

**U.G. 1<sup>st</sup> Semester**

**Paper: PSC101C (Core)**  
**Understanding Political Theory**  
**Credits: 5 = 4 + 1 + 0 (64 Lectures)**

**Course outline—**

**Unit – I: Defining Politics; Approaches to Politics**

- a. Politics: Meaning and Nature
- b. Approaches: Traditional vs. Contemporary
- c. Traditional Approaches: Historical, Philosophical, and Institutional
- d. Contemporary Approaches: Behavioural and Post- Behavioural

**Units – II: Political Theory**

- a. Meaning, Nature and scope
- b. Evolution and Growth of Political Theory
- c. Significance of Political Theory
- d. Debate on the decline of Political Theory
- e. Revival of Political Theory

**Unit – III Politics as Power**

- a. Forms of Power
- b. Perspectives of Power : Class, Elite, Gender, Group
- c. Constructive view of Power : Hannah Arendt, Macpherson

**Unit –IV: Politics as Process**

- a. Politics as “Authoritative allocation of Values”
- b. Different views of Politics: Liberal, Marxist and Communitarian

**Recommended Readings:**

1. Om Bakshi, *The Crisis of Political Theory*, Oxford University Press, 1987.
2. Norman P. Barry, *An Introduction to Modern Political Theory*, Macmillan, London, 1989.

3. Carl J. Friedrich, *An Introduction to Political Theory*, Harper & Row New York, 1967.
4. Raymond G. Gettel, *Political Science: The World Press*, Kolkata, 1991.
5. David Held, *Political Theory Today*, Polity Press, Cambridge, 1991.
6. William E. Connolly, *The Terms of Political Discourse*; Oxford, 1983
7. Alan R. Ball, *Modern Politics and Government*, London Macmillan, 1988
8. Andrew Heywood, *Political Theory : An Introduction*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2004
9. Andrew Heywood, *Politics*, Macmillan, London, 1997.
10. Sushila Ramaswamy, *Political Theory : Ideas and concepts*, Macmillan, India, 2003.
11. O.P. Gauba, *An Introduction to Political Theory*, Macmillan India, 2003.
12. Rajeev Bhargava & Ashok Acharya, *Political Theory: An Introduction*, Pearson, 2008.
13. Jean Hampton, *Political Philosophy: An Introduction*, Delhi, Oxford University Press, 1998.
14. Robert E. Goodin and Philip Pettit ed, *A Companion to Contemporary Political Philosophy*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 1993.
15. Robert E. Goodin and Philip Pettit ed, *Contemporary Political Philosophy*. Oxford, Blackwell Publishers, 1997.

**Paper: PSC102C (Core)**

**Indian Constitution and Practices**

**Credits: 5 = 4+1+0 (64 Lectures)**

**Course outline—**

**Unit – I: Historical and Philosophical Roots**

- a. Background and formation of the Constituent Assembly
- b. Philosophy of the Constitution and its main features
- c. Rights based Constitution: Fundamental Rights and Directive principles

**Unit – II: Legislature and Executive**

- a. Union Parliament: Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha
- b. Union Executive: The President and the Prime Minister
- c. State Executive: The Governor & the Chief Minister
- d. State Legislature

### **Unit – III: Judiciary and Indian Constitution**

- a. Supreme Court of India: Powers and Functions
- b. Basic Structure of the Constitution and Judicial Independence
- c. Judicial Review and Judicial Activism

### **Unit-IV: Role of Constitutional Bodies**

- a. The Election Commission and the issue of Electoral Reform
- b. The Finance Commission
- c. Union Public Service Commission

### **Recommended Readings:**

1. D. D. Basu, *An Introduction to the Constitution of India*, New Delhi, Prentice Hall, 2008
2. G. Austin, *Working a Democratic Constitution: The Experience*, Delhi, Oxford University Press, 2000.
3. P. R. Brass, *Politics of India since Independence*, Cambridge University Press 1992.
4. Brij Kishore Sharma, *Introduction to the Constitution of India*, Prentice Hall, New Delhi, 2005.
5. M. V. Pylee, *An Introduction to the Constitution of India*, New Delhi, Vikas, 1998.
6. S. Kashyap, *Our Constitution*, New Delhi, National Book Trust, 1992.
7. M. P. Singh and R. Saxena, *Indian Politics: Contemporary Issues and concerns*, New Delhi, Prentice Hall, 2008.
8. P M Bakshi, *The Constitution of India*, Universal Law Publishing Co. 2004.
9. Madhav Khosla, *The Indian Constitution, Oxford India Short Introduction*, New Delhi, Oxford University Press, 2012.
10. Shankar, B. L. and Valerian Rodrigues (eds) *The Indian Parliament: A Democracy at Work*. New Delhi, Oxford University Press, 2011.
11. Devesh Kapur and Pratap Bhanu Mehta (eds) *Public Institutions in India*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2005.
12. Niraja Gopal Jayal and Pratap Bhanu Mehta (eds) *The Oxford Companion to Politics in India*, New Delhi, Oxford University Press, 2010.

**Paper: PSC103M (Modular Elective)**  
**Introduction to Political Theory**  
**Credits: 4 = 3+1+0 (48 Lectures)**

**Course outline—**

**Unit – I: Understanding Political Theory**

- a. Meaning, Nature and scope
- b. Evolution and Growth of Political Theory
- c. Significance of Political Theory
- d. Debate on the decline of Political Theory

**Unit-2 Major Concepts in Political theory**

- a. Liberty
- b. Rights
- c. Sovereignty
- d. Citizenship

**Unit-3 Concepts and Perspectives on State**

- a. Liberal
- b. Marxist

**Unit-4 Perspectives on Democracy**

- a. Classical
- b. Elitist
- c. Marxist

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1. O. P. Gauba, *An Introduction to Political Theory*, Macmillan India, 2003.
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3. Andrew Heywood, *Politics*, Macmillan, 1997.
4. Sushila Ramaswamy, *Political Theory: Ideas of Concepts*, Macmillan India, 2003.

5. Johns Hoffman & Paul Graham, *Introduction to Political Theory*, Pearson Education.
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7. David Held, *Political Theory Today*, Polity Press, Cambridge, 1991.
8. Rajeev Bhargava & Ashok Acharya, *Political Theory: An Introduction*, Pearson, 2008.
9. David Held, *Political Theory and the Modern State*, Oxford: Polity, 1990.
10. Ralph Miliband, *The State in the Capitalist Society: The Analysis of Western system of Power*, London, Quartet Books, 1969.
11. Rajni Kothari, *State and Nation Building: A Third World Perspective*; Allied Publisher, Bombay, 1976.
12. Robert A Dahl, *Democracy and its Critics*, Orient Longman, New Delhi, 1991.
13. C.B. Macpherson, *The Life and Times of Liberal Democracy*, Oxford University Press, 1977