# M.A. Political Science
## Under CBCS
### (With effect from 2013)
#### The Course of Study

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CREDIT BASED SYLLABUS

1ST SEMESTER

1. COMPARATIVE POLITICS- CONCEPTS AND METHODS

Unit I
Comparative Politics: Evolution, Nature and Scope

Unit II
Approaches: Behavioralism, Post-Behavioralism, David Easton’s Systems Approach, Gabriel Almond’s Structural-Functional Approach, Marxist Approach,

Unit III
Constitutionalism: Concepts, Problems and Limitations
State in Comparative Perspective: Capitalist, Socialist and Post-Colonial Societies

UNIT IV
Political Elite: Elitist Theory of Democracy

READINGS:
2. Caramani, Daniel (2008), Comparative Politics, OUP
6. David Easton, The Political System,
13. S. N. Ray, Comparative Politics
2. **ADMINISTRATIVE THEORY: PRINCIPLES AND APPROACHES**

**Unit-I**
Nature, Scope and Approaches to the study of Public Administration, Public and Private Administration, Role of Public Administration in Developed and Developing countries.

**Unit-II**

**Unit-III**
Administrative Management: Leadership (types, functions, Theories), Decision Making, Motivation, Communication.

**Unit-IV**

**Readings:**

5. M. Bhattacharya, Public Administration: Structure, Process and Behaviour, Calcutta, The
3. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: MAJOR CONCEPTS AND THEORIES

Unit I
Contending theories and approaches to the study of International Relations: Idealism, Realism, Neo-Realism, Kaplan’s Systems theory, Decision-Making theory and Game Theory

Unit II
Key Concepts in International Relations: Power, Power base elements. Measurement and limitations; National interest and Relevance of Ideology

Unit III
Balance of Power and Theories of Deterrence

Unit IV
Nuclear Proliferation and Disarmament, War and Pacifism, Conflict resolution and transformation

READINGS:
1. J Baylis and S. Smith, The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations
2. Charles W. Kegley Jr and Eugene R. Wittkopf, World Politics
3. R. Gilpin, Global Political Economy: Understanding the International Economic Order
4. A Wendt, Social Theory of International Politics
5. K. Waltz, Theory of International Politics
6. S. Burchill and others, Theories of International Relations
7. Chris Brown, Understanding International Relations
8. Thomas Diez, Bode and others, Key Concepts in International Relations
9. Andrew Heywood, Global Politics
10. Tim Dunne, Kurki and Steve Smith, International Relations Theories
11. J. E. Dougherty and others, Contending Theories of International Relations
12. C. Reus-Smith and Duncan Snidal, The Oxford Handbook of International Relations

4. SELECT POLITICAL THINKERS I

Unit I
Plato & Aristotle

Unit II
Machiavelli & Hobbes

Unit III
Locke & Rousseau

Unit IV
Bentham & J.S. Mill

READINGS:

II\textsuperscript{ND} SEMESTER

5. **Indian Government and Politics: Basics /Political Ideologies/ Culture and Politics in India**

**Unit-I: Indian government and politics: basics**
Nation-Building in India: Theoretical, Historical, Cultural perspective, National Movements in India.


**Unit-III: Distinctiveness of Indian Secularism, Constitution as an instrument of social change: Constitutional Amendments**

**Unit-IV: Federalism and its working: Nature, the Areas of Tension in Centre-State relations, Demands for State Autonomy, Separatist Movements,**

**Unit-V: Executive and Central Administration: President, Prime Minister, council of ministers, Union Territories: Administration, Critical Appreciation**

**READINGS:**


6. COMPARATIVE POLITICAL PROCESSES

Unit I
Political Culture: Theories and Critique, Political socialization and Communication.

Unit II
Political Change: Revolution: Theories and Types; Social movements; Theories, New Social Movements

Unit III
Development: Theories of Modernization, Underdevelopment, Dependency, World Systems

Unit IV
Political Representation and Participation: Political parties, Pressure Groups, Public Policy Making; Role of Legislature, Executive, Judiciary; Civil Society and its Role

READINGS:

7. GLOBAL POLITICS: CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES AND ISSUES

Unit I
Cold War, End of Cold War; Uni polarity, American Hegemony and Global Order

Unit II
Functionalism and Neo-Functionalism: Approaches to National Integration and World Government.

Unit III
Contemporary global concerns: Global Environmental Issues, Gendering World Politics and International Terrorism

Unit IV
United Nations: A Critical Assessment of its envisaged role and functions; Peace and Security Challenges, Human Rights and Humanitarian Intervention

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1. J Baylis and S. Smith, The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations
2. Charles W. Kegley Jr and Eugene R. Wittkopf, World Politics
3. R. Gilpin, Global Political Economy: Understanding the International Economic Order
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7. Chris Brown, Understanding International Relations
8. Thomas Diez, Bode and others, Key Concepts in International Relations
9. Andrew Heywood, Global Politics
10. Tim Dunne, Kurki and Steve Smith, International Relations Theories
11. James N Rosenau, International Politics and Foreign Policy: a reader in research and theory
12. Thomas Homer Dixon, Environment, Scarcity and Conflict

8. CONTEMPORARY DEBATES IN POLITICAL THEORY

Unit I: Liberalism, Socialism, Marxism, Neo-Marxism
Unit II: Modernism, Post Modernism, Feminism;
Unit-III: Environmentalism, Multiculturalism, Fascism,
Unit IV: Role of Ideology: End of Ideology
Unit V: Theories of Change: Lenin, Mao and Gandhi, Communitarianism,

READINGS:

9. SELECT POLITICAL THINKERS II

Unit I
Hegel & T.H Green

Unit II
Karl Marx & Lenin

Unit III
Gramsci & Nozick

Unit IV
Gandhi & Mao

READINGS:

III$^{\text{RD}}$ SEMESTER

10. PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

Unit-I
Financial Administration: The Budget (Types, Preparation and Implementation of budget), Performance Budgeting, Zero base Budgeting, Audit, Planning, Political Economy and Globalization- Role of Transnational Companies (TNCS) and Multinational Companies (MNCS)

Unit-II
Major Issues in Administration: Relationship between Permanent Executive and Political Executive, Generalist –Specialist Controversy, Public Policy in India-Economic Liberalization Model (Privatization, Marketization, Disinvestment, Corporate Governance).

Unit-III

Unit-IV
Civil Service Conduct: Neutrality and Anonymity, Role, Accountability and Legislative Control- Legislative, Executive and Judicial, New Trends: Good Governance, Citizen’s Charter, E-Governance, Time Bound Service, Corruption handling mechanism – Lokpal and Lokayukta

READINGS:

11. **POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY: CONCEPTS AND ISSUES**

**Unit I**
Seminal Ideas of Karl Marx and Max Weber.

**Unit II**
Sociological Ideas of Emile Durkheim and Talcott Parsons.

**Unit III**
Elite: Theories of Circulation of Elites- Mosca, Pareto, C.Wright Mills; Pluralistic Critique

**Unit IV**

**READINGS:**
1. Robert E. Dowse and John Hughes, Political Sociology, London 1972
8. Lucian Pye(ed) Communication and Political development, New Delhi, 1972

12. **HUMAN RIGHTS IN INDIA**

**Unit-I** *(The Concept of Human Rights)*

a. Western
b. In the Third World Context

**Unit-II** *(Human Rights and Constitutional - Legal Framework in India)*

a. Fundamental Rights
b. Directive Principles of State Policy
c. Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993

**Unit-III** *(Human Rights: Issues and Challenges)*

a. Refugees and Displaced Persons
b. Caste
c. Minorities
d. Women
e. Children
f. Tribals, Landless, Bonded Labour, Unorganised Labour and Peasants
g. Undertrials, Prisoners and P.O.W's
h. People with Disability

**Unit-IV** *(State Response to Human Rights)*
a. Role of Police, Administration, Army and Paramilitary Forces
b. Administration of Justice, Judicial Intervention and Activism, Judicial Commissions on Human Rights
c. Affirmative Action for Weaker Sections
d. Development Strategies
e. Civil Society and Human Rights , Media, Public Opinion and Human Rights , New Social Movements and NGO's , Democracy, Development and Human Rights in India

READINGS:

13. SOCIETY AND POLITY IN INDIA

Unit I
Society in India: Elements of Diversity; Problems of National Integration

Unit II
Social Stratification In India: Caste and Class; The Backward Classes, Reservation Issue

Unit III
Social Change in India: Factors and Areas of Change; Processes of Change; Sanskritization, Westernization.

UNIT IV
Modernization in India: Features; Major sources and means of Modernization: Industrialization, urbanization, Mass Media and Education, Political Change in India: Crisis of Govern ability

READINGS:
10. Partha Chatterjee (ed) State and Politics in India, OUP, N.Delhi, 1997

14. GENDER AND POLITICS

Unit-I
Women and Public Policy

Unit-II
Women and Politics: Global Patterns

Unit-III
Gender and the Human Rights debate

Unit-IV
Gender and Human Development, Health, Population policy and Gender.

READINGS:

4. Nivedita Menon, Gender and Politics in India, New York, OUP, 1999

15. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY AND STATISTICAL METHODS

Unit 1
Social and Political Research: Meaning, Objective, Motivating Factors and Types
Scientific Method: Characteristics, Steps/Process and Limitations.
Unit II

Unit III
Survey Methods: Meaning, Types Steps and Limitations, Observations, Questionnaire and Interviewing, Sampling: Meaning, Types and Selection of Samples

Unit-IV

READINGS:

6. Bose, Pradeep Kumar 1995; Research Methodology, N.D.
7. Mukherjee, P.N. (eds.) 2000: Methodology ICSSR in Social Research; Dilemmas and perspectives; New Delhi, Sage.

16. CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL THEORY
Unit I
Nature and Approaches to the Study of Political Theory, Decline and Resurgence of Political theory; Behaviouralism and Post-Behaviouralism

Unit II
Theories of State: Liberal, Neo-Liberal, Marxist, Pluralist, Post-Colonial and Feminist

Unit III
Theories of Democracy: Classical and Contemporary Models of Democracy: Representative, Participatory and Deliberative

Unit IV
Justice: Meaning and Theories, State and Civil society

READINGS:


17. CULTURE AND POLITICS IN INDIA

Unit-I
Pre-Colonial and Colonial conception of Society

Unit-II
The Modern Self

Unit-III
Cultural Nationalism: Conceptions of Identity, Past and Violence

Unit-IV
Culture and Subaltern Resistance, Literature, Cinema and Nationalism, Urban Cultures

READINGS:

5. Janaki Nair, The Promise of the Metropolis: Bangalore’s Twentieth Century, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 2005.

18. Women in India

Unit I
Theories of feminism

Unit II
Women and Family
Women and work

Unit III
Women and Education
Women and law

Unit IV
Women and Political Participation in India & Emerging Concern
19. CONTEMPORARY INTERNATIONAL STUDIES: CONCEPTS AND CHALLENGES

Unit I
State as an actor: Challenges of Globalization and Information revolution, New World Order, Contending Images of global Future

Unit II
Inter-Paradigm Debate in International relations: Liberalism Vs Neo- Liberalism, Neo-Neo Debate, Constructivism and Post-Structuralism.

Unit III
Post-Positivist approaches: Critical Theory, Post- Modern Marxism, Post- Modern Feminism.

Unit IV

READINGS:

1. J Baylis and S. Smith, The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations
2. Charles W. Kegley Jr and Eugene R. Wittkopf, World Politics
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12. C. Reus-Smith and Duncan Snidal, The Oxford Handbook of International Relations

20. ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT: POLICY AND POLITICS

Unit-I Environment and Development: An Introduction
a. Environmental Philosophies, Politics and Ethics
b. Historical Legacies: Continuities and Discontinuities in India
c. Understanding the Environment in India.

Unit-II State, Market, Community & Local Governments
a. State: Hardin and the Tragedy of the Commons
b. Market: Pricing for Sustainability
c. Community & Local Government Management: A Developing Country Perspective

**Unit-III  Policy, Politics, Institutions and Resources**

a. Forests: State, Trade & Community  
b. Biodiversity, protected areas & people  
c. Irrigation- Dams & Canals: State, Science & Inequities  
d. Groundwater Management & Rainwater Harvesting  
e. Agriculture, Soil Management & Cash Crops: implications for environment and women's lives  
f. Displacement and Resettlement: power, culture and resistance  
g. Industrialization, Urbanization & Pollution: institutional challenges  
h. Pastoralists & Nomads: taming of mobile livelihoods

**Unit-IV  Poverty-Environment Inter-linkages:**

a. Enhancing Livelihoods  
b. Reducing Environmental Health Risks  
c. Reducing Vulnerability to Environmental Hazards  
d. Caste, Gender and Environment  
e. Environmental and Social Movements

**READINGS:**

2. Baviskar, Amita, In the Belly of the River, Delhi, Oxford University Press, 1996  
IV\textsuperscript{TH} SEMESTER

21. Indian Political Ideas

Unit I
Manu & Kautilya

Unit II
Tilak & Aurobindo Ghosh

Unit III
Mahatma Gandhi & B.R. Ambedkar

Unit IV
J.L. Nehru & J.P. Narayan

READINGS:
1. Thomas Pantham and Kenneth Deutsch(ed) Political Thought in Modern India, Sage, 1986
2. B.N. Ray, Tradition and Innovation in Indian Political Thought, Delhi 1998
4. V.P. Verma Modern Indian political thought, Agra, 1998
6. Michael FBrecher, Nehru: A Political Biography
7. V. R. Mehta, Foundations of India’s Political Thought, New Delhi, 1996
8. J.K. Baral, Indian Political Tradition, Macmillan, 2004

13. INDIA AND THE WORLD

Unit-I India and the International Economy
a. Traditional Foreign Economic Policy
b. Liberalization and Globalization: Imperatives and Critical Evaluation
c. India and the W.T.O with special reference to TRIPS, TRIMS and Social Clauses
d. Relations with IMF; World Bank

Unit-II India’s Security: Policy, Perspectives, Problems.
a. Changing Security Perspectives: form Traditional to non Traditional
b. Internal and External linkages
c. Defence Policy- Parameters, Evolution, Problems
e. Nuclear Policy; the debate on nuclearization.

Unit-III India’s Post-Cold War Relations with:
a. U.S.A
b. Russia

Unit-IV India and Regional Blocs
a. E.U
b. ASEAN
c. APEC
d. AU
e. SAARC
f. NIEO
g. U.N Reforms
h. Participation and Development.

READINGS:

14. DISSEMINATION AND ESSAY-(200 Marks)