

COURSE TITLE	POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY
COURSE CODE	10SC0701
COURSE CREDITS	4

Objective:

- 1 Introduce the meaning, nature, and scope of Political Sociology and its relevance in understanding the interplay between politics and society.
- 2 Explore the unique socio-political dynamics of India, emphasizing the interaction between social structures and political processes.
- 3 Familiarize students with foundational theories of authority, power, and elites as articulated by thinkers like Max Weber, Pareto, and C. Wright Mills.
- 4 Delve into Weberian and Marxian concepts of class, stratification, and power.
- 5 Discuss the implications of these theories on authority, historical materialism, and socio-political dynamics.

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

- 1 Engage in critical discussions on politicization of social life and its implications for governance and democracy.
- 2 Synthesize theoretical and practical insights to propose informed solutions to socio-political issues.
- 3 Define and explain the core concepts, nature, and scope of Political Sociology.
- 4 Illustrate how society and politics influence each other in the Indian context.

Pre-requisite of course:None

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	Introducing Political Sociology Meaning, nature, and scope of Political Sociology, Politics and Society in India, Political Socialization	7
2	Theoretical perspectives Max Weber: Authority, Party, Pareto: Circulation of Elites, C Wright Mills: Power Elites	10
3	Approaches of Political Sociology. System Approach., Structural-Functional Approach., Marxian Approach.	8

Contents : Unit	Topics	Contact Hours
4	Social Stratification Key concepts of Weber: social stratification, class, inequality, and Authority., Key concepts of Marx: Historical materialism, class conflict, proletariat & Bourgeoisie, base and superstructure.	10
5	Political process in India Role of Pressure groups and Interest groups in Indian politics., Role of Caste, Religion and Language in Indian politics, Regionalism and politics of ethnicity, Politicization of social life	10
Total Hours		45

Suggested List of Experiments:

Contents : Unit	Topics	Contact Hours
1	Issues Related to Political Psychology Issues Related to Political Psychology	15
Total Hours		15

Textbook :

- 1 Handbook of political sociology, Tabassum, H. , Anmol Publications, 2014
- 2 The Real World of Democracy, Macpherson, C. B, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1966

References:

- 1 Political Sociology in Encyclopedia of Social Science, Political Sociology in Encyclopedia of Social Science, M. Janowitz, Macmillan,, 1901

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