



**Syllabus of Political Science
(BDP)
Course Code (EPS)**

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Course Structure for the Bachelor's Degree

Programme (BDP) In Political Science

1. Compulsory Subjects : Foundation Course
 - (a) Bengali (FBG) 4 Credits
 - (b) English (FEG) 4 Credits
 - (c) Humanities and Social Science (FHS) 8 Credits
 - (d) Science and Technology (FST) 8 Credits**24 Credits**

2. Elective Subjects : Honours Course(EPS)
 - Paper I: Political Theory and Institutions 8 Credits
 - Paper II: Political Sociology 8 Credits
 - Paper III: Indian Political Thought 8 Credits
 - Paper IV: Western Political Thought 8 Credits
 - Paper V: Government and Politics in India 8 Credits
 - Paper VI: International Relations 8 Credits
 - Paper VII: Government and Politics in Europe and America 8 Credits
 - Papers VIII: Government and Politics in South Asia 8 Credits**64 Credits**

3. Compulsory Subject: Application Oriented Course (Any one)
 - (a) Basic Accountancy (AOC-01)
 - (b) Food Processing (AOC-02) 8 Credits
 - (c) Household Chemistry (AOC-03)

4. Environmental Studies 4 Credits

Total Credits for the Course= (24+64+8+4) = 100 Credits or 1250 marks

Evaluation System:

Internal assessment: 30%

Term-end Examination: 70%

Paper I: Political Theory and Institutions

Module-1: Approaches and Theories

Definition and Approaches –Traditional & Modern Theories of (a) Origin of the State - Social Contract, Evolutionary, (b) Nature of the State-Organismic , Idealist (c) Theories of the functions of the State-Individualism, Socialism, Welfare State (d)Theories of State Sovereignty-Monism and Pluralism.

Module-2: Political Ideologies

Marxian Anarchism: Democratic Socialism: Guild Socialism, Fabianism. Sarvodoya.

Module-3: Organs of Government

Theory of Separation of power: Executive, Legislature, Judiciary.

Module-4: Constitutionalism and Political Institutions

Constitution and Constitutionalism: Forms of Government, political Parties, Pressure Groups.

Paper II: Political Sociology

Module-1: Sociology: Major Issues

Political Sociology- Nature, Meaning & Scope; Influence, Power and Authority; Bureaucracy -the contribution of Max Weber; Elite Theory.

Module-2: Political Culture and Society

Political Culture; Political Socializations; Educations & politics; religion, Society and Politics.

Module-3: Political Communication and Participation

Political Communication: Political Participation: Political Parties; Pressure Groups in Politics.

Module-4: Political Development and Social Change

Political Development: Revolution and Social Change; Ideology; Military in Politics.

Paper III: Indian Political Thought

Module-1: Ancient and Medieval Thoughts

Kautilya's Arthashastra-Main ideas; Political ideas of Santiparva ; Concept of State in Islamic Thought; Sufism and Bhakti Cult.

Module-2: Trends in Modern Indian Thoughts - I

Raja Rammohan Roy; Swami Vivekannanda; Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyaya; Sri Aurobinda.

Module-3: Trends in Modern Indian Thoughts - II

Bal Gangadhar Tilak ; Mahatma Gandhi ; Jayaprakash Narayan ; Bhim Rao Ambedkar.

Module-4: Trends in Modern Indian Thoughts – III

Manabendra Nath Roy; Jawarharlal Nehru; Subhas Chandra Bose ; Rammanohar Lohia.

Paper IV: Western Political Thought

Module-1: The Early Phase

Greek political Thought: Plato, Aristotle ; Roman Thought : Cicero, Seneca;
Mediaeval Thought: St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas; Marsilius of Padua, Conciliar Movement.

Module-2: Renaissance and After

Renaissance and Machiavelli; Reformation: Luther and Calvin; Anti-Monarchist Doctrines in the 16th Century; Bodin.

Module-3: Modern Political Thoughts - (I)

Hobbes; Locke; Montesquieu; Rousseau.

Module-4: Modern Political Thoughts - (II)

Fredric Hegel; Karl Marx; J.S. Mill ; Thomas Paine.

Paper V: Government and Politics in India

Module -1: Freedom Struggle and Constitutional Development

Phases of Freedom Struggle; Constitutional development (1857-1950);

Constitutional Assembly.

Module-2: Indian Constitution: Ideas and Institutions

Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Duties, Directive Principal; Union Executive;

Parliament; Judiciary.

Module-3: The Union and the States

Federal System: Union- State relations; State Executive; State Legislature;

Constitutional Amendment.

Module-4: Social basis of Indian Politics

Social basis of Indian politics; Political Parties in India ; Regionalism ; District

Administration and Local Government (with Special reference to West Bengal).

Paper VI: International Relations

Module-1: Definitions, Approaches and Major Issues

Nature and Scope of International Relations (IR) ; Major approaches of the study of IR ;

National Power: mode of controlling power; Imperialism, Colonialism, Neo-colonialism.

Module-2: Cold War and its aftermath

Cold War and its evolution – New Cold War-Post Cold War developments: Western Europe in Transition; Developing Countries in the Contemporary International System; Religion groupings-North-South cooperation; Developments in West Asia since 1973.

Module-3: Foreign Policy

Making of Foreign Policy :Indian Foreign Policy; Foreign Policies of major powers-USA, USSR Russia; Foreign Policies of India's neighbours – China and Pakistan.

Module-4: U.N.O: Structure and Role

The U.N Origin, Purposes and principles; Major organs of the U.N.; Peace Keeping role of the U.N. in the context of recent developments; The U.N. and Disarmament.

Paper VII: Government and Politics in Europe and America

Module-1: U.K

U.K. : Evolution and Basic Principals; The Executive –The Crown, Prime Minister and the Cabinet ; Parliament; Parties and Pressure groups.

Module-2: U.S.A

USA : Evolution and Basic principles (including amendments) ; The Presidency and the Congress ; The Supreme Court ; Parties and Party System and Pressure groups.

Module-3: France

France: Evolution and Basic Principles; President, Government and Parliament; Constitutional Council and Judiciary; Parties and Pressure groups.

Module-4: Germany

Germany: Evolution and Basic principles; The Executive and Parliament; Constitutional Council and Judiciary; Parties and Pressure groups.

Paper VIII: Government and Politics in South Asia

Module-1: Pakistan

Pakistan: Historical Evolution ; Framework of Governance ; Political Parties and Pressure Groups.

Module-2: Bangladesh

Bangladesh: Historical Evolution ; Framework of Governance ; Foreign Policy Political Parties and Pressure Groups.

Module-3: Nepal

Nepal: Historical Evolution; Framework of Governance; Political Parties and Pressure Groups.

Module-4: Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka: Historical Evolution Framework of Governance; Political Parties and Pressure Groups.

System of examination:

1st Semester-FBG, FEG, EPS-I

2nd Semester –FHS, EPS-II

3RD Semester –FST, EPS, III

4TH Semester-EPS-IV, V

5th Semester –EPS-VI-VII

6TH Semester –EPS-VIII, AOC & Env.Studies