



Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women
Academic Calendar 2025 (Even CBCS VI, NEP II & IV)
Department of Political Science

Semester VI	Core Course 6.1: Modern Political Philosophy Course Code: PLSACOR13T Credit: 6			
	Module 1. Modernity & its discourse (Two essential readings) - SGP i. Kant. (1784) What is Enlightenment? ii. George Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel: Civil Society & State	Principal Madam	15	Feb – Jun 2025
	Module 2. Feminist Discourse - PM i. Mary Wollstonecraft: Vindication of Rights of Women ii. Betty Friedan: The Feminine Mystique	PM	25	Feb – Jun 2025
	Module 3. Liberal socialist & Radicals - SG i. John Stuart Mill: Liberty, suffrage & subjection of women, right of minorities; utility principle ii. Karl Marx: Alienation; Dialectical materialism, Historical Materialism, Class & class struggle iii. Antonio Gramsci: Civil Society & Hegemony	SG	35	Feb – Jun 2025
	Core Course 6.2: Indian Political Thought – II Course Code: PLSACOR14T Credit:6			
	Module I: Introduction to Modern Indian Political Thought - RS i. Rammohan Roy: Rights ii. Pandita Ramabai: Gender iii. Vivekananda: Ideal Society	RS	30	Feb – Jun 2025
	Module II: RS i. Gandhi: Swaraj ii. Ambedkar: Social Justice iii. Tagore: Critique of Nationalism	RS	20	Do

	Module III: SG i. Iqbal: Community ii. Savarkar: Hindutva iii. Nehru: Secularism iv. Lohia: Socialism	SG	30	Do
Semester VI	Discipline Specific Elective: Governance: Issues & Challenges Course Code: PLSADSE06T Credit: 6			
	Module 1. Government & Governance: Concepts – i. Role of State in the era of Globalization; ii. State, Market & Civil Society	RS	25	Do
	Module 2. Environmental Governance - i. Human-Environment Interaction ii. Green Governance: Sustainable Human Development	PM	25	Do
	Module -3. Good Governance - i. Initiatives in India: Best Practices ii. Electronic Governance iii. Citizens Charter & Right to Information iv. Corporate Social Responsibility	PM	25	Do
GE/DSC	Discipline Specific Elective: Public Policy in India Course Code: PLSADSE04T Credit:6			
	Module – I. Introduction to Public Policy – PM A. The Analysis of Policy in the Context of Theories of State B. Political Economy & Policy: Interest Groups & Social Movements	PM	25	Feb – Jun 2025
	Module – II. Models of Policy Decision Making - AB	AB	25	Do
	Module – III. Ideology & Policy: – AB Neheruvian Vision, Economic Liberalization & Recent Developments	AB	25	Do
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Semester IV Major	Paper IV			
	Unit I			
	1. Party System in India, Features & Evolution 2. Coalition Politics in India 3. Major National Political Parties in India : Ideologies & Programmes 4. Electoral Process in India : Election Commission – Composition, Functions, Role: Electoral Reforms	AB	25	May – Jun 2025
	Unit II			
	5. Issues in Indian Politics: Religion, Casts, Tribe, Region, Language 6. Role of Business groups, working class, peasants 7. New social movements: Women, Environment, Human Rights	SG	25	May – Jun 2025

	8. Role of media in Indian Politics			
Semester IV Major	Paper V			
	Unit I			
	1. Evolution & Scope of Comparative Politics: An overview – distinction between comparative govt. & comparative politics 2. Approaches to the studies of comparative politics: Institutional approach – system approach & structural functional approach: New institutionalism: Political economy 3. Classification of Political Systems: Liberal & Socialist 4. Key Features of major political systems: Conventions & rule of law (UK); separation of power, Checks & balance, judicial review (USA); referendum & initiative (Switzerland)	RS	25	May – Jun 2025
	Unit II			
	5. Executive in the USA, UK & France – Comparative study of – a) French & American Presidency; b) British & French Cabinet Systems (AB) 6. Legislature in UK, USA & PRC- Composition & functions of the legislative chambers, committee system in UK & USA 7. Judiciary in the UK, USA & PRC (with focus on the procuratorate) 8. Party System in UK, USA & PRC- Features & Roles	AB AB SG SG	25	May – Jun 2025
Semester IV Major	Paper VI			
	Unit I			
	1. Understanding international relations: evolution of IR as an academic discipline 2. Major Theories in IR: (a) classical realism & neo realism; (b) liberal & neo liberal; c) Marxist dependency theory (AG Frank) & World System Theory (Wallerstein) (d) feminist theory (Ann Tickner) 3. Eurocentrism & perspective from global south 4. Key concepts: national power-balance of power, unipolarity, bipolarity & multi polarity -collective security, diplomacy	PM	25	May – Jun 2025
	Unit II			

	5. Major Institutions of Global Governance: World Bank, IMF, WTO - An Overview 6. Regional Economic & Security Organisations: OPEC & NATO 7. Regional Organisations :SAARC ,ASEAN, BRICS -goals & functioning 8. UNO: Major Organs - General Assembly, Security Council & Secretariat, role of UNO in peace keeping	PM	25	Jul – Aug 2025
Semester IV Major	Paper VII			
	Unit I			
	1. Public Administration: Meaning, Significance, Nature, Scope & Evolution: Private & Public Administration 2. Theoretical perspectives: (a) Classical theories - Scientific management (FW Taylor), administrative management (Gullick, Urwick & Fayol) Marx & Weber on bureaucracy, (b) Neo-classical theories- human relations theory (Elton Mayo), rational decision making (Herbert Simon) 3. Contemporary theories: a) Ecological approach (Fred Riggs), b) Innovation & entrepreneurship (Peter Drucker) 4. Challenges to the discipline of public administration: New public administration, comparative public administration, development administration, feminist perspectives	PRN RS RS PRN	25	Jul – Aug 2025
	Unit II			
	5. Major concepts in public administration: a) Hierarchy; (b) Unity of command; (c) Span of control; (d) Authority; (e) Centralization, decentralization & delegation; (f) Line & staff 6. Administrative Processes : (a) Decision making; (b) Communication & Control; (c) Leadership; (d) Coordination 7. Public administration in the era of globalization, liberalization & privatization- State versus market debate 8. Public Private partnership: Indian Context	RS	25	Aug – Sep 2025
	Unit I			

Semester IV Minor	1. Making of India's Foreign Policy: Basic determinants (historical, geo political, economic, domestic & strategic)- NAM 2. Indian Foreign Policy Major Phases -1947-1962; 1962-1991; 1991-2014; 2014 onwards 3. India's Nuclear Doctrine- Indo US Nuclear deal	PM PM RS	25	May – Jul 2025
	Unit II			
	4. Indian foreign policy during the post-cold war period- Indo- Russia & Indo-US relations 5. India & her neighbors (recent engagements)-Indo Pakistan, Indo- Nepal, Indo-Bangladesh, Indo-Sri Lanka relations 6. India & regional organizations: SAARC & ASEAN	SG RS AB	25	Jul – Sep 2025
Semester II Major	Paper DS 2 (PLSDSC202T) Indian Constitution and Government Credit: 5 (4 + 1)			
	Unit I			
	1. Evolution of the Indian Constitution: Constitutional Assembly Debates– Preamble 2. Citizenship -- Fundamental Rights and Duties – Directive Principles of State Policy 3. Indian Federalism: Union – State Relations 4. Constitutional Amendment	RS PRN PM RS	25	May – Jul 2025
Semester II Major	Unit II			
	5. Union Executive: President, Vice-President, Prime Minister, Council of Ministers—election, position, functions (Emergency Powers and relationship of Prime Minister and President). 6. Union Legislature: Rajya Sabha, Lok Sabha, Organization, Functions – Lawmaking procedure, Parliamentary Procedure, Privileges, Committee system—Speaker.	AB AB SG	25	Aug – Oct 2025

	7. Government in States: Governor, Chief Minister and Council of Ministers: position and functions -- State Legislature: composition and functions. 8. Judiciary: Supreme Court and the High Courts: composition and functions – Judicial activism.	SG		
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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Plan of Action:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Examinations: After completion of 6 weeks of class one internal, one project (for each teacher) (Finals as per University schedule) Publication of Departmental Journal (During the month of April - May, 2025) Wall Magazine (March - April, 2025) Collaborative webinars/workshops/talks etc. (Jan – Feb & May –June, 2025) Celebration of Days of National Importance Students participation in online yoga etc. programmes Inter-departmental talks Student seminar (April – May, 2025) 				