

Sri Venkateswara University
(w. e. f. Academic Year 2023–24) **Major**
Program: **Political Science**
I Year B. A. (Hons) - Semester – II

Paper III: Fundamentals of Political Science

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: On successful completion of the course the students will be able to:

- 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. Definition Nature of Political Science
2. Scope and Importance of Political Science
3. Relations with allied disciplines: History and Economics
4. Relations with allied disciplines: Philosophy and Sociology

Unit–II: Approaches:

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

Unit–III: State:

1. Definition of the State, Nature of the State.
2. Elements of the State
3. Theories of origin of the State: Divine origin
4. Theories of origin of the State: Force and Evolutionary

Unit– IV: Theories of Social Contract:

1. Social Contract Theory: Origin of the theory
2. Social Contract Theory: Thomas Hobbes
3. Social Contract Theory: John Locke
4. Social Contract Theory: Jean Jacques Rousseau

Unit–V: Modern State and Welfare State:

1. Concept of Modern State: Meaning and origin
2. Nature of Modern State
3. Concept of Welfare State: Meaning and origin
4. Nature of Welfare State.

Unit-wise proposed activities & evaluation:

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

Syllabus Recommended by: Board of Studies in Political Science (Pass/Combined), SVU.

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Paper IV: Concepts & Ideologies of Political Science

Learning Objectives: The student will be able to learn the concepts like law, liberty, equality, rights, and power, Ideologies like liberalism, individualism, anarchism, and fascism and various Isms like Socialism, Marxism, multiculturalism, and nationalism.

Learning Outcomes: On successful completion of the course the students will be able to:

- Learn the significance of concepts.
- Understand the law and liberty.
- Know equality and power and its constituents.
- Experience the rights and its theories.
- Understanding of political ideologies.

Unit – I: Law & Liberty:

Law: Meaning, Definition, Nature

Law: Types of Law - Sources of Law

Liberty: Meaning, Definition, Nature

Liberty: Types of Liberty

Unit – II: Equality & Power:

Equality: Meaning, Definition, Nature

Equality: Types of Equality

Power: Meaning, Definition, Nature

Authority and Legitimacy: Meaning, Definition, Nature

Unit – III: Rights:

Rights: Meaning, Nature

Rights: Classification of Rights

Theories of Rights: Natural, Legal, Historical

Theories of Rights: Idealistic, Social & Welfare

Unit – IV: Ideologies:

Liberalism

Individualism

Anarchism

Fascism

Unit – IV: Isms

Socialism

Marxism

Multiculturalism

Nationalism

Unit-wise proposed activities & evaluation:

- **Celebrations:** on International Human Rights Day, etc.
- **Group Discussion:** Team evaluation by the faculty.
- **Debate:** Faculty evaluation.
- **Essay writing:** Based on understanding and scores.
- **Classroom Seminar:** Faculty evaluation.
- **Peer Teaching:** A PPT presentation.

References:

Modern Political Theory: S.P. Varma

Principles of Political Science: A.C. Kapoor

Contemporary Political Theory: J.C. Johari

An Introduction to Political Theory: O.P. Gauba

Political Theory: Ideas & Concepts: Sudheela Ramaswamy

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