

NOWGONG COLLEGE
(Autonomous)



SYLLABUS

Department of Political Science
Learning Outcome-based Curriculum Framework (LOCF) of
Four Year Undergraduate Programme
Choice-based Credit System with flexibility

Effective from Academic Year 2023-24

Syllabus is approved in Academic Council, Nowgong College (Autonomous)

Dated: 30th June, 2023

Programme Objective:

1. To make the students good and well-informed citizens of India
2. To develop competitive aptitude among the students.
3. To develop Research aptitude among the students.

Programme Outcome:

1. The Certificate Course will help the students to get a general idea about Political Science and lay the foundation for further studies in the discipline.
2. The 2 years Diploma will enhance employability of the students with greater knowledge of politics and contemporary administrative systems
3. Degree with three years will make students eligible for various jobs and for Competitive Examinations
4. Degree after four years will make the students competent to pursue research projects along with various jobs and make them more eligible to clear the civil service examinations

Course & Credit Structure

Semester	Major (Maj)	Minor (Min)	Inter-disciplinary	AEC	SEC	VAC (Any Two)	Summer Internship	Research Project/Dissertation	Total credit
I	POSC-MAJ-1014 Constitutional Government and Democracy in India	POSC-MIN--1014 Understanding Political Theory	POSC-IDC--1014 Understanding Political Theory	ASSA/HIND/BENG-AEC-1012 Jugajogmulok Axomiya/ Vyakaran Evam Vyavaharik Hindi/Byowoharic Bangla – I	POSC-SEC-1014 Youth and Nation Building	UNIN-VAC-1012 (Understanding India) ENSC-VAC-1012 (Environmental Science) NASS-VAC-1012 (National Service Scheme)			22
II	POSC-MAJ—2014 Indian Government and Politics	POSC-MIN--2014 Indian Government and Politics	POSC-IDC-2014 Indian Government and Politics	ASSA/HIND/BENG -AEC-2012 Byowoharic Axomiya/ Karyalayi Hindi /Byowoharic Bangla – II	POSC-SEC-2014 Panchayati Raj in Practice	DITS-VAC-2012 (Digital Technological Solutions) YOMH-VAC-2012 (Yoga and Mental Health) NACC-VAC-2012 (National Cadet Corps)			22

Certificate after 1 year									
III	POSC-MAJ-3014 Political theory: Concepts and Debates POSC-MAJ—3024 Political Process in India	POSC-MIN--3014 Select Constitution-I	POSC-IDC-3014 Introduction to International Relation	ENGL-AEC-3012 (English and Mass Communication)	POSC-SEC-3014 Citizen And Rights				22
IV	POSC-MAJ--4014 Public Administration POSC-MAJ—4024 Introduction to Comparative Govt. and Politics POSC-MAJ—4034 Perspective on International Relation and Global Politics POSC-MAJ—4044	POSC-MIN-4014 Select Constitution-II		ENGL-AEC-4012 (Academic Writing)					22

	Gandhian Political Philosophy								
Diploma after 2 years									
V	POSC-MAJ--5014 Public Policy in India POSC-MAJ-5024 Political Process and Institution in a comparative perspective POSC-MAJ-5034 Global Politics POSC-MAJ-5044 Classical Political Philosophy- I	POSC-MIN--5014 Comparative Govt. and Politics					POSC – INTE-5012 (Internship)		22
VI	POSC-MAJ--6014 Modern Political Philosophy	POSC-MIN-6014							22

	POSC-MAJ— 6024 Indian Political Thought-I POSC-MAJ— 6034 Human Rights POSC-MAJ— 6044 Indian foreign Policy POSC-MAJ— 6052: Project/ Dissertation								
Degree After 3 years (With Major/Minor)									
VII	POSC-MAJ- 7014 Indian Political Thought-II POSC-MAJ- 7024 Human Rights in India POSC-MAJ- 7034 Politics in North- East India	POSC-MIN- 7014 Governance: Issues and Challenges				REET-VAC- 7012 Research Ethics		REME-MAJ-7044 Research Methodology	22

VIII	POSC-MAJ-8014 Social Movements in North East India	POSC-MIN-8014 Parliamentary Procedures and Practices			INPR-VAC-8012 Intellectual Property Rights			POSC-DISS-80112 Research Project or Dissertation (Those who are undertaking research project /dissertation) POSC-MAJ-8024 Feminism: Theory and Practice POSC-MAJ-8034 Politics of Globalization POSC-MAJ-8044 Understanding Ambedkar (Those who are not undertaking research project /dissertation)	22
Degree after 4years									176

N.B.: 1. 4 credit papers = 100 marks (60T+20IA+20P)

2. 2 credit papers = 50 marks (30T+10IA+10P) & AEC: 50 marks (40T+10IA)

Question pattern:

- For 100 marks papers [1 marks x 7 (no option) , 2 marks x 4(no option) , 5 marks x 3 (5 options), 10 marks x 3 (5 options)]
- For 50 marks papers [1marks x 4 (no option), 2 marks x 3 (no option), 5 marks x 2 (4 options), 10 marks x 1 (2 options)]
- For AEC 50 marks papers [1 marks x 4 (no options) , 2 marks x 3 (no options), 5 marks x 2 (4 options), 10 marks x 2 (4 options)]

Details of Semester-Wise Courses

SEMESTER	COURSE NAME	COURSE CODE	COURSE CREDIT	MARKS(T+P+IA)
I	Understanding Political Theory	POSC-MAJ--1014	4	100 (60+20+20)
	Understanding Political Theory	POSC-MIN--1014	4	100 (60+20+20)
	Understanding Political Theory	POSC-IDC--1014	4	100 (60+20+20)
	Youth and Nation Building	POSC-SEC-1014	4	100 (60+20+20)
	Understanding India	UNID-VAC-1012	2	50 (30+10+10)
II	Indian Government and Politics	POSC-MAJ--2014	4	100 (60+20+20)
	Indian Government and Politics	POSC-MIN--2014	4	100 (60+20+20)
	Indian Government and Politics	POSC-IDC-2014	4	100 (60+20+20)
	Panchayati Raj in Practice	POSC-SEC-2014	4	100 (60+20+20)
III	Political theory: Concepts and Debates	POSC-MAJ-3014	4	100 (60+20+20)
	Political Process in India	POSC-MAJ--3024	4	100 (60+20+20)
	Select Constitution-I	POSC-MIN--3014	4	100 (60+20+20)
	Introduction to International	POSC-IDC-3014	4	100 (60+20+20)

	Relation			
	Citizen And Rights	POSC-SEC-3014	4	100 (60+20+20)
IV	Public Administration	POSC-MAJ--4014	4	100 (60+20+20)
	Introduction to Comparative Govt. and Politics	POSC-MAJ--4024	4	100 (60+20+20)
	Perspective on International Relation and Global Politics	POSC-MAJ--4034	4	100 (60+20+20)
	Gandhi and Contemporary World	POSC-MAJ-4044	4	100 (60+20+20)
	Select Constitution- II	POSC-MIN--4014	4	100 (60+20+20)
V	Public Policy in India	POSC-MAJ--5014	4	100 (60+20+20)
	Political Process and Institution in a comparative perspective	POSC-MAJ--5024	4	100 (60+20+20)
	Global Politics	POSC-MAJ--5034	4	100 (60+20+20)
	Classical Political Philosophy- I	POSC-MAJ--5044	4	100 (60+20+20)
	Comparative govt. and Politics	POSC-MIN--5014	4	100 (60+20+20)
VI	Modern Political Philosophy	POSC-MAJ--6014	4	100 (60+20+20)
	Indian Political Thought-I	POSC-MAJ-6024	4	100 (60+20+20)
	Human Rights	POSC-MAJ-6034	4	100 (60+20+20)

	Indian Foreign Policy	POSC-MAJ-6044	4	100 (60+20+20)
	Project	POSC-MAJ- 6052	2	50 (30+10+10)
	Understanding Global Politics	POSC-MIN--6014	4	100 (60+20+20)
VII	Indian Political Thought-II	POSC-MAJ--7014	4	100 (60+20+20)
	Human Rights in India	POSC-MAJ--7024	4	100 (60+20+20)
	Politics In North-East India	POSC-MAJ--7034	4	100 (60+20+20)
	Research Methodology	REME-MAJ--7044	4	100 (60+20+20)
	Governance: Issues and Challenges	POSC-MIN-7014	4	100 (60+20+20)
VIII	Social Movements in North –East India	POSC-MAJ-8014	4	100 (60+20+20)
	Parliamentary Procedures and Practices	POSC-MIN-8014	4	100 (60+20+20)
	Dissertation (Those who are not undertaking research project /dissertation)	POSC-DISS-80112	12	100 (60+20+20)
	Feminism: Theory and Practice	POSC-MAJ-8024	4	100 (60+20+20)
	Politics of Globalization	POSC-MAJ-8034	4	100 (60+20+20)
		POSC-MAJ-8044		

	Understanding Ambedkar		4	100 (60+20+20)
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SEMESTER-I
Course Code: POSC-MAJ-1014
Course Paper: UNDERSTANDING POLITICAL THEORY-I
Credit-4(3T+1P)

Period: 45L+15TU

Total marks: 100(60T+20IA+20P)

Objective: This course is divided into two sections. Section A introduces the students to the idea of political theory, its history and approaches, and an assessment of its critical and contemporary trends. Section B is designed to reconcile political theory and practice through reflections on the ideas and practices related to democracy.

Learning Outcomes:

- To introduce the idea of political theory and various approaches
- To enable the students to assess the contemporary trends of political theory
- To reconcile theory and practice in relation to democracy

CONTENTS:

Theory:

UNIT 1: Introducing Political Theory

- a) What is Politics
- b) Theorizing the 'Political'
- c) Traditions of Political Theory: Liberal, Marxist

UNIT 2: Approaches to Political Theory

- a) Normative
- b) Historical
- c) Empirical

UNIT 3: Critical and Contemporary Perspectives in Political Theory

- a) Feminist
- b) Postmodern
- c) Conservatism and Anarchy

UNIT 4: Political Theory and Practice

- a) Democracy: The concept and idea

- b) Procedural Democracy and its critique
- c) Deliberative Democracy

Practical/Presentation: Topics to be selected based on course content of the theory

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Political Theory: An Introduction. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 2-16.

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Sanders, D. (1995) 'Behavioral Analysis', in Marsh, D. and Stoker, G. (eds.) *Theory and Methods in Political Science.* London: Macmillan, pp. 58-75.

Chapman, J. (1995) 'The Feminist Perspective', in Marsh, D. and Stoker, G. (eds.) *Theory and Methods in Political Science.* London: Macmillan, pp. 94-114.

Bhargava, R, 'Why Do We Need Political Theory', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.)

Political Theory: An Introduction. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 17-36

SEMESTER-I
Course Code: POSC-MIN-1014
Course Paper: UNDERSTANDING POLITICAL THEORY-I
Credit-4(3T+1P)

Period: 45L+15TU

Total marks: 100(60T+20IA+20P)

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Theory

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- c) Empirical

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SEMESTER-I
Course Code: POSC-IDC-1014
Course Paper: UNDERSTANDING POLITICAL THEORY-I
Credit-4(3T+1P)

Period: 45L+15TU

Total marks: 100(60T+20IA+20P)

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CONTENTS:

Theory

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SEMESTER-I
Course Code: POSC-SEC-1014
Course Paper: Youth and Nation Building
Credit-4(3T+1P)

Period: 45L+15TU

Total marks: 100(60T+20IA+20P)

Objectives:

The aim of this course is to highlight the importance of NCC and NSS. The students will be able to get involved with the NCC and the NSS and learn about its activities and undertake tasks under its aegis. The students will also be able to learn about the basics of disaster preparedness and its management.

Course Outcomes:

- To enable students to learn the importance of youth in NSS and NCC,
- To make students understand the activities related to NSS and NCC and its importance,
- To make students learn the basics of National Disaster Management and its importance.

CONTENTS:

Theory

UNIT 1: Nation Building and National Integration

- a) Nationalism and factors determining Nationalism in India
- b) National Integration- Meaning, Nature and Challenges to National Integration in India
- c) Nation Building- Challenges and measures to Nation Building

UNIT 1: Youth and National Service Scheme (NSS)

- a) NSS: Organisation and Objectives
- b) NSS: Activities and Benefits
- c) NSS and its contribution

UNIT 2: Youth and the National Cadet Corps (NCC)

- a) Aims and objectives of the NCC
- b) Organisation and Training
- c) Benefits of NCC and Career opportunities

UNIT 3: Youth and National Disaster Management

- a) Disaster Management Plan 2016-an overview
- b) National Disaster Management Authority
- c) Community involvement and preparedness: Assam

Practical/Presentation: Project Report/Field Study Report based on any activity i.e., awareness programme/campaign, group discussion, disaster management programme in collaboration with NCC and NSS unit etc.

Suggested Readings:

NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME MANUAL (REVISED),

available at

http://nss.wbut.ac.in/documents/NSS_manual_2006.pdf

ANO Handbook, NCC, Available at

https://docs.google.com/viewerng/viewer?url=http://nccindia.nic.in/sites/default/files/ANO+Hand+Book_1.pdf

National Policy on Disaster Management, available at

<https://ndma.gov.in/images/guidelines/national-dm-policy2009.pdf>

National Disaster Management Plan

Assam State Disaster Management Authority, <http://sdmassam.nic.in/ini2.html>

SEMESTER-II
Course Code: POSC-MAJ-2014
Course Paper: Indian Government and Politics
Credit-4(3T+1P)

Period: 45L+15TU

Total marks: 100(60T+20IA+20P)

Objectives:

1. The course would introduce the students to the basic and foundational understanding of study of Indian Politics.
2. The course intends to enrich student's understanding about the functioning of the major institutions of government of India and the inter-relationship among these institutions.
3. The thrust of this course is to look into the details of the three organs of the government, their functioning, diverse aspects and the areas of confrontation, so that, students can develop the knowledge about addressing major issues and concerns.

Learning Outcomes:

- Sound understanding of the fundamental concepts and foundations of Indian Constitution.
- Understand the basic features of the Indian constitution and its institutional functioning.
- Knowledge about the diverse aspects of Indian federalism, its state formation process and institutional aspects of justice and legal system.
- Produce a culture of well informed and responsible citizenship

CONTENTS:

Theory

UNIT 1: Foundations of Indian Government and Politics

- a) Constituent Assembly and the making of Indian Constitution
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UNIT 2: Federalism and Indian Politics

- a) Nature of Indian Federation and its Centralizing tendencies

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a) President: Election, Powers and function, Relations to the parliament

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UNIT 4: Indian Judiciary

a) Composition, Powers and Function and Independence of Judiciary

b) Judicial Review and Public Interest Litigation (PIL)

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SEMESTER-II
Course Code: POSC-MIN-2014
Course Paper: Indian Government and Politics
Credit-4(3T+1P)

Period: 45L+15TU

Total marks: 100(60T+20IA+20P)

Objectives:

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SEMESTER-II
Course Code: POSC-IDC-2014
Course Paper: Indian Government and Politics
Credit-4(3T+1P)

Period: 45L+15TU

Total marks: 100(60T+20IA+20P)

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SEMESTER-II
Course Code: POSC-SEC-2014
Course Paper: Panchayati Raj in Practice
Credit-4(3T+1P)

Period: 45L+15TU

Total marks: 100(60T+20IA+20P)

Objective: This course acquaints students with the Panchayati Raj Institutions and their actual working. It further encourages a study of PRIs in their mutual interaction and their interaction with the people.

Learning Outcomes:

- This paper will help students understand the importance of grassroots political institutions in empowering people.
- This paper will highlight the complex challenges faced by PRIs in India and mechanisms involved to make it more participatory and inclusive in nature.

CONTENTS

Theory

UNIT 1: Growth of Panchayati Raj institutions in India

- a) Contribution of Constituent Assembly, B. R. Ambedkar, Vinoba Bhave, Mahatma Gandhi, Lohia, Narayan
- b) Evolution of Panchayati Raj Institutions through different Committees
- c) Evolution of Panchayati Raj Institutions through Constitutional Amendment Bills

UNIT 2: Strengthening Democratic Functioning of the Panchayats

- a) Participation at village level, action plan and participatory method
- b) Need assessment and Micro Planning
- c) Devolution

UNIT 3: Panchayat Finances and Accounting

- a) Constitutional Provisions on Panchayat Finances
- b) Fiscal Decentralisation and Audit system
- c) Social Audit and Audit Online

UNIT 4: Problems and Needs of Disadvantaged Groups and their Participation

- a) Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Casts and Minorities
- b) Panchayat Extension to Scheduled Areas (PESA) Act
- c) Need for women's participation

Practical/Presentation: Topics to be selected based on course content of the theory

Suggested Readings:

P. deSouza, (2002) 'Decentralization and Local Government: The Second Wind of Democracy in India', in Z. Hasan, E. Sridharan and R. Sudarshan (eds.) *India's Living Constitution: Ideas, Practices and Controversies*, New Delhi: Permanent Black

M. John, (2007) 'Women in Power? Gender, Caste and Politics of Local Urban Governance', in *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 42(39)

Raghunandan, J. R (2012) *Decentralization and local governments: The Indian Experience*, Orient Black Swan, New Delhi

Baviskar, B.S and George Mathew (eds) 2009 *Inclusion and Exclusion in local governance: Field Studies from rural India*, New Delhi, Sage

M.Venkatarangaiya and M.Pattabhiram- *Local Government in India*, Allied Publishers-1969SR Maheswari, *Local Government in India*, Lakshmi Narain Agarwal, 2008.

Bidyut Chakraborty and Rajendra Kumar Pandey, *Modern Indian Political Thought – Text and Context*, Sage, New Delhi, 2009.

Niraja Gopal Jayal and others, *Local Governance in India – Decentralisation and Beyond*, Oxford University Press, 2006.

Subrata K. Mitra. 2001. *Making local government work: Local elites, panchayati raj and governance in India*,

Atul Kohli (Ed.). *The Success of India's Democracy*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

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Paper Name- Understanding India

Credits: 2

Period: 30 (L-25 + P-05)

Total marks: 50 (30T + 10IA + 10P)

Course objectives:

The course would introduce the students to the legacy of British Colonial rule. The major thrust of this course is to familiarise the students with various phases of colonial rule in India and its impact on Indian society. The course will also provide a fair idea about the rise of nationalist movement in India. The students will be introduced to the process of making of the Indian constitution and its basic features.

Learning outcomes:

- To examine the legacy of the British colonial rule.
- To understand the rise of Indian nationalism during the British rule.
- To study the process of Constitution making.
- To understand the basic features of the Indian constitution.

CONTENTS

Theory:

UNIT 1: COLONIALISM AND NATIONALISM

- (a) British Colonialism- Impact of British Colonial rule.
- (b) Rise of Nationalist Movement- A brief survey of the Nationalist movement

UNIT 2: MAKING OF INDIAN CONSTITUTION

- (a) Framing of the Indian Constitution
- (b) Basic features of the Indian Constitution

Practical/ Presentation: Topics to be selected based on course content of the theory

Suggested Readings:

Abbas, H., Kumar, R. & Alam, M. A. (2011) Indian Government and Politics. New Delhi: Pearson, 2011.

Chakravarty, B. & Pandey, K. P. (2006) Indian Government and Politics. New Delhi: Sage.

Singh, M.P. & Saxena, R. (2008) Indian Politics: Contemporary Issues and Concerns. New Delhi: PHI Learning.

Jayal, N. G. & Maheta, P. B. (eds.) (2010) Oxford Companion to Indian Politics. New Delhi: Oxford University Press
