJ101    | T: Introduction to Political Theory<br>(To be studied by the students taken Pol .Sc. as Discipline-A)                 | 4      | 3-1-0 | 15    | 60  | 75    |
|                                                     |                 |                   | SEC                | SEC01        | To be chosen from SEC-01 of Discipline A/B/C of their Hons. prog.                                                     | 3      | 0-0-3 | 10    | 40  | 50    |
|                                                     |                 |                   | AEC                | AEC01        | Communicative English-1 (common for all programmes)                                                                   | 2      | 2-0-0 | 10    | 40  | 50    |
|                                                     |                 |                   | MDC                | MDC01        | Multidisciplinary Course-1 (to be chosen from the list )                                                              | 3      | 3-0-0 | 10    | 40  | 50    |
|                                                     |                 |                   | VAC                | VAC01        | VAC-01: ENVS (common for all programmes)                                                                              | 4      | 2-0-2 | 50    | 50  | 100   |
|                                                     |                 |                   | Minor (Disc.-C1)   | POL MI01/C1  | T: Nationalism and Anti-colonial Movements in India<br>(To be studied by the students taken Pol .Sc. as Discipline-C) | 4      | 3-1-0 | 15    | 60  | 75    |
|                                                     |                 | Semester-I Total  |                    |              |                                                                                                                       | 20     |       |       |     | 400   |
|                                                     |                 | II                | SEMESTER-II        |              |                                                                                                                       |        |       |       |     |       |
|                                                     |                 |                   | Major (Disc.-B1)   |              | To be decided (Same as like A1 for students taken Pol .Sc. as Discipline-B )                                          | 4      | 3-1-0 | 15    | 60  | 75    |
|                                                     |                 |                   | SEC                | SEC02        | To be chosen from SEC-02 of Discipline A/B/C of their Hons. prog.                                                     | 3      | 0-0-3 | 10    | 40  | 50    |
|                                                     |                 |                   | AEC                | AEC02        | MIL-1 (common for all programmes)                                                                                     | 2      | 2-0-0 | 10    | 40  | 50    |
|                                                     |                 |                   | MDC                | MDC02        | Multi Disciplinary Course-02 (to be chosen from the list )                                                            | 3      | 3-0-0 | 10    | 40  | 50    |
|                                                     |                 |                   | VAC                | VAC02        | VAC-02 (to be chosen from the list)                                                                                   | 4      | 4-0-0 | 10    | 40  | 50    |
|                                                     |                 |                   | Minor (Disc.-C2)   | POL MI 02/C2 | T: Gender Studies<br>(To be studied by the students taken Pol .Sc. as Discipline-C)                                   | 4      | 3-1-0 | 15    | 60  | 75    |
|                                                     |                 |                   | Summer Intern.     | CS           | Community Service                                                                                                     | 4      | 0-0-4 | -     | -   | 50    |
|                                                     |                 | Semester-II Total |                    |              |                                                                                                                       | 24     |       |       |     | 400   |
|                                                     |                 | TOTAL of YEAR-1   |                    |              |                                                                                                                       | 44     | -     | -     | -   | 800   |

P MJ= Major Programme (Multidisciplinary), MI = Minor, A/B = Choice of Major Discipline; C= Choice of Minor Discipline; SEC = Skill Enhancement Course, AEC = Ability Enhancement Course, MDC = Multidisciplinary Course, VAC = Value Added Course; CA= Continuous Assessment, ESE= End Semester Examination, T = Theory, P= Practical, L-T-P = Lecture-Tutorial-Practical, MIL = Modern Indian Language, ENVS = Environmental Studies

## MAJOR (MJ)

### Major A1/B1: Introduction to Political Theory

**Credits 04**

#### **COURSE OUTCOME:**

Learning is necessary for being a useful member of society. The first step towards learning is having a theoretical understanding of the subject matter. This course is specifically dedicated for this purpose.

### Major A1/B1T: Introduction to Political Theory

**Full Marks: 75**

#### **Course contents:**

##### **Group A**

| Sl | Topic                                            | No of Classes |
|----|--------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 01 | Politics, Political Science and Political Theory | 08            |
| 02 | Democracy, Liberty and Equality                  | 08            |
| 03 | Citizenship: Rights and Duties                   | 08            |
| 04 | Human Rights: Concept and Scope                  | 06            |

##### **Group B**

| Sl | Topic                                                                                | No of Classes |
|----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 05 | State and Political Theory: Core Issues                                              | 06            |
| 06 | The State and Civil Society: Privacy and Surveillance                                | 07            |
| 07 | Development and Economic Growth: Major Themes                                        | 07            |
| 08 | Issues of Justice: Gender, Fairness and Protective Discrimination/Affirmative Action | 10            |

#### **Suggested Readings:**

1. Acharya, A. (2008) 'Affirmative Action', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 298-307.
2. Acharya, A. (2008) 'Equality', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 58-73.
3. Bhargava, R. (2008) 'What is Political Theory', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 2-17.
4. Bhargava, R. (2008) 'Why Do We Need Political Theory', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 18-37.
5. Brighouse, H. (2008) 'Citizenship', in McKinnon, C. (ed.) *Issues in Political Theory*. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 241-259.
6. Casal, P. & William, A. (2008) 'Equality', in McKinnon, C. (ed.) *Issues in Political Theory*. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 149- 165.
7. Chambers, C. (2008) 'Gender', in McKinnon, C. (ed.) *Issues in Political Theory*. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 241-288.
8. Christiano, Thomas. (2008) 'Democracy', in McKinnon, Catriona. (ed.) *Issues in Political Theory*. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 80-96
9. Das, S. (2008) 'State', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 170-187.
10. Frances E O. (1985) 'The Myth of State Intervention in the Family', *University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform*, 18 (4), pp. 835-64.

11. Jha, M. (2001) 'Ramabai: Gender and Caste', in Singh, M.P. and Roy, H. (eds.) *Indian Political Thought: Themes and Thinkers*. New Delhi: Pearson.
12. Menon, K. (2008) 'Justice', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 74-82.
13. Menon, N. (2008) 'Gender', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 224-235.
14. Prezowski, A., et al. (2003) 'Political Regimes and Economic Growth,' in Dahl, R., Shapiro, I. and Cheibub, A. J. (eds.) *The Democracy Sourcebook*. Cambridge, Massachusetts: MIT Press, pp. 447-454.
15. Riley, J. (2008) 'Liberty', in McKinnon, C. (ed.) *Issues in Political Theory*. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 103-125.
16. Roy, A. 'Citizenship', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 130-147.
17. Sen, A. (2003) 'Freedom Favours Development,' in Dahl, R., Shapiro, I. and Cheibub, A. J. (eds.) *The Democracy Sourcebook*. Cambridge, Massachusetts: MIT Press, pp. 444-446.
18. Sethi, A. (2008) 'Freedom of Speech and the Question of Censorship', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 308-319.
19. Shorten, A. (2008) 'Nation and State', in McKinnon, C. (ed.) *Issues in Political Theory*. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 33-55.
20. Singh, M. (2008) 'Civil Society', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 188-205.
21. Srinivasan, J. (2008) 'Democracy', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 106-128.
22. Sriranjani, V. (2008) 'Liberty', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 40-57.
23. Swift, A. (2001) *Political Philosophy: A Beginners Guide for Students and Politicians*. Cambridge: Polity Press.
24. Talukdar, P.S. (2008) 'Rights', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 88-105.
25. Wolf, J. (2008) 'Social Justice', in McKinnon, C. (ed.) *Issues in Political Theory*. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 172-193.
26. দীপক কুমার দাশ (সম্পাদিত) [২০১৬] রাজনীতির তত্ত্বকথা, প্রকাশন একুশে, কলকাতা।
27. ইয়াসিন খান (সম্পাদিত) [২০২২] রাজনৈতিক সমাজঃ তত্ত্ব ও বাস্তব, প্রোগ্রেসিভ পাব্লিশারস, কলকাতা।
28. ইয়াসিন খান (সম্পাদিত) [২০১৭] মানব অধিকারঃ নানাদিক, প্রোগ্রেসিভ পাব্লিশারস, কলকাতা।

**MINOR (MI)**

**MI-1/C1: Same as Minor-1 (POLMI01) of Pol. Sc. (Hons) programme**

**Credits 04**  
**Full Marks: 75**

**MI-2/C2: Same as Minor-2 (POLMI02) of Pol. Sc. (Hons) programme**

**Credits 04**  
**Full Marks: 75**

**SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSE (SEC)**

**TO BE CHOSEN FROM THE BUCKET OF SECs OF SELECTED DISCIPLINE A/B/C**  
**(As per A/B/C Hons. Prog. Syllabus)**