

**Breakup of Political Science Courses in different Under-graduate Semesters:**

Semester	Course Code	Type of Course	Title of Course	Credits	
				Theory	Tutorials
I	PS120C	DSC-1 (6 Credits)	Political Science: Political Theory-An Introduction	4	2
II	PS220C	DSC-2 (6 Credits)	Political Science: Indian Government and Politics	4	2
III	PS320C	DSC-3 (6 Credits)	Political Science: Comparative Government and Politics	4	2
IV	PS420C	DSC-4 (6 Credits)	Political Science: Introduction to International Relations	4	2
V	PS520D1	DSE (6 Credits)	Political Science: Western Political Thought	4	2
	PS520D2	DSE (6 Credits)	Political Science: Indian Thought-Thinkers and Themes	4	2
VI	PS620D1	DSE (6 Credits)	Political Science: Public Administration	4	2
	PS620D2	DSE (6 Credits)	Political Science: Government and Politics of J&K	4	2

**Generic Elective Courses (6 Credits) for students who have not opted for Political Science as a Core Discipline:**

Semester	Course Code	Type of Course	Title of Course	Credits	
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V	PS520G	GE (6 Credits)	Political Science: Indian Constitution	4	2
VI	PS620G	GE (6 Credits)	Political Science: Indian Parliament	4	2

**BACHELOR OF ARTS**  
**1<sup>st</sup> SEMESTER**  
**DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC COURSE -1 (CORE-1)**  
**PS120C: POLITICAL SCIENCE: POLITICAL THEORY – AN INTRODUCTION**  
**THEORY (4 CREDITS: 60 MARKS)**

**CREDITS: THEORY -4, TUTORIAL: 2**  
**MAXIMUM MARKS: 60,**  
**MINIMUM MARKS: 24**

*Objectives: The course is introductory in nature. It will help students to understand the basic concepts in Political Theory. The understanding of these concepts will smoothen their path to the more advanced theoretical debates in Political Theory & Political Philosophy.*

**Theory: (4-Credits: 60 Hours)**

**Unit: I (Introduction)**

- 1.1. Political Science: Meaning, Nature and Scope
- 1.2. Politics as:
  - a) Art of Government
  - b) Power
- 1.3. Approaches to Political Science: Philosophical, Historical and Empirical/Behavioural
- 1.4. Political Theory: Nature and Significance

**Unit: II (State)**

- 2.1 Evolution and Elements
- 2.1. Distinction between State, Civil Society & Nation
- 2.2. Perspectives: Liberal, Marxist and Feminist
- 2.3. State and Welfare

**Unit: III (Concepts-I)**

- 3.1. Liberty: Negative vs Positive
- 3.2. Equality: Liberal, Socialist, Libertarian
- 3.3. Justice: Procedural, Distributive and Gender
- 3.4. Citizenship

**UNIT: IV (Concepts-II)**

- 4.1. Democracy: Procedural & Substantive
- 4.2. Rights: Universalism vs Particularism
- 4.3. Obligations: Grounds and Limitations
- 4.4. Power & Legitimacy

**TUTORIALS: (2-CREDITS: 30 HOURS)**

[Assignments, Presentations, Viva-voce]  
**Maximum Marks: 30**

**Unit: I (Debates-I)**

- 1.1. Discussion on the Meaning and Relevance of Political Theory
- 1.2. Debate over the Decline and Revival of Political Theory

**Unit: II (Debates-II)**

- 2.1. Affirmative Action
- 2.2. Citizenship & Minority Rights
- 2.3. Secularism