

VASAVI COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING (A) HYDERABAD

DEPARTMENT: HUMANITIES& SOCIAL SCIENCES

COURSE TITLE-POLITICAL SCIENCE

(SYLLABUS COMMON TO ALL BRANCHES) **OPEN ELECTIVE**

W.E.F-2026-2027

III SEMESTER

Instruction: 2 Hours	SEE: 60	Course code: U25OE370EH
Credits: 2	CIE: 40	Duration of SEE: 3 Hours
Course Objectives By the end of the course, learners will be able to: 1. To introduce students to the foundations of Political Science. 2. To understand Indian political ideas, institutions, and ideologies. 3. To familiarize students with political thinkers and constitutional values. 4. To develop analytical understanding of Indian politics and governance.		Course Outcomes Oncompletion of the course, learners will be able to: 1. Explain core political concepts such as state, sovereignty, rights, justice, liberty, and duties. 2. Describe contributions of key Western and Eastern political thinkers. 3. Compare political ideas across civilizations. 4. Understand major currents in modern Indian political philosophy. 5. Demonstrate basic analytical skills in interpreting political ideas.

UNIT-1: Introduction to Political Science- 8 Hours

Meaning, Scope, and Relevance of Political Science

- **Key concepts:** State, Nation, Sovereignty, Power, Authority, Legitimacy
- **Forms of government:** Monarchy, Aristocracy, Democracy

UNIT 2: Political Ideologies -11 Hours

Introduction: Role of ideas, Features of ideology, Left/Right divide

- A. Classical Ideologies:** Liberalism/Capitalism, Socialism/Communism, Nationalism, Gandhism, Fascism
- B. New ideologies:** Feminism, Ecologism, Religious Fundamentalism

UNIT 3: Indian Constitution and Government -12 Hours

1. Making of the Indian Constitution
2. Salient Features of the Constitution
3. Fundamental Rights and Duties
4. Directive Principles of State Policy



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5. Union Government :

- President
- Prime Minister
- Parliament
- **Judiciary :**
- Supreme Court
- Judicial Review

B. Contemporary Indian Politics

1. Political Parties in India
2. Electoral System and Election Commission
3. Regionalism and Caste Politics
4. Media and Democracy
5. Challenges to Indian Democracy

UNIT 4: Indian Political Thought -11 Hours

A. Classical Indian Political Thought: Dharmashastra, Arthashastra, and Buddhist traditions

B. Modern Indian Political Thought: Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, Swami Vivekananda, Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Sri Aurobindo, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and M.S. Gowalkar

C. Comparative perspective: Western and Eastern

Learning Resources

Suggested Reference Books

- Andrew Heywood, Political Theory: An Introduction
- O.P. Gauba, Introduction to Political Theory
- Brian R. Nelson, Western Political Thoughts
- Andrew Heywood, Political Ideologies, An introduction
- V.R. Mehta, Foundations of Indian Political Thought

The break-up of CIE: Internal Tests + Assignments + Quizzes

1	No. of Internal tests	:	2	Max.Marks	:	30
2	No. of assignments	:	2	Max. Marks	:	5
3	No. of Quizzes	:	2	Max. Marks	:	5

Duration of Internal Tests :90 Minutes

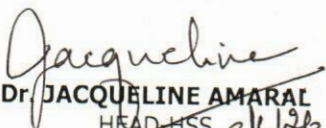
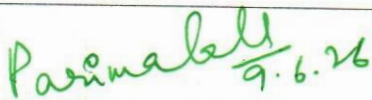
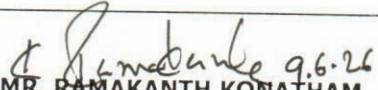
Duration for SEE : 180 Minutes


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