

BA.LL.B (HONS.) – I-SEMESTER

POLITICAL SCIENCE-I

COURSE CODE:

Course Objective: The objective of this course is to introduce to the students the concepts of state, sovereignty, society, Law, Liberty and Equality and their importance in Political system.

Course Outcomes:

1. To understand the meaning, Nature and Scope of Political Science and its relationship with other Social Sciences.
2. To Comprehend the theoretical concepts of Political science, such as State, Society, Nation, government and Sovereignty
3. Analyze the concepts of law, liberty, equality
4. Evaluate the classification of different types of constitutions in the world and its respective features.
5. Analyze the different types of governments, political systems and functioning of Executive, legislative and Judiciary in a Democracy and their role in Democratic System.

UNIT-I: Political Science – Introduction: Meaning, Nature and Scope of Political Science-Politics as Science or as an Art-Relationship of Political Science with other Social Sciences.

UNIT-II: Political Units: State, Society, Nation, Government-Origin of the State-End and Functions of the State - Sovereignty: Meaning, Nature and Characteristics of Sovereignty - Classification of Sovereignty - Theories of Sovereignty.

UNIT-III: Political Concepts: Law - Liberty - Equality - Political Obligation – Legitimacy – Representation - Public Opinion.

UNIT-IV: Political Organization: Classification of Constitutions: Written & Unwritten, Flexible and Rigid, Federal and Unitary Constitutions.

UNIT-V: Classification of Governments: Aristotle’s Classification (Monarchy, Aristocracy, and Democracy) and Modern Classification (Parliamentary and Presidential) - Organs of Government: Legislature, Executive and Judiciary.

Textbooks:

- 1) Andrew Heywood: Political Theory

Reference Books:

- 1) Oxford Companion of Indian Politics
- 2) Rajeev Bhargava, Political Theory
- 3) P Gauba, Principles of Political Thought
- 4) S P Verma, Modern Political Theory