

COURSE TITLE	POLITICAL SCIENCE III: POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY
COURSE CODE	10BH1302
COURSE CREDITS	3

Objective:

- 1 To impart knowledge of ancient, medieval and modern streams of political thought in the West. •
- 2 To make students aware about political thought, especially its inception and evolution. • To throw light on different views on human nature and the uses of history that inform the design of government
- 3 To gain a critical perspective on our times by evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of various regimes and philosophical approaches.

Course Outcomes: After completion of this course, student will be able to:

- 1 Define and Relate the principal modes of political thought.
- 2 Outline political thought through the Classical, Renaissance, and Enlightenment periods based on the works of Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Tocqueville, and Marx.
- 3 Dissect the differences between Plato and Aristotle with regard to their understandings of the nature of the person, ethics, society, citizenship, and governance.
- 4 Measure the historical and intellectual context in which the western political thought helped to develop the modern nation-state.

Pre-requisite of course:N/A

Teaching and Examination Scheme

Theory Hours	Tutorial Hours	Practical Hours	ESE	IA	CSE	Viva	Term Work
2	1	0	50	30	20	0	0

Contents : Unit	Topics	Contact Hours
1	Greek Political Thought Features of Greek Political Thought, Plato's Republic: Ideal State, Education, Communism and Justice , Aristotle's Politics: Classification of Governments, State and causes of revolution, Political Institutions of Modern Times: Types of Democracy – Deliberative, Participative et al, Rational Mind, Secular Outlook, Efficient Management – Greek Rationality & Modernity •, Common Good and Just Society – Aristotelian Good and Notions of Egalitarianism, State and Individual – Definitions of a Citizen? •, Notions of Absolutism • Rule of Law – Rulers and the Ruled: Few Vs Many: Majority Vs Minority	7

Contents : Unit	Topics	Contact Hours
2	Medieval Political Thought Salient features of medieval political thought , St. Thomas Aquinas: Church, state and Law, Machiavelli: State, Sovereignty, Power Politics, Separation of Ethics and Politics, The Enlightenment Philosophy – Machiavelli’s Statecraft • , Arts, Language, Culture, Religion – Transformations in Society , Human Social Responsibilities and Consciousness , Religion and Politics – St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas • , The Age of Renaissance – New Rationality and Thinking • , Non-Western Traditions – Confucianism, Taoism, Buddhism, Islam	7
3	Modern Political Thought I J.J.Rousseau: state of nature, Social contract, General will • Bentham: Utilitarianism, political and legal reforms • Neo-Liberalism , Bentham: Utilitarianism, political and legal reforms, Neo-Liberalism, Notions of Truth and The Concept of Logic: Michel Foucault , Utilitarianism and Political Liberalism: Mill, Bentham, The Social Contractual and the Legality: Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau	8
4	Modern Political Thought II J.S.Mill: Liberty, Representative government, Women’s rights • , Karl Marx: Historical Materialism, Dialectical Materialism, Class struggle and Proletarian revolution, Theory of Class Struggle and New Labor Laws: Neo-Marxism, Post- Marxism • , Marxist Tradition(s): Gramsci, Agamben , Public-Private Debate and the Law: Feminism	8
Total Hours		30

Suggested List of Experiments:

Contents : Unit	Topics	Contact Hours
1	Issues related to Political Philosophy Issues related to Political Philosophy	15
Total Hours		15

Textbook :

- 1 Modern Indian Political Thought,, V.P. Varma , Laxmi Narayan Aggarwal, Agra, 2004

References:

- 1 The Political Thought of Plato and Aristotle, The Political Thought of Plato and Aristotle, E. Barker , G. P. Putnam and Sons, London, 1906

Suggested Theory Distribution:

The suggested theory distribution as per Bloom’s taxonomy is as follows. This distribution serves as guidelines for teachers and students to achieve effective teaching-learning process

Distribution of Theory for course delivery

Remember / Knowledge	Understand	Apply	Analyze	Evaluate	Higher order Thinking / Creative
10.00	10.00	30.00	10.00	20.00	20.00