

COURSE TITLE	INDIAN AND WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT
COURSE CODE	10PS0701
COURSE CREDITS	4

Objective:

- 1 To introduce students to the foundational concepts and key figures of both Indian and Western political thought.
- 2 To compare and contrast the development of political ideologies across different cultural and historical contexts.
- 3 To examine the impact of colonialism, nationalism, and modernization on the evolution of political thought in India and the West
- 4 To foster critical thinking on contemporary global issues such as justice, identity, and power, drawing from both Indian and Western intellectual traditions.

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

- 1 To develop a comprehensive understanding of major political theories in both Indian and Western traditions.
- 2 To critically analyze and compare the philosophical underpinnings of justice, governance, and power in different cultural contexts.
- 3 To demonstrate an ability to contextualize contemporary political issues within historical and philosophical frameworks.
- 4 To apply comparative political insights to evaluate modern challenges such as nationalism, inequality, and democratization globally.

Pre-requisite of course: Political Science III: Political Philosophy

Teaching and Examination Scheme

Theory Hours	Tutorial Hours	Practical Hours	ESE	IA	CSE	Viva	Term Work
3	1	0	50	30	20	0	0

Contents : Unit	Topics	Contact Hours
1	Concepts of Justice and Governance Kautilya's Arthashastra and the role of the king, Dharma as governance., Plato's ideal state and philosopher-king; Aristotle's politics and the concept of justice., Concepts of justice, statecraft, and the ruler's role in ensuring order in both Indian and Greek traditions.	10

Contents : Unit	Topics	Contact Hours
2	Power, Morality, and Realism Manusmriti's vision of governance, Bhakti traditions and ethical governance., Machiavelli's pragmatic power politics, Hobbes' social contract and fear-based order., Realism and morality—contrasting the Indian emphasis on Dharma and the Western focus on pragmatism and authority.	9
3	Liberalism, Reform, and the Social Contract Raja Ram Mohan Roy and Brahmo Samaj's reform movements, Dayanand Saraswati's Vedic revivalism; Bentham and Mill's utilitarianism, anarchism and its critique of authority, Locke's theory of liberal government, Rousseau's general will, Montesquieu's separation of powers., Indian social reformers and Western Enlightenment thinkers on rights, governance, and reform—how both addressed social inequalities and political power.	8
4	Nationalism, Identity, and Anti-Colonialism Gandhi's non-violence and satyagraha, Ambedkar's critique of caste and Dalit rights, Nehru's secular nationalism, Savarkar's Hindutva., Marx's critique of capitalism and class struggle, Indian and Western critiques of authority, class, and identity—contrasting responses to colonialism, industrialization, and modernization	9
5	Contemporary Critiques of Power and Justice Subaltern studies and postcolonial critiques (Ranajit Guha), Dalit feminism, modern debates on secularism., Foucault's power and discipline, Derrida's deconstruction, Rawls' theory of justice, and Frankfurt School's critical theory., Global South and North perspectives on power, identity, and justice	9
Total Hours		45

Suggested List of Experiments:

Contents : Unit	Topics	Contact Hours
1	Issues in Indian and Western Political Thought Issues in Indian and Western Political Thought	15
Total Hours		15

Textbook :

- 1 Western Political Thought: From Ancient Greeks to Modern Political Scientists, Mukhopadhyay, A. K., Sage Texts, 2020
- 2 Political thought in Modern India, Pantham, T., & Deutsch, K. L., Sage, 1986

References:

- 1 Political Thinkers: From Socrates to the Present (3rd ed.), Political Thinkers: From Socrates to the Present (3rd ed.), Boucher, D., & Kelly, P, Oxford University Press, 2017
- 2 Western Political Thought: From Plato To Marx (2nd ed.), Western Political Thought: From Plato To Marx (2nd ed.), Jha, S., Pearsons, 2018

References:

- 3 Western Political Thought: From Socrates to the Age of Ideology (2nd ed.), Western Political Thought: From Socrates to the Age of Ideology (2nd ed.), Nelson, B. R., Waveland Press, Inc., 2015
- 4 Indian Political Thought: Themes & Thinkers (3rd ed.), Indian Political Thought: Themes & Thinkers (3rd ed.), Singh, M. P., & Roy, H., Pearsons, 2020
- 5 Modern Indian Political Thought: Text and context (1st ed.), Modern Indian Political Thought: Text and context (1st ed.), Chakrabarty, B., & Pandey, R. K., Sage Texts, 2009
- 6 Indian Political Thought: A Reader, Indian Political Thought: A Reader, Singh, A., & Mohapatra, S. (Eds.), Taylor and Francis, 2022

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	15.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	15.00