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DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

COURSE OUTCOMES OF GENERAL COURSES UNDER CBCS w.e.f. 2018-19

CORE COURSES (CC)

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSES (CC)

DSC-1A (CC1) INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THEORY 6 credits

COURSE OUTCOMES: After successful completion of this core course, students would be able to understand the various traditions and approaches of political theory and appreciate how they are reflected in organizing social living. They will be able to understand multiple frames in which the idea of political community is debated, and the significance of theorizing and apply theory to practice.

DSC-1B (CC2) INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS 6 credits

COURSE OUTCOMES: The course explains the complexities of the Indian political process and its effects on the constitutional institutions of India. Students will learn the structure and dynamics of Indian national government, providing a broad-based introduction to the ideas and institutions that shape politics in contemporary India. Students will gain a sound foundation in major areas: the Indian Constitution, with a focus on the role of the Constituent Assembly, and examining the essence of the Preamble; examining the Fundamental Rights and Duties of Indian citizens with a study of the significance and status of Directive Principles; critically analysing the important institutions of the Indian Union (the Executive: President; Prime Minister, Council of Ministers; Governor, Chief Minister and Council of Ministers; the legislature: Rajya Sabha, Lok Sabha, Speaker, Committee System, State Legislature; the Judiciary: Supreme Court and the High Courts: composition and functions- Judicial Activism); critically evaluating the Indian Party system – its

development and looking at the ideology of dominant national parties. The course will also enable students to examine the role of various forces on Indian politics: religion, language, caste, tribe, regionalism, working class and peasants and, other social movements.

DSC-1C (CC3) COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

6 credits

COURSE OUTCOMES: This course studies the political systems of a number of different countries, providing the opportunity to examine the features of individual political systems and to investigate the similarities and differences among political systems in two or more countries. Comparative politics attempts to analyse and explain its findings through comparative study. As such, the goal of comparative study is to develop “law-like” generalizations and thereby facilitate both explanation and prediction, thus warranting the status of a “science.” The course includes case studies of countries such as United Kingdom, United States, China and Canada. The course is aimed at generating a wealth of information that allows us to construct the key features for each of the individual cases, examine similarities and differences among various political systems, and appreciate the diversity of the political world. The case studies also permit interesting conclusions and allow for the generation of useful questions. Most importantly, though, the case studies examined allow students to begin to engage in comparative political analysis. The course proceeds on the premise that the task of comparative analysis is not simply to describe what is going on in one, two, or more countries, but it is to dig for credible reasons for why these things are going on and offer clear evidence for the ideas that students may unearth. The course will enable students to identify the components of system theory and explain its use in political science. The objectives of the course are to identify the key theoretical approaches and methods used in comparative politics in the hope that students apply these comparative approaches to one, two, or more countries.

DSC-1D (CC4) INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

6 credits

COURSE OUTCOMES: This course provides an introduction to the scope and subject matter of International Relations as an autonomous academic discipline. The course introduces students to

approaches to studying the discipline through classical realism, new realism, neo-liberalism, and the world systems model of Immanuel Wallerstein. The course focuses on examining the issues of underdevelopment, describing the Cold War phases and understanding the post-Cold War era. The course also includes extensive discussion of Indian Foreign Policy: its basic principles, evolution and bilateral relations, and India's policy towards the non-alignment movement.

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVES (DSE)

DSE-1A THEMES IN COMPARATIVE POLITICAL THEORY

6 credits

COURSE OUTCOMES: This course introduces students to the analysis and comparison of key concepts, ideologies, and theories in Indian and western political thought. Students will learn to evaluate through a comparative lens diverse perspectives on citizenship, rights, inequality, state, swaraj, social justice, democracy, and patriarchy of Indian and western political thinkers like Aristotle, Locke, Mill, Kautilya, Tilak, Ambedkar, and Nehru. The course will focus on the efficacy of comparative methodologies to explore commonalities and differences in political ideologies and systems, and the application of theoretical frameworks from comparative political theory to analyse case studies and real-world political phenomena across different regions and contexts.

DSE-1A DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE

6 credits

COURSE OUTCOMES: This course familiarizes students with the debates around the origin and evolution of the Indian constitution. The course serves as an introduction to the functioning of the government through its various organs, and the division of power between the organs at different levels.

This course enables students to develop an understanding of the tenets of Indian constitutionalism by engaging with Constituent Assembly debates. It enables them to understand the working of different organs of government and analyse the interaction amongst them which often involves both conflict and cooperation. Moreover, it enables students to understand the division of powers in Indian federal set-up and its asymmetrical federal arrangements, with special emphasis on the special provisions for governance in fifth and sixth schedules of the constitution. The students are

also familiarized with the process of rural and urban governance and the dynamics of gender and caste in these domains. The students also gain familiarity with challenges of addressing emergency conditions and security concerns within the constitutional framework.

DSE-1B ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC POLICY: CONCEPTS AND THEORIES

6 credits

COURSE OUTCOMES: This course introduces students to the legacy of the discipline. The course explains the nature, scope and evolution of public administration, and the distinction between private and public administration, analysing the major theories in public administration like classical theory, scientific management, human-relation theory, and rational decision-making. This course introduces students to tracing the challenges in the discipline of public administration like New Public Administration (NPA), New Public Management and Development Administration, investigating public policymaking and methods of implementation.

DSE-1B UNDERSTANDING GLOBALIZATION

6 credits

COURSE OUTCOMES: After successful completion of this DSE course, students will have conceptual clarity on the meaning, nature and significance of globalization. Students will learn about the contemporary debates on the discourse of globalization. Students will also learn about the rise of financial networks and major actors of the global economy and their impact on states and sovereignty, contemporary world actors like the United Nations, WTO, and Group of 77. The paper will enhance students' understanding of contemporary global issues like proliferation of nuclear weapons, ecology, international terrorism and human security.

SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSES (SEC)

SEC-3 DEMOCRATIC AWARENESS WITH LEGAL LITERACY

2 credits

COURSE OUTCOMES: Understand the foundational principles of legal framework and their application in the Indian context. Examine the role of the judiciary system and discuss several kinds of courts that exist in India, promoting judicial accountability and judicial transparency. Investigating citizens fundamental rights, duties, and other constitutional rights makes them aware of the broad range of human rights in India. emphasising the law relating to criminal jurisdiction and public interest litigation, as well as provisions relating to filing an FIR, arrest, and bail under the Indian Penal Code. It covers laws relating to dowry, sexual harassment, consumer rights, cybercrime, anti-terrorist laws, etc.

SEC-4 CONFLICT AND PEACE BUILDING

2 credits

COURSE OUTCOMES: The paper deals with the practical significance of peace and conflict, its meaning, dimensions, levels and methods of resolution. The way peace and conflict form significant constituent of human lives at every level has been dealt in the paper. Understand the root causes of conflicts, including historical, socio-political, economic, and cultural factors. Analyse various conflict resolution models, including negotiation, mediation, arbitration, and dialogue, and apply them to real-world scenarios. Critically evaluate the role of power dynamics, identity politics, and communication styles in conflict escalation and de-escalation. Develop skills in active listening, empathy, and perspective-taking to facilitate constructive dialogue and reconciliation processes.

GENERIC ELECTIVES (GE)

GE-1 NATIONALISM IN INDIA

6 credits

COURSE OUTCOMES: After successful completion of this course students (of BA General) will be able to gain an understanding of the different theoretical perspectives on the emergence and development of nationalism in India. The course will focus on the historical trajectory of the development of the nationalist movement in India, and its different phases. Students will gain an understanding of the contribution of various social movements in the anti-colonial struggle. The course will enhance the knowledge of students about the history of partition and the moment of independence that followed.

GE-2 CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL ECONOMY

6 credits

COURSE OUTCOMES:

After successful completion of this course students (of BA General), students will learn about diverse approaches to international political economy. The study of the role of international organizations in transforming the world economy will equip the students to understand the process of evolution of capitalism. Insights into issues and contentions of development and perspectives on globalization will augment students' ability to assess its impact on culture, environment, military-security dimensions and traditional knowledge systems. The course will enable students to comprehend contemporary dilemmas in the socio-political, gender and ethnic domains.

GE-2 UNITED NATIONS AND GLOBAL CONFLICTS

6 credits

COURSE OUTCOMES: After successful completion of this course, the students will have learnt about the evolution of United Nations as an international organization, its principles and institutional structure. The course will provide an in depth understanding of United Nations role in peace keeping and peace building since the Second World War. Students will learn about major global conflicts and United Nations role in conflict management. The course will help develop students' analytical understanding of the role of the United Nations in creating an equitable social

economic world order. The course will assess United Nations contributions and shortcomings in maintaining international peace and security. The paper will enhance knowledge on the imperatives of reforming the organization in contemporary global system.

