

T.Y.B.A Semester V Political Science Syllabus



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Syllabus for the T.Y.B.A

Program: B.A POLITICAL SCIENCE

Program Code: RJFPPOL

Sem V Field Project

RJFPPOL351

National Education Policy (NEP 2020)

Level 5.5

(Revised in 2025-26 in alignment with the NEP 2020 facilitating the inter and multidisciplinary learning and multiple entry and exit of the student)

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Preamble

The great ancient philosopher Aristotle called human beings 'political animals by nature'; the capacity of human beings to think and speak enables them to live an organized life in the human community. The demands and challenges of living in society create the conditions for politics. Human society demands the distribution of material and nonmaterial resources which are defined by political power and political values. Political Science as a discipline is the systematic study of the above process. Political science in the form of political ideas studies the genesis and development of political thought, values, and ideologies. As a study of institutions, it examines the role of political institutions and their impact on human beings. The contemporary globalized world has thrown up a new set of opportunities and challenges for democratic states. Modern information technology, biotechnology, artificial intelligence, etc. have raised new issues of inequality and injustice which must be addressed by nation-states using appropriate policies. A developing country like India has to grapple with new issues alongside the existing challenges of poverty, caste discrimination, communalism, gender discrimination, and regional imbalances. The role of higher education is instrumental in meeting these challenges. The National Education Policy envisions the role of higher education in creating a democratic, caring, and cultured nation that values freedom, equality, and justice for everyone. Higher education must promote thoughtful, well-rounded, and creative individuals. It should allow students to dive deep into their chosen fields of interest and also instill character, ethical values, curiosity, and scientific temper. The discipline of Political Science is essential to understanding the problems of injustice and equality, fostering values of democracy, creating institutions to facilitate change, and designing policies to address the challenges.

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PROGRAMME OUTCOMES (POs) FOR B.A POLITICAL SCIENCE

The following are the Program- Outcomes

- Developing profound knowledge and coherent understanding of their chosen disciplinary and interdisciplinary areas of study within a broad multidisciplinary context.
- Demonstrating the ability to extrapolate learned concepts to real-life situations, applying acquired competencies in new and unfamiliar contexts.
- Applying analytical thought to assess policies, practices, evidence, arguments, claims, and beliefs critically.
- Expressing thoughts and ideas effectively in both written and oral forms and communicating with others using appropriate media.
- Developing a keen sense of observation, inquiry, and the ability to ask relevant and appropriate questions.
- Developing leadership qualities in terms of organizational thinking and setting strategic directions.
- Acquiring multicultural knowledge and fostering a global perspective
- Developing new technological and digital skills

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PROGRAMME SPECIFIC OUTCOMES (PSO's) FOR B.A POLITICAL SCIENCE

The following program-specific outcomes of Political Science are

- PSO1** To develop core competency in the discipline of Political Science.
- PSO2** To understand Political Science's fundamental concepts, theories, perspectives, and ideological discourses.
- PSO3** To understand and evaluate the functioning of political systems and governments of diverse kinds with their institutions, structures, and ideologies.
- PSO4** To expose the students to various political philosophies, from ancient to modern times, and how they envisioned and engaged with the issues of rights, liberty, equality, justice, citizenship, constitution, constitutionalism, etc.
- PSO5** To train the students in understanding the public administrative system and public policy science.
- PSO6** To expose the students to the interdisciplinary modules to demonstrate the interconnectedness of the discipline with other subjects.
- PSO7** To understand the national interests of India in comprehensive terms and Indian endeavors and response to emerging challenges and issues in a fluid and dynamic global scenario.
- PSO8** To demonstrate critical, innovative, and out-of-the-box thinking on political matters.
- PSO9** To develop excellent writing skills and articulations following ethical norms of scholarship and academic writing.
- PSO10** To develop digital literacy, research temperament, and research skills.

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Semester V

Field Project for Political Science Department

(Credits-2)

Objective:

The objective of the Field Project is to provide students with practical exposure to real-world political and administrative dynamics in India. Through fieldwork and experiential learning, students will develop a deeper understanding of democratic processes, citizenship issues, civil society dynamics, and the functioning of public administration and management in the Indian context.

Field Project Activities

- Field Visit to Government Institutions:
 - Arrange visits to various government institutions such as legislative assemblies, municipal corporations, or district collectorates to observe the functioning of democratic processes and public administration at different levels.
- Citizenship Engagement:
 - Organize community awareness campaigns on citizenship rights and responsibilities.
 - Collaborate with local NGOs or civic groups to address issues related to citizenship and civic participation.
- Exploring Civil Society:
 - Participate in volunteer activities with civil society organizations focusing on various social and political issues.
 - Analyze the role of civil society in promoting democracy, social justice, and accountability.
- Public Policy in Practice:
 - Visit to government offices to understand their roles and responsibilities.

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- Conduct interviews with public servants to explore challenges and innovations in public administration.
- Modernizing Governance:
 - Research and analyze case studies on the evolution of public administration practices in India.
 - Visit government agencies implementing e-governance initiatives and assess their impact on service delivery.

Project Report Format

The student must submit a typed, bound project report adhering to the following structure:

- Cover Page
- Acknowledgment
- Table of Contents
- Undertaking by the student
- Introduction
- Literature Review (if applicable)
- Objectives
- Methodology
- Data Analysis / Observations
- Findings and Discussion
- Conclusion and Recommendations
- Bibliography

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Assessment

The Evaluation will be of 50 marks

Component	Marks
Field Project Report	30
Presentation & Viva-Voce	20