

BARASAT GOVT COLLEGE

UNDER GRADUATE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

B.A. Political Science (Hons) CBCS Syllabus

With effect from 2018-19

Programme Specific Outcomes

Under WBSU this has opened a new dimension in the teaching-learning process.

- The point of knowledge gathering and accumulation on the part of the beneficiaries (students) may be stated. Theoretical and practical knowledge from projects and assignments made by them discloses enough testimony to the mental development in thinking process of the students. This will of course lead them to the path of progressive thinking.
- The question of identification with the courses and the eagerness in translating those to the examination as well as the practical field is relevant very much. The different papers in the curriculum provide the opportunity to magnify the knowledge for the students who are thus acquainted with multifarious practices on a prolonged basis not made before.
- This course augments rapidly the task/area of socialisation of the students. From informal to formal, metaphysical to real situation, they experience newer values and fellow feelings, sense of cooperation accommodative spirit and overall a mentality of broadness and active participation in the socio-political structure of the country.
- The point of awareness on a large basis is an important factor in this respect. The students study state and society, political culture, modernisation public administration along with Indian socio-political thought as well as of the different political systems of the world. They are given lessons in the light of social and political development so that they can link present with the past and look forward for the future.
- This course further helps the students for their placement in the local, national and global field. By correct application of the theoretical knowledge to practice, they are hereby empowered to establish themselves in different areas of activity. The question of multiple choice widening the horizon of thinking and innovation thus enables them to look into the future development, economic, social and political.
- In this course, social and political thought is organically linked with interplay of factors involving society, economy and politics. The critical importance of the milieu in which ideas get articulated is emphasized. Given the dialectical interaction between ideas and their context, it provides a persuasive format that is relative to the circumstances. This is an approach that gives space to the search for alternatives within a framework that adequately underlines the organic nature of ideas which are always in constant flux and hence their fluid nature. What is most determining in the entire process is the organic link with a particular reality that always leaves an imprint in the construction of ideas. European nationalist ideas which influenced the Indian nationalists did have limitations in the particular socio-economic context of Africa and Asia due to their alien origin. Thus the European nationalist trail is indigenised substantially by inventing indigenous equivalents and investing these with additional meanings and nuances.
- The two basic forces or elements of nationalism and democratisation are imparted in the courses esp. Constitutional and comparative political processes. These enable and will be of great assistance for the students who will pursue higher studies in different fields. These will help them in choosing their future professions. So, this course definitely helps as a career builder for the student community.

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Course Outcome or Learning Outcome
Three year B.A. /B.Sc. degree course
Under CBCS semester system
HONOURS COURSE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
With effect from the session: 2018 – 2019

Course Name: Core Course-1
Course Code: PLSACOR01T
Topic Name: Understanding Political Theory

Course Outcome: 1) As a result of reading political theories, the basic thoughts of politics among the students became very clear.
2) Political theory is the main entrance to political science for the Students.
3) So there are various views on the interpretation of state and politics which is very necessary to students of political science.
4) Concept of politics is created by reading political theory. This part is very useful in the development of political knowledge.
5) After reading political theory, studying other topics of political science has become easy and logical for students.

Course Name: Core Course-2
Course Code: PLSACOR02T
Topic Name: Constitutional Government and Democracy in India

Course Outcome: (1) This course acquaints students with the constitutional design of state structures and institutions, and their actual working over time.
(2) It further encourages a study of state institutions in their mutual interaction, and in interaction with the larger extra-constitutional environment
(3) Fundamental rights are a group of rights that have been recognized by a high degree of protection from encroachment. These rights are specifically identified in a constitution, or have been found under due process of law.
(4) Directive Principles of State Policy aim to create social and economic conditions under which the citizens can lead a good life. They also aim to establish social and economic democracy through a welfare state.

Course Name: Core Course-3
Course Code: PLSACOR03T
Topic Name: Political Theory-Concepts and Debates

Course Outcome: 1. Familiarizes students with basic normative political theory concepts.
2. Encourages critical and reflective analysis, interpretation of social practices.
3. Familiarizes with important debates of the subject.

Course Name: Core Course-4
Course Code: PLSACOR04T
Topic Name: Political Process in India

Course Outcome: 1. Students can map the working of modern institutions.
2. Familiarizes students with the working of the Indian State.
3. They can understand the contradictory dynamics of modern state power.

Course Name: Core Course-5
Course Code: PLSACOR05T
Topic Name: Comparative Government and Politics

Course Outcome: 1)As a result of studying Comparative Politics, comparative methods and their effectiveness are established in the minds of students
2) The political system of different countries of the world opens the way for political science students to know the advantages and disadvantages of political parties, constitutional structures and political culture of other states.
3) They can point out the Advantages- Disadvantages in the constitutional framework of their country's political system and express their views on the matter.

Course Name: Core Course-6
Course Code: PLSACOR06T
Topic Name: Perspectives on Public Administration

Course Outcome: (1)The course provides an introduction to the discipline of public administration.
(2)This paper encompasses public administration in its historical context with an emphasis on the various classical and contemporary administrative theories.
(3)The course also explores some of the recent trends, including feminism and ecological conservation and how the call for greater democratization is restructuring public administration.
(4)Students will demonstrate understanding of current issues and trends in government administrative settings and provide knowledge on addressing challenges created by those changes.

Course Name: Core Course-7
Course Code: PLSACOR07T
Topic Name: Perspectives on International Relations and World History

Course Outcome: (1)This paper seeks to equip students with the basic intellectual tools for understanding International Relations.
(2) It introduces students to some of the most important theoretical approaches for studying international relations. The course begins by historically contextualizing the evolution of the international state system; then the students are introduced to different theories in International Relations.
(3) It provides a fairly comprehensive overview of the major political developments and events starting from the twentieth century. Students are expected to learn about the key milestones in world history and equip them with the tools to understand and analyze the same from different perspectives.
(4) A key objective of the course is to make students aware of the implicit Euro - centricism of International Relations by highlighting certain specific perspectives from the Global South.

Course Name: Core Course-8
Course Code: PLSACOR08T
Topic Name: Political Processes and Institutions in Comparative Perspective

Course Outcome: 1.Students get training in the application of comparative methods to the study of politics.
2.Comparative learning of what to study and how to study takes place.
3. Issues, methods and literature relating to comparative political arena can be known .

Course Name: Core Course-9
Course Code: PLSACOR09T
Topic Name: Public Policy and Administration in India

Course Outcome:

1. Understands the interface between public policy and administration in India.
2. Understands the issues of citizens, administration, decentralization, financial management, social welfare, governing philosophy from non-western perspective.
3. Understands translation of governing philosophy and principles into policies and programmes.

Course Name: Core Course-10
Course Code: PLSACOR10T
Topic Name: Global Politics

Course Outcome:

1. Introduces the students to the key debates on the meaning and nature of globalization.
2. Imparts an understanding of the working of the world economy and analyzing the changing relationship between the state and non-state actors.
3. Provides insights into key contemporary global issues.

Course Name: Core Course-11
Course Code: PLSACOR11T
Topic Name: Classical Political Philosophy

Course Outcome:

- (1) One of the major objectives of this course is to introduce the students to the key debates and ideas in Classical political philosophy.
- (2) The course gives an introduction to Political Thought processes and Theory making in the Western countries.
- (3) From the Greek Political thinkers to down the ages including Utilitarians, this course introduces the student to the richness and variations in the political perceptions of Western Thinkers.

Course Name: Core Course-12
Course Code: PLSACOR12T
Topic Name: Indian Political Thought - I

Course Outcome:

- (1) This course introduces the specific elements of Indian Political Thought spanning over two millennia.
- (2) The basic focus of study is on individual thinkers whose ideas are however framed by specific themes.
- (3) The course as a whole is meant to provide a sense of the broad streams of Indian thought while encouraging a specific knowledge of individual thinkers and texts.

Course Name: Core Course-13
Course Code: PLSACOR13T
Topic Name: Modern Political Philosophy

Course Outcome: 1. Understands the convergence between philosophy and politics.
2. Learns the manner in which to pose the political questions that have implications for larger questions of thought and existence.

Course Name: Core Course-14
Course Code: PLSACOR14T
Topic Name: Indian Political Thought II

Course Outcome: 1. Introduces a wide span of thinkers and themes that defines the modernity of Indian Political Thought.
2. Understands general themes from varied social and temporal contexts.
3. Understands the relevance and importance of these thinkers in present times.

Course Name: Discipline Specific Elective-1
Course Code: PLSADSE01T
Topic Name: Reading Gandhi

Course Outcome: 1) The social and political system of India is based on Gandhian philosophy. India's independence struggle, India's political ideology, India's constitution is based on Gandhian thought. Therefore, as a student of political science, one must know Gandhi's judgment and philosophy. Through the study of this paper, Gandhian philosophy was inculcated in the students.
2) In the present socio-political context, the relevance of Gandhiji's ideas of non-violence, satyagraha, Ram Rajya, and good governance can be understood through study. Gandhi's philosophy helps to be a good citizen of the future.

Course Name: Discipline Specific Elective-2
Course Code: PLSADSE03T
Topic Name: Understanding Global Politics

Course Outcome: 1) It helped the students to understand that the key issue in international politics is national interest and power. Each state is constantly engaged in pursuing its own interests or increasing power. Any state is not self-sufficient in commodities. every state dependent on other states for defense assistance, technical assistance and other assistance .
2) It helped the students to understand that what determines the relationship between different states .How the relationship changes over time, how the enemy becomes a friend, how the friendly state becomes an enemy, how small regional events become international in the age of globalization. From Human Rights to Terrorism, Human Security to Refugee issues, all issues Build students' perceptions and judgment after study the International relation.
3) The study of international relations is a means for political science students to become aware of various aspects of international politics.

Course Name: Discipline Specific Elective-3
Course Code: PLSADSE05T
Topic Name: Human Rights in a Comparative Perspective

Course Outcome:

1. Understands the basic concept and importance of Human Rights in human society.
2. Both from western and non-western perspectives, the students can analyze different issues relating to human rights.
3. They develop basic consciousness about human rights and equality for all.

Course Name: Discipline Specific Elective-4
Course Code: PLSADSE06T
Topic Name: Governance: Issues and Challenges

Course Outcome:

1. The students understand the basic functioning, ideas, principles, motivation and challenges of governance, particularly, democratic 'good' governance.
2. Understands the importance of green governance in present times.
3. Understands the relationship between citizenship and governance.

Course Name: Skill Enhancement Course-1
Course Code: PLSSE01M
Topic Name: Democratic Awareness with Legal Literacy

Course Outcome:

- 1) The relationship of law with political science is very significant. Every law is made in accordance with the constitution. The basic structure of the legal system in India and its basic purpose is clear to the students through this paper .
- 2) The basic structure of criminal law and civil law has been made clear to the students.
- 3) Fundamental rights and the rule of law have been established in their knowledge.
- 4) The students have come to know about the laws related to daily life like this Child Marriage Prevention Act, Cyber Law, Consumer Protection Act , Dowry Prevention Act etc .
- 5) The students have been informed about how to do the FIR, information about the detention, information about the rights of the detainees after detention, which is a very important study for their social life.

Course Name: Skill Enhancement Course-2
Course Code: PLSSE02M
Topic Name: Public Opinion and Survey Research

Course Outcome:

1. Introduces the students to the debates, principles and practices of public opinion.
2. Learns how to conceptualize and measure public opinion by using different research methods.

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Course Name: Generic Elective/Department Specific Core Course-1
Course Code: PLSHGEC01T / PLSGCOR01T
Topic Name: Introduction to Political Theory

Course Outcome: 1) As a result of reading political theories, the basic thoughts of politics among the students became very clear.
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Course Name: Generic Elective/Department Specific Core Course-2
Course Code: PLSHGEC02T / PLSGCOR02T
Topic Name: Indian Government and Politics

Course Outcome: 1. Understands the Constitution of India, the state structure and functioning.
2. Understands the interaction of the state with larger extra-constitutional environment.

Course Name: Generic Elective/Department Specific Core Course-3
Course Code: PLSHGEC03T / PLSGCOR03T
Topic Name: Comparative Government and Politics

Course Outcome: (1) This is a basic course in comparative politics. Comparative politics is the systematic study and comparison of the diverse political systems in the world. It is comparative in searching to explain why different political systems have similarities or differences and how developmental changes came to be between them.
(2) Students may get a comparative idea between capitalism and socialism
(3) This course introduces students with the difference constitutional frame works and political economy of different countries.

Course Name: Generic Elective/Department Specific Core Course-4
Course Code: PLSHGEC04T / PLSGCOR04T
Topic Name: Introduction to International Relations

Course Outcome: 1. Equips the students with basic intellectual tools to understand international relations.
2. Learns to analyze world political developments and application of theoretical tools to understand the changes in world politics.

Course Name: Department Specific Elective-1
Course Code: PHSGDSE01T
Topic Name: Reading Gandhi

Course Outcome: This course introduces the specific elements of Indian political thought spanning over two millennia. The basic focus of study is on individual thinkers whose ideas are however framed by specific themes.

Course Name: Department Specific Elective-2
Course Code: PLSGDSE03T
Topic Name: Understanding Global Politics

Course Outcome: The course introduces students to the key debates on the meaning and nature of globalization by addressing its political, economic, social, and technological dimensions.

Course Name: Generic Elective Course (GE)-1
Course Code: PLSGGEC01T
Topic Name: Human rights in a Comparative Perspective

Course Outcome:

1. Understands the basic concept, nature and importance of human rights.
2. Develops awareness about importance of human rights in life.
3. Can analyze different dimensions and challenges of human rights.

Course Name: Generic Elective Course (GE)-2
Course Code: PLSGGEC02T
Topic Name: Governance, Issues and Challenges

Course Outcome:

1. Understands the basic functioning, principles, ideas, motivations and challenges of democratic good governance.
2. Understands the importance of green governance.
3. Understands the relationship between citizenship and governance.