



SRI VENKATESHWARA UNIVERSITY

TIRUPATI

Model Syllabus for 4-Year UG Honours in B.A. (Political Science) as Major in consonance with Curriculum framework w.e.f. AY 2025-26

COURSE STRUCTURE

Year	Semester	Course	Title of the Course	No. of Hrs /Week	No. of Credits
I	I	1	Introduction to Political Science	4	4
		2	Concepts & Ideologies of Political Science	4	4
	II	3	Political Institutions	4	4
		4	Indian Constitution	4	4
II	III	5	Western Political Thought	4	4
		6	Ancient & Medieval Indian Political Thought	4	4
		7	Indian Government	4	4
	IV	8	Modern Indian Political Thought	4	4
		9	Indian Federal System	4	4
		10	Theory of International Relations	4	4
III	V	11	Dynamics of Indian Political System	4	4
		12 A	India’s Foreign Policy (Elective)	4	4
		OR			
		12 B	Principles of Public Administration (Elective)	4	4
		13 A	International Organizations & Global Issues (Elective)	4	4
		OR			
		13 B	E-Governance (Elective)	4	4

Year	Semester	Course	Title of the Course	No. of Hrs /Week	No. of Credits
	VI	14 A	Select Constitutions: USA, UK, Switzerland, China (Elective)	4	4
		OR			
		14 B	Public Policy Analysis (Elective)	4	4
		15 A	Human Rights in India (Elective)	4	4
		OR			
		15 B	Environmental Politics (Elective)	4	4
IV	VII	16	Government and Politics in Andhra Pradesh	4	4
		17	Modern Political Analysis	4	4
		18	Comparative Politics	4	4
	VIII	19	Research Methodology	4	4
		20	Legal Literacy and Rights Awareness	4	4
		21	Women in Indian Political Process	4	4

Note: In the III Year (during the V and VI Semesters), students are required to select a pair of electives from one of the **Two** specified domains. **For example: if set ‘A’ is chosen, courses 12 to 15 to be chosen as 12 A, 13 A, 14 A and 15 A.** To ensure in-depth understanding and skill development in the chosen domain, students must continue with the same domain electives in both the V and VI Semesters.

SEMESTER-I

COURSE 1: INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE

Theory

Credits: 4

4 hrs/week

Learning Objective:

The student will be able to understand the nature, various approaches, knowledge of the state and its origin and evolution of the modern state in Political Science.

Learning Outcomes:

- Learn nature, importance, and relationship with other social sciences.
- Understand the traditional and modern approaches.
- Know the origin and evolution of the state.
- Comprehend the development of social contract theory.
- Understand the birth of modern state.

Unit – I: Introduction

1. What is Political Science?
2. Definition, Nature of Political Science
3. Scope and Importance of Political Science
4. Relationship with allied disciplines: History, Economics, Philosophy and Sociology

Unit – II: Approaches

1. Approaches to the study of Political Science
2. Traditional Approaches: Philosophical, Historical.
3. Empirical Approaches: Behavioural and Post-Behaviouralism
4. Modern Approaches: System Approach and Structural – Functional

Unit – III: State

1. Definition and Nature of the State
2. Elements of the State
3. Patriarchal and Matriarchal theory of the State
4. Theory of Divine Origin, Theory of Force

Unit – IV: Modern Theories of the State

5. Historical or Evolutionary theory
6. Social Contract Theory (Thomas Hobbes, John Locke, Jean Jacques Rousseau)

Unit – V: Modern State

1. Concepts of Modern State: Meaning, Origin
2. Nature and feature of Modern State
3. Origin of Welfare State
4. Nature and features of Welfare State

Activities

1. **Q&A session**
2. **Assignments:** A two-minute presentation on the topic.
3. **Discussion:** Team evaluation by the faculty.
4. **Quiz Program:** Based on the scores.
5. **Classroom Seminar:** Faculty evaluation.
6. **Open forum:** A PPT presentation

References

1. Political Ideologies-An Introduction: Andrew Heywood
2. Principles of Political Science: A.C. Kapoor
3. Contemporary Political Theory: J.C.Johari
4. An Introduction to Political Theory: O.P.Gauba
5. Political Theory: Eddy Ashirvadam & K.K.Misra

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Semester-I

Model Question Paper

Time : 3hrs

Marks:75

Part-A

Answer any Five Questions. Each Question carries 3 Marks.

5x3=15

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
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- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

Answer the following questions. Each question carries 12 Marks

5x12=60

11. a) Unit-I
(Or)
b) Unit-I

12. a) Unit-II
(Or)
b) Unit-II

13. a) Unit-III
(Or)
b) Unit-III

14. a) Unit-IV
(Or)
b) Unit-IV

15. a) Unit-V
(Or)
b) Unit-V