

COURSE TITLE	POLITICAL SCIENCE VI: WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT
COURSE CODE	10BA1601
COURSE CREDITS	4

Objective:

- 1 To analyze foundational Western political thinkers and their contributions.
- 2 To evaluate key concepts in Western political thought.
- 3 To understand interdisciplinary connections with politics, laws, and ethics.
- 4 To enhance analyzing skills through reading and critiquing Western political thinkers.
- 5 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 in the West.
- 2 Demonstrate comprehension and application of key concepts in Western political thought
- 3 Exhibit advanced analytical abilities by critically assessing texts from Western political thought.
- 4 Measure the historical and intellectual context in which the western political thought helped develop the modern nation-state.

Pre-requisite of course: Political Science I, II & IV

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	Greek Political Thought Introduction to Western Political Thought: Relevance for Law students, Plato: Background and Historical Context; Theory of Idea; Theory of Justice, Plato's Communism; Education; Forms of Rule., Aristotle: Background; Telos; Origin and Purpose of State; Slavery and Citizenship; Justice; Views on Property; Revolution and Stability; Theory of Golden Mean; Classification of Government.	3

Contents : Unit	Topics	Contact Hours
2	Medieval Political Thought St. Thomas Aquinas: Background and Historical Context; Criticism of St. Augustine and Influence of Aristotle; Types of Authority; Just War; Analysis of Law., Jean Bodin: Background, Theory of Climates, Concept of Sovereignty., Niccolò Machiavelli: Background and Historical Context; Machiavelli's Man; Secularization of Politics; State; Sovereignty; Power Politics, Separation of Ethics and Politics	12
3	The Social Contract Theorists Thomas Hobbes: Historical Background; Human Nature; State of Nature; Social Contract Theory; Sovereignty; Political Obligation., John Locke: Historical Background; State of Nature; Private Property; Social Contract Theory; Notion of Limited Government; Representative Government; Right to Dissent., Jean-Jacques Rousseau: Historical Background; State of Nature; Sources of Inequality; General Will.	7
4	Foundations of Modern Political Thought Jeremy Bentham: Historical Background; Political Obedience; Principle of Utility; Self-Regarding & Other-Regarding Actions; Role of the State., John Stuart Mill: Historical Background; Utilitarianism; Liberty; Thoughts on Majority Rule; Freedom of Women., Karl Marx: Dialectical Materialism & The Laws of Dialectics; Historical Materialism; Class Struggle; Theory of Alienation; Theory of Surplus Value., Antonio Gramsci: Background; Critique of Traditional Marxism; Theory of Hegemony; War of Position; War of Maneuver; Theory of Intellectuals.	12
5	Reimagining Western Political Thought Friedrich Nietzsche: Influence of Darwin; Will to Power; Critique of Christianity; Übermensch; Views on Women; Nihilism., Michel Foucault: Power and Knowledge; Disciplinary Society; Panopticon; Bio-power & Bio-politics, John Rawls: Original position; Veil of ignorance; Two principles of Justice; Justice as Fairness.	11
Total Hours		45

Suggested List of Experiments:

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

Textbook :

- 1 A History of Political Theory, Sabine, G. H., & Thorson, T. I., Oxford University Press., 1973

References:

- 1 A History of Modern Political Thought: Major Political Thinkers from Hobbes to Marx, A History of Modern Political Thought: Major Political Thinkers from Hobbes to Marx, Hampsher-Monk, I., Blackwell Publishers, 1993

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

Supplementary Resources:

- 1 https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5vHuXI8HM5F_TDeYee4VzIByUibMftfK
- 2 <https://egyankosh.ac.in/handle/123456789/24354>