

**Syllabus for First Year B.A. (General) Political Science Degree Program under CBCS w.e.f 2017-18**

**Semester I  
PSCC 1A: INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THEORY (DSC1A)  
(Discipline Specific Core Course 1, First Year, Semester I, B.A.)**

**Course Rationale:**

The course intends to introduce the student to basic theories in Political Science. These are to be done in an analytical and historical manner with reference to perspectives that have explained political developments over a period of time. The objective is to highlight the political evolution which has shaped modern political institutions and processes.

<b>Course Content:</b>	<b>Lecture Hours</b>
1. Enquiring into politics <sup>1</sup> ; the meaning, nature and scope of politics.	(08)
2. Meaning of political philosophy, thought and theory.	(10)
3. Approaches: Traditional, Modern and Postmodern <sup>2</sup> . (15)	
4. Power, Authority and Legitimacy; Difference between Power and Authority; Sovereignty: Meaning and Kinds	(15)
5. State: Meaning and Elements of State; Theories of origin and development	(12)

**Readings:**

- J. C. Johari, *Principles of Modern Political Science*, Sterling Publishers, New Delhi 2009
- Barrie Axford, Gary K Browning, Richard Huggins, Ben Rosamond, '*Politics: An Introduction*' London, Routledge 2005.
- J. C. Johari, '*Comparative Politics*', Sterling Publishers, New Delhi, 2011
- D.R.Bhandari, '*History of European Political Philosophy*', The Bangalore Printing and Publishing Company, 1975.
- O.P.Gauba, '*An Introduction to Political Theory*', MacMillan Publishers, New Delhi, 2009
- S. I. Benn & R. S. Peters, '*Social Principles and the Democratic State*', S. Chand and Co. Ltd., New Delhi, 1979
- B. C. Rout, '*Political Theories Concepts & Ideologies*', S. Chand & Co. Ltd., Delhi, 1986
- V. D. Mahajan, '*Political Theory*', Chand and Co. Ltd, Delhi, 2009

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<sup>1</sup> The idea is to make explicit a set of learning skills which students will require e.g. note taking, note making, reading academic texts, writing essays, etc.

<sup>2</sup> Use at least one illustration of each approach.

**GE 1A: Contemporary Issues in India**  
**(Generic Elective-1A, First Year, Semester I, B.A Gen)**

**Course Rationale:**

This course will introduce students to some of the significant issues and events that have recently made headlines in the country. In order to encourage students to critically assess these events/issues the wider context and broader trends within which these events/issues occur will also be covered. Students are encouraged to draw linkages between current affairs and their broader historical and contextual processes. The course teacher has the flexibility to identify the specific events they wish to cover as part of the broad themes given.

**Course Content:**

**Lecture hours**

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| 1. Important national and local events/issues (political and social) of the previous<br>Previous calendar year   | (10) |
| 2. Trends in National Politics: Recent General Elections, Government Formations,<br>Functioning of Parliament  | (12) |
| 3. Civil Society in Recent Years: Issues and Concerns<br>and Protest Movements (Environment, Anti-development and Gender)  | (12) |
| 4. Economy: Current Economic policies shaping development trajectory<br>(Make in India, Ease of doing business, JAM trinity, Start up India, Human development<br>report and India), Last union budget | (14) |
| 5. State Politics: Recent state Elections, Government formation and Role of Regional<br>parties.   | (12) |

Journals: Economic and Political Weekly, Mainstream, Seminar.

Newspapers: The Hindu, The Times of India, Indian Express, Asian Age, the Navhind Times, Herald,

Year Books: Manorama, Times Year Book, Internet Resources.

Periodicals: India Today, Frontline, Outlook, The Week, Goa Today

**GE-2A: M K Gandhi's Social Thought**  
**(Generic Elective 2A, First Year Semester I,B.A Gen )**

**Course Rationale:** The course seeks to introduce students to the Gandhian social thought through his writings on freedom, ethical religion and social justice. It would also include the practical aspects of Gandhian policy relating to truthful persistence and social reconstruction.

<b>Course Content:</b>	<b>Lecture Hours</b>
1. <b>Introduction to Gandhi:</b> Works, philosophical influence and contribution (anti apartheid and freedom movement)	<b>(06)</b>
2. <b>Gandhi as a Humanist:</b> Concept of Truth, Non-violence, Ethical Religion and quest for Justice	<b>(15)</b>
3. <b>Satyagraha:</b> Philosophy and practice.	<b>(12)</b>
4. <b>Gandhi's views</b> on caste, untouchability, gender, Varna-Dharma and Hindu- Muslim unity.	<b>(15)</b>
5. <b>Gandhi's Constructive Programme:</b> Basic Education, Village sanitation, National language.	<b>(12)</b>

**Readings:**

**Books:**

1. N.K. Bose. *Gandhi the man and his mission*. Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan. Bombay. 1966.
2. R.R. Diwarkar. *Gandhiji's basic Ideas and some modern problems*. Bharatiya Vidya Bhawan. 1963.
3. M.K. Gandhi. *My Experiments with Truth*.
4. Bhiku Parekh, *Colonialism, Tradition and Reform: An Analysis of Gandhi's Political Discourse*, New Delhi: Sage,1989.
5. Joseph J Doke. *M.K. Gandhi: an Indian patriot in South Africa*. Publication Division. Govt of India. 1967
6. The Official Mahatma Gandhi eArchive & Reference Library, Mahatma Gandhi Foundation India. [www.mahatma.org.in/](http://www.mahatma.org.in/) books (for exhaustive list)

**Articles:**

1. Brian M. du Toit, "The Mahatma Gandhi and South Africa", *The Journal of Modern African Studies*, Vol. 34, No. 4 (Dec., 1996), pp. 643-660.
2. Eugene P. Link, "John Dewey and Mohandas K. Gandhi as Educational Thinkers", *Comparative Education Review*, Vol. 5, No. 3 (Feb., 1962), pp. 212-216.
3. M. N. Srinivas, "Gandhi's Religion", *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 30, No. 25 (Jun. 24, 1995), pp. 1489-1491.

4. Neera Chandoke, "Quest for Justice: The Gandhian Perspective", *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 43, No. 18 (May 3 - 9, 2008), pp. 37, 39-46.
5. Amrit Srinivasan, "Women and Reform of Indian Tradition: Gandhian Alternative to Liberalism", *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 22, No. 51 (Dec. 19, 1987), pp. 2225-2228.
6. Madhu Kishwar, "Gandhi on Women", *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 20, No. 41 (Oct. 12, 1985), pp. 1753-1758.
7. Madhu Dandavate, " Gandhi's Human Touch", *Gandhi in Action*, Vol.4&5, 1997-98, pp.99-100.

**Semester II**  
**PSCC1B: POLITICS AND POLITICAL IDEAS (DSC1B)**  
**(Discipline Specific Core Course 1B, First Year, Semester II, B.A.Gen)**

**Course Rationale:**

The course aims at studying individual as a political entity and his/her interaction with State and Society. It builds from a conceptual base and relates the ideas to the practical domain where different political ideas have had an impact on society at large.

<b>Course Content:</b>	<b>Lecture Hours</b>
1. Liberty, Equality, Justice: Meaning, Kinds and Relationship	(12)
2. Liberalism, Socialism and Conservatism	(12)
3. Citizenship, Rights and Democracy	(12)
4. Nationalism and multiculturalism	(12)
5. Feminism and Ecologism	(12)

**Readings:**

Sir E Barker, *'Principles of Social and Political Theory'*, , Oxford University Press, Calcutta 1976

Dahl Robert, *'Modern Political Analysis'*, Englewood Cliffs, N.J., Prentice Hall, 1963

Heater, *'Citizenship: The Civic Ideal in World History, Politics and Education'*, Orient Longman, London, 1990.

D. Held, *'Models of Democracy'*, Polity Press, Cambridge, 1987

H. J. Laski, *'A Grammar of politics'*, Allen and Unwin, London, 1948

Amal Ray and Mohit Bhattacharya, *'Political Theory: Ideas and Institutions'*, World Tress Pvt. Ltd., 1969

J. C. Johari, *'Contemporary Political Theory'*, Sterling publishers Pvt. Ltd, 1996

Eddy Asirvatham, *'Political Theory'*, The Upper India Publishing House, New Delhi, 1979

V. D. Mahajan, *'Political Theory'*, S. Chand and Co. Ltd., New Delhi, 2009

B. K. Gokhale, *'A Study of Political Theory'*, Himalaya Publishing House, Bombay, 1979

K. K. Misra, Kalpana M. Iyengar, *'Modern Political Theory'*, S. Chand & Co. Ltd, New Delhi, 1988

Andrew Heywood, *'Global Politics'*, Palgrave, 2011

**GE- 1B: Contemporary Global Affairs <sup>3</sup>**  
**(Generic Elective-1B, Semester II ,First Year B.A.Gen)**

**Course Rationale:**

The course intends to enhance the student's acquaintance of current affairs in international issues covering major recent issues in contemporary global political economy; it will cover selected issues from three previous year's calendar and will be revised/ updated every three years. The focus will be to develop both factual knowledge as well as analytical understanding among students and they should be able to relate the events to the broader historical context. The course teacher has the flexibility to identify the specific events they wish to cover as part of the broad themes give.

<b>Course Content:</b>	<b>Lectures hours</b>
1. Important international events/issues (Political and social) of the previous Calendar year	10
2. International politics: Rise of Asia, Instability in Middle east, New cold war, Role of major powers (USA & China)	14
3. Emerging economic order: US led Trans pacific partnership agreement, China's initiative: New development bank& Asian infrastructure and investment bank, reforms in IMF and WB.	10
4. Multilateral institutions: WTO, G20, European Union, UN.	14
5. Global challenges: Terrorism (Threat of Islamic state), Environment (Paris Summit 2015, sustainable development goals), Rising Global Inequality and Refugee crisis in Europe.	12

**Readings:**

Journals: World Focus, Economic and Political Weekly, Foreign Affairs

Newspapers: The Hindu, The Times of India, Indian Express, Asian Age, the Navhind Times, Herald,

Year Books: Competition Success Review, Manorama, Times Year Book, Internet Resources.

Periodicals: India Today, Frontline, Outlook, The Week, Goa Today

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<sup>3</sup> New developments could be incorporated under each of the themes.

**GE-2B M.K. Gandhi's Political and Economic Thought  
(Generic Elective 2B, First Year, Semester II B.A.Gen)**

**Course Rationale:** The Course focuses on Gandhi's Political and Economic thinking as prescribed for India's development. It would also try to highlight the relevance of these ideas from a contemporary perspective, thereby locating them in a local and national perspective.

<b>Course Content: Hours</b>	<b>Lecture Hours</b>
1. Gandhi's views on State, Secularism, role of government & critique of Parliamentary Democracy.	<b>(15)</b>
2. Swaraj, and Sarvodaya	<b>(12)</b>
3. Gandhi on Panchayati Raj	<b>(12)</b>
4. Gandhi's Economic Ideas: Industrialization ,	
5. Swadeshi and Trusteeship	<b>(15)</b>
6. Relevance of Gandhi today.	<b>(06)</b>

**Readings:**

**Books:**

- 1.G. N Dhawan. *Political Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi*, Navjivan, Ahmedabad. 1951
2. Amlan Datta. *The Gandhian Way*. N.E. Hill University publications. Shillong. 1986.
- 3.Raghavan Iyer. *Moral and Political Thought of Gandhi*. Oxford Univ. Press. New York. 1963.
4. Anthony Parel (ed.) *Gandhi, Hind Swaraj* , Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1997
5. The Official Mahatma Gandhi eArchive & Reference Library, Mahatma Gandhi Foundation India. [www.mahatma.org.in/](http://www.mahatma.org.in/)
6. J.D. Sethi. *Gandhian Values and 20<sup>th</sup> Century challenges*, New Delhi: Publications Divisions,1994

**Articles:**

- 1.Kenneth Rivett , " The Economic Thought of Mahatma Gandhi" , *The British Journal of Sociology*, Vol. 10, No. 1 (Mar., 1959), pp. 1-15
2. Rajindar K. Koshal and Manjulika Koshal, " Gandhian Economic Philosophy", *American Journal of Economics and Sociology*, Vol. 32, No. 2 (Apr., 1973), pp. 191-209

3. Rakhahari Chatterji, "Class Conflict and Nation Building : Gandhi and the Indian Labour Movement", *The Indian Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 37, No. 4 (Oct.-Dec. '76), pp. 42-57
4. A. B. MATHUR, " MAHATMA GANDHI'S RELEVANCE TODAY", *The Indian Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 50, No. 2 (April - June 1989), pp. 145-156
5. R. S. Dwivedi, "The Gandhian Trusteeship System with Special Reference to Labour Relations", *Indian Journal of Industrial Relations*, Vol. 17, No. 3 (Jan., 1982), pp. 429-439
6. Kazuya Ishii, "The Socioeconomic Thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi: As an Origin of Alternative Development", *Review of Social Economy*, Vol. 59, No. 3 (SEPTEMBER 2001), pp. 297-312
7. Bipin Chandra, "Gandhiji, Secularism and Communalism", *Social Scientist*, Vol.32 , No.1/2, 2004, pp.3-29.