

# **The University of Burdwan**



**Syllabus for B.A.(Gen.)**

**in**

**Political Science**

**Under Semester with**

**Choice Based Credit System**

**w.e.f. 2017-2018 onward**

## Structure of B.A. General in Political Science under Semester with CBCS

| Semester | Name of the Courses   | Course Type                    | Credit | Full Marks |
|----------|---|--------------------------------|--------|------------|
| Sem-I    | Discipline-1(Pol. Sc.)  | Core Course(CC-1)              | 6      | 75         |
|          | Discipline-2(other than Pol. Sc.)                                       | Core Course(CC-1)              | 6      | 75         |
|          | English Language  | Core Course(L <sub>1</sub> -1) | 6      | 75         |
|          | ENVS  | AECC - 1                       | 6      | 100        |
| Sem-II   | Discipline-1(Pol. Sc.)  | Core Course(CC-2)              | 6      | 75         |
|          | Discipline-2(other than Pol. Sc.)                                       | Core Course(CC-2)              | 6      | 75         |
|          | Hindi/MIL   | Core Course(L <sub>2</sub> -1) | 6      | 75         |
|          | Communicative English/MIL   | AECC - 2                       | 2      | 50         |
| Sem-III  | Discipline-1(Pol. Sc.)  | Core Course(CC-3)              | 6      | 75         |
|          | Discipline-2(other than Pol. Sc.)                                       | Core Course(CC-3)              | 6      | 75         |
|          | English Language  | Core Course(L <sub>1</sub> -2) | 6      | 75         |
|          | Skill Enhancement Course  | SEC - 1                        | 2      | 50         |
| Sem-IV   | Discipline-1(Pol Sc)  | Core Course(CC-4)              | 6      | 75         |
|          | Discipline-2(other than Pol sc)   | Core Course(CC-4)              | 6      | 75         |
|          | Hindi/MIL   | Core Course(L <sub>2</sub> -2) | 6      | 75         |
|          | Skill Enhancement Course  | SEC - 2                        | 2      | 50         |
| Sem-V    | Discipline Specific Elective  | DSE-1A                         | 6      | 75         |
|          | Discipline Specific Elective  | DSE-2A                         | 6      | 75         |
|          | Generic Elective (other than core Disciplines including Core Languages) | GE - 1(interdisciplinary)      | 6      | 75         |
|          | Skill Enhancement Course  | SEC - 3                        | 2      | 50         |
| Sem-VI   | Discipline Specific Elective  | DSE-1B                         | 6      | 75         |
|          | Discipline Specific Elective  | DSE-2B                         | 6      | 75         |
|          | Generic Elective (other than Core Disciplines including Core Languages) | GE - 2(interdisciplinary)      | 6      | 75         |
|          | Skill Enhancement Course  | SEC - 4                        | 2      | 50         |

**CORE COURSES (CC) : 6 CREDITS EACH**

CC - 1 : WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT

CC- 2 : POLITICAL THEORY

CC - 3 : INDIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT

CC – 4 : INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

**DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE (DSE)**

DSE -1A : SELECT COMPARATIVE POLITICAL THEORIES Or,  
DEMOCRACY AND DECENTRALIZED GOVERNANCE

DSE -1B : PUBLIC POLICY: CONCEPTS AND IMPLEMENTATION IN INDIA Or,  
UNDERSTANDING GLOBALIZATION

**GENERIC ELECTIVES(FOR DISCIPLINES OTHER THAN POL SC)(GE)**

GE-1 : READING GANDHI Or, HUMAN RIGHTS

GE-2 : INDIA’S STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE Or, UNITED NATIONS

**SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSES(SEC)**

SEC - 1 : LEGISLATIVE PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES Or,  
ELECTORAL PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES

SEC - 2 : PUBLIC OPINION AND SURVEY RESEARCH Or,  
ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

SEC - 3 : DEMOCRATIC AWARENESS THROUGH LEGAL LITERACY Or,  
GENDER SENSITIZATION

SEC – 4 : PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION Or,  
HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION

## **Detailed Syllabus**

### **SEMESTER – I**

**CC -1 : WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT : 6 Credits (Theoretical-5 Credits, Tutorial 1 Credit)**

- 1. Ancient Greek Political Thought: Main Features**
- 2. Medieval Political Thought: Main features**
- 3. Machiavelli: Concept of statecraft and power politics**
- 4. Hobbes, Locke and Rousseau: Concept of Sovereignty**
- 5. Marx and Engels: Dialectical and Historical Materialism; Revolution; Lenin: Imperialism**
- 6. J.S. Mill: Concept of Liberty**

#### **Suggested Readings :**

1. G. H. Sabine, *A History of Political Theory* (USA: Wadsworth Publishing Co Inc,)
2. A.K. Mukhopadhyay, *Western Political Thought : From Plato to Marx* (Kolkata: K.P. Bagchi)
3. S. Mukherjee and S. Ramaswamy, *A History of Political Thought*, (New Delhi: PHI)
4. Brian R. Nelson, *Western Political Thought: From Socrates to the Age of Ideology*, (Delhi: Pearson)
5. Shefali Jha, *Western Political Thought* (Delhi: Pearson)

### **SEMESTER – II**

**CC -2 : POLITICAL THEORY : 6 credits ( Theoretical-5 Credits, Tutorial 1 Credit)**

- 1. The meaning of Politics and Political Theory; Importance of Political Theory; Different Approaches: (a) Traditional (b) Behavioural and Post-Behavioural (c) Marxist**
- 2. The Concept of Sovereignty: (a) Monistic (b) Pluralist (c) Popular**
- 3. Liberty and Equality: Meaning and their Inter-relationship**
- 4. Liberalism and Neo-Liberalism**
- 5. Theories of State: (a) Idealist (b) Liberal (c) Marxist (d) Gandhian**
- 6. Political parties and pressure groups: concept and role**

#### **Suggested Readings:**

1. R. Bhargava and A. Acharya eds. *Political Theory* (Delhi : Longman, 2008)
2. O. P. Gauba. *Introudction to Political Theory* (New Delhi : Macmillan, 2011)
3. J. C. Johari. *Contemporary Political Theory* (New Delhi : Advent Books)
4. S. Ramaswamy. *Political Theory: Ideas and Concept* (New Delhi : Macmillan)
5. A. Roy and M. Bhattacharya. *Political Theory: Ideas and Institutions* (Kolkata: World Press)
6. S.P. Verma. *Modern Political Theory* (New Delhi: Vikash)
7. D.C. Bhattacharyya, *Political Theory* (Kolkata: Vijoya Publishing House)