

NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY-2020

SOBAN SINGH JEENA UNIVERSITY ALMORA



Common Minimum Syllabus for all Uttarakhand State Universities and Colleges for First Three Years of Higher Education

UG-POLITICAL SCIENCE SYLLABUS



BACHELOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

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Preamble

In light of the National Education Policy-2020, and keeping in focus the educational needs and aspirations of the state of Uttarakhand, this three-year undergraduate curriculum in Political Science has been structured. The primary objective of this curriculum is to thoroughly acquaint students with the historical, structural, and practical aspects of Political Science, to provide them an opportunity to delve into the ideological and artistic depths of rich political thought and systems, and to develop in them critical thinking, creative expression, and a research-oriented aptitude. [This paragraph is an adaptation of the Hindi preamble's intent, applied to Political Science, as the Political Science PDF's "Course Introduction" serves this purpose directly.]

The undergraduate program of Political Science at Soban Singh Jeena University Almora aims to provide students with a conceptual foundation in the discipline, with an ability to critically analyze the omnipresence of the "political." Through various courses we shall examine the nature, distribution and dynamics of power both at the macro level of national and international politics and also at the micro level of the individual, family and community. We will map the ways in which knowledge systems and challenges to particular power relations have been constructed over specific vectors of time and space. We will study Aristotle and Plato, Gandhi and Iqbal; complementing studies on Cold War politics will be an exploration of party politics in South Asia. The relationship of theory and ethnography, quantitative and qualitative techniques, analysis of objective data and descriptive accounts will provide the background to our studies. Exploration of the "field" and "data collection" will be of vital importance as we seek to prepare a strong foundation in research methodology. Following Soban Singh Jeena University Almora's aim of covering the breadth of disciplines and exploring their interconnections, a student of Political Science will be encouraged to identify and pursue areas of interest that go beyond conventional disciplinary structures.

This curriculum is a sincere attempt to imbibe the key principles of the National Education Policy such as holistic knowledge, multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches, skill development, respect for the Indian knowledge tradition, and continuity and transparency in evaluation. [This sentence is an adaptation of the Hindi preamble's intent.] Through this, learners will not only gain expertise in their subject but will also be inspired to contribute to nation-building as aware, sensitive, and capable citizens. This structure has been designed in such a way that it prepares students for various employment opportunities while also providing a strong foundation for higher academic study and research. [This sentence is an adaptation of the Hindi preamble's intent.]

Programme Introduction

The three-year undergraduate degree program in Political Science is designed to provide learners with a thorough understanding of the classical and contemporary nature of Political Science and the rich tradition of political thought and systems. This curriculum highlights the comprehensive significance of political understanding as a means of comprehending complex human interactions and societal structures. Through its study, learners not only grasp the historical development, structure, and rich diversity of political ideas and systems but also सहजता से

develop original thinking, critical perspective, and creative talent. Thus, this program directs them towards becoming enlightened citizens by understanding the interrelationships between politics, society, and culture. [This paragraph is an adaptation of the Hindi "कार्यक्रम परिचय", tailored for Political Science, drawing from the essence of the Political Science PDF's introduction.]

Job Prospects and Work Areas after B.A. Political Science:

Upon obtaining a Bachelor's degree in Political Science, various employment avenues open up for learners. The knowledge and skills acquired during the course (as described in the Programme Outcomes and Programme Specific Outcomes) make them capable for the following roles and work areas:

Diverse Job Opportunities: While the syllabus document (POLITICAL-SCIENCE-SYLLABUS-NEP-2020.pdf) does not provide an exhaustive list of specific job titles in a dedicated section, the Programme Specific Outcomes (PSOs) and course introduction strongly indicate that graduates will be equipped with critical analytical skills, research capabilities, and a deep understanding of political processes and policy, opening doors to a variety of intellectually stimulating roles. Opportunities where the described skillsets and knowledge can be leveraged include:

- **Research and Analysis:** Graduates will be well-prepared for research roles across academic institutions, think tanks, and policy research organizations. This is supported by training in research methodology, data collection, and the ability to critically interrogate and research contemporary social and political phenomena, including area studies.
- **Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) Sector:** The curriculum explicitly prepares students for work in the NGO sector, particularly in roles focusing on social justice, advocacy, community engagement, assessing movements, and addressing specific issues like women's empowerment.
- **Policy Formulation and Evaluation Support:** With an understanding of governance in rural and urban contexts, environmental regulations, and the ability to assess policies and design alternatives, graduates can contribute to roles supporting policy development, analysis, and application in real-life problem-solving.
- **Electoral Processes and Political Strategy:** The curriculum fosters an "application of the knowledge to the field of electoral politics", suggesting opportunities in areas related to election studies, understanding voting trends, political campaigns, and strategy, where understanding representation systems is crucial.
- **Public Affairs and Administration Support:** Knowledge of public administration principles, local self-government (rural and urban), centre-state relations, and comparative administration can lead to roles in public affairs management or support functions within administrative and developmental bodies.
- **Media, Journalism, and Political Communication:** The ability to critically analyze political events, understand and follow contemporary debates on justice, freedom, and

democracy, assess social movements, and form well-reasoned opinions on complex philosophical and ideological issues provides a strong foundation for careers in journalism, political commentary, and strategic communications, although specific job titles are not listed in the provided syllabus.

- **International Relations and Area Studies Analysis:** An understanding of "contemporary international political developments", comparative politics, different political systems globally, and theories of international politics equips graduates for roles involving the analysis of international affairs and area-specific political trends.

It is important to note that these opportunities are inferred from the skills and knowledge areas emphasized in the syllabus; the document itself does not list specific job titles for Political Science graduates. The program aims to build a strong foundation that students can leverage across various sectors that value a nuanced understanding of political dynamics.

Diverse Job Areas: The syllabus emphasizes developing an understanding and application of knowledge in several key domains. Based on the Programme Specific Outcomes (PSOs) and the Course Introduction (POLITICAL-SCIENCE-SYLLABUS-NEP-2020.pdf), potential areas for engagement where graduates can apply their knowledge include:

- **Electoral Politics and Political Analysis:** Application of knowledge to the field of electoral politics, including studying elections and understanding trends.
- **Environmental Regulation and Policy:** Ability to apply environmental regulations to real-life problems and understand politics-environment relationships.
- **Research and Academia:** Supported by a strong foundation in research methodology, data collection, and specific PSOs focusing on research application in diverse areas.
- **NGO Sector and Social Advocacy:** Work in NGOs, focusing on issues such as women's empowerment, social justice, and assessing social movements.
- **Public Administration and Development Sector:** Understanding and comparing administration, contextualizing administrative and developmental issues, and working with local self-government.
- **International Relations and Foreign Policy:** Understanding contemporary international political developments, major theories of international politics, and comparative global politics.
- **Governance and Policy (Rural and Urban):** Understanding governance and policies in the rural context and urban context, including designing alternatives at the grassroots level.
- **Social Justice and Movement Analysis:** Assessing policies of social justice and critically interrogating and researching contemporary social movements in India.
- **Media and Political Commentary:** Leveraging analytical skills and the ability to form opinions on philosophical and ideological issues for roles in media that cover political and social issues.
- **State and Regional Politics Analysis:** Deep understanding of state politics in India and regional/sub-regional political dynamics.

Programme outcomes (POs): Upon successful completion of this programme, learners will be able to:

1. Familiarise with the basic ideas of political science.
2. Become thorough in the concepts of political theory.
3. Understand and distinguish between basic concepts like political theory, political thought and political philosophy.
4. Understand and relate the concepts and facts with the political realities of the country and different parts of the world.
5. Equip themselves with the basics of the discipline and learn the basic underpinnings of the subject of Political Science.

Programme Specific Outcomes (PSOs):

First Year Undergraduate / Certificate Course in FUNDAMENTALS OF POLITICAL SCIENCE: Upon completion of this course, learners will have:

- Developed an understanding of developments in political philosophy and detailed knowledge about key concepts in political theory; an ability to follow contemporary debates on justice, freedom, democracy, and to apply abstract theoretical arguments to practical situations.
- Knowledge about the representation system and working of the institutions in modern democracies, studying elections and understanding trends, and the ability to apply this knowledge to the field of electoral politics.
- Understanding of environmental issues, Organizations, Treaties and Protocols as well as about politics and environment relationships, and the ability to apply environmental regulations to real life problems.
- Knowledge about rural local self-government and administration in India, understanding the governance and policies in the rural context, and the ability to apply this knowledge to grass root level situations.
- An understanding of the evolution of Comparative Politics as a domain, its methods and theories with a focus on politics in different nations in a comparative perspective; acquired skills to compare politics among nations and to apply the knowledge gained in understanding the politics of different nations and the political trends including area studies.

Second Year Undergraduate / Diploma in POLITICAL THEORY AND PRACTICE: Upon completion of this course, learners will have:

- Knowledge about the foundational thinkers and their thought, covering both the classical masters of political thought and major contemporary Western theorists; an understanding of text-context in the relationship of political thought and of the contemporary relevance of key philosophical ideas; an ability to contextualize the

concepts and ideas as well as philosophical connections with more specialized domains of Political Science.

- Understanding of various issues and movements in India; an ability to understand and contextualize issues and to apply the knowledge to objectively assess the movements.
- Knowledge about urban local self-government and administration in India; an understanding of the governance and policies in the urban context; an ability to apply the knowledge to grassroots level situations and design alternatives.
- Understanding of controversies regarding Indian traditions and about social movements in colonial and independent India; an ability to assess the strength and weaknesses of policies of social justice and to critically interrogate and research contemporary social movements.
- Knowledge about the Schools of Feminism and the role of gender in the participation of women in politics; awareness of and understanding about the political role of women; an ability to apply the knowledge in doing research as well as for work in the NGO sector working on women's issues.

Third Year Undergraduate / Bachelor of POLITICAL SCIENCE Degree:

Upon successful completion of this degree year, learners will be equipped with the following specific competencies and knowledge:

PSO No. Programme Specific Outcome

PSO1 Of historical origins, key debates and emerging trends in the discipline. Understanding of contemporary international political developments. Awareness about the discipline and the international politics.

PSO2 About administration of different countries. To understand and compare administration. To apply and contextualize recent administrative and developmental issues in India and other developing countries.

PSO3 About the multivariate nature of state and sub-state politics. Understanding of the deeper realities and dimensions of regional and sub-regional politics in India. To apply the knowledge to an understanding of state politics.

PSO4 About the political ideas of Indian thinkers covering both ancient and modern political thinkers from renaissance to modernity. Understanding and contextualizing the ideas to contemporary realities. Develop the ability to critically assess and form opinions on philosophical and ideological issues relevant to contemporary India.

Six-Semester Curriculum Structure and Detailed Description Semester-wise Titles of the Papers in B.A. Political Science

First Year (Certificate Course in FUNDAMENTALS OF POLITICAL SCIENCE)

Year Semester	Course Code	Paper Title	Method	Credits
First I	PS101MT	Basic Concepts of Political Science (Compulsory)	Theory	6
I or II	PS101ME	Awareness with Civic Rights (Elective)	Theory	6
I	PS101VM	Issues of Rural Government (Elective)	Theory	3
I	PS101CCM	Constitutional Development of India (Elective)	Theory	QF
II	PS102MT	Comparative Political Systems: Major constitutions of the World (Compulsory)	Theory	6
II	PS102VM	Study of Voting Pattern and Voting Behaviour (Elective)	Theory	3
II	PS102CCM	Environmental Law and Issues (Elective)	Theory	QF

Second Year (Diploma in POLITICAL THEORY AND PRACTICE)

Year	Semester	Course Code	Paper Title	Method	Credits
Second	III	PS201MT	Foundations of Western Political Thought (Compulsory)	Theory	6
	III or IV	PS201ME	Nationalism in India (Elective)	Theory	6
	III	PS201VM	Issues of Urban Government (Elective)	Theory	3
	III	PS201CCM	Social Movement in India (Elective)	Theory	QF
	IV	PS202MT	Indian Political System (Compulsory)	Theory	6

IV	PS202VM	Public Policy Formulation (Elective)	Theory	3
IV	PS202CCM	Issues of Women Empowerment (Elective)	Theory	QF

Third Year (Bachelor of POLITICAL SCIENCE)

Year	Semester	Course Code	Paper Title	Method	Credits
Third	V	PS301MT	Major Theories of International Politics (Compulsory)	Theory	5
	V	PS302MT	Elements of Public Administration (Compulsory)	Theory	5
	V	PS301CCM	State Politics in India (Elective)	Theory	QF
	V	PS301PJ	Project 1 (Elective)	Practical	QF
	VI	PS303MT	Contemporary Issues in International Politics (Compulsory)	Theory	5
	VI	PS304MT	Foundation of Indian Political Thought (Compulsory)	Theory	5
	VI	PS301CCM	Ethics and Values in Indian Politics (Elective)	Theory	QF
	VI	PS302PJ	Project 2 (Elective)	Practical	QF