



UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

Discipline	POLITICAL SCIENCE				
Course Code	UK1DSCPOS100				
Course Title	Politics Matters				
Type of Course	DSC				
Semester	1				
Academic Level	100-199				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	4	4 hours	-	-	4
Pre-requisites	1. 2.				
Course Summary	This introductory course provides an overview of key concepts and themes in political science. Students will explore the nature of politics, the role of the state, and the concept of citizenship. Through readings, discussions, and case studies, students will gain a foundational understanding of political systems and their impact on society.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Why Study Politics?		10
	1	Human beings as political animals	
	2	Power is everywhere and power comes from everywhere	
	3	Politics in the age of Artificial Intelligence	
II	Why do we have States?		14
	4	State - Natural or Human Creation	
	5	Welfare States – From Womb to Tomb	
	6	The era of Globalisation: From Nanny to Neoliberal States	
	7	Populist Democracies in the 21st Century	
III	Who is a Citizen?		16
	8	From Subjects to Citizens	
	9	Rights and Duties	
	10	Political Participation	
	11	Netizens – Social Media and Digital Democracy	
	12	Citizenship in Crisis – Refugees and Migration	
IV	How do they Differ?		8
	13	Rights – Fundamental and Legal	
	14	Freedoms – Negative and Positive	
	15	Institutions – Constitutional and Statutory	



V	Are they Identical? (Workshop/Seminar Mode)		12
	16	The State and Nation	
	17	Power and Sovereignty	
	18	Federation and Union	

Essential Readings

- Abbas, H., Hovyeda, & Kumar, R. (2012). *Political Theory*. Pearson.
- Bhargava, R., & Acharya, A. (2008). *Political theory: An introduction*. Pearson.
- Garner, R., Ferdinand, P., & Lawson, S. (2023). *Introduction to political science*. Oxford University Press.
- Gauba, O. P. (2009). *An Introduction to Political theory*. McMillan Publishers Hawkesworth, M., & Kogan, M. (Eds.). (2004). *Encyclopedia of Government and Politics* (2nd ed.). Routledge.
- Heywood, A. (2017). *Political ideologies: An introduction*. Palgrave Macmillan.
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- Held, D. (2006). *Models of democracy*. Stanford University Press.
- Kymlicka, W. (2002). *Contemporary political philosophy: An introduction*. Oxford University Press.
- Magstadt, T. M. (2017). *Understanding politics: Ideas, institutions, and issues*. Cengage Learning.
- Mukhopadhyay, A. K. (2020). *An Introduction to Political Theory*. Sage Publications India Pvt Ltd.
- Roskin, M. G., Cord, R. L., Medeiros, J. A., Jones, W. S., & Walter, R. (2016). *Political science: An introduction*. Pearson.
- Roskin, M. G., Cord, R. L., Medeiros, J. A., Jones, W. S., & Walter, R. (2017). *Countries and concepts: Politics, geography, culture*. Pearson.
- Sabine, G. H. (1939). Introducing Political Theory. *Journal of Politics*, 1(1), 1-16.
- Vinod, M. J., & Deshpande, M. (2013). *Contemporary Political Theory*. Prentice Hall India Private Limited

Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO Addressed
CO-1	understand the fundamental role of power in politics and its diverse sources and manifestations.	U, An, E	PSO1
CO-2	analyze state's role across various historical epochs and its pivotal re-emergence within a democratic political framework.	U, An, E	PSO3
CO-3	evaluate the rights, duties, and modes of participation inherent in citizenship within evolving global contexts.	U, E, Ap	PSO7
CO-4	critically examine the impact of digital technologies and social media on political participation and democratic processes.	Ap, An, E, C	PSO8
CO-5	compare and contrast key concepts such as rights, freedom, and institutional structures to deepen comprehension of political systems and their variations.	Ap, C	PSO6

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Note: 1 or 2 COs/module



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Credits: 4:0:0 (Lecture: Tutorial: Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
CO-1	Understand the fundamental role of power in politics and its diverse sources and manifestations.	PO1/PSO1	U, An, E	F	L	-
CO-2	Analyze state's role across various historical epochs and its pivotal re-emergence within a democratic political framework.	PO1/PSO3	U, An, E	P	L	-
CO-3	Evaluate the rights, duties, and modes of participation inherent in citizenship within evolving global contexts.	PO3/PSO7	U, E, Ap	C	L	-
CO-4	Critically examine the impact of digital technologies and social media on political participation and democratic processes.	PO7/PSO8	Ap, An, E, C	C	L	-
CO-5	Compare and contrast key concepts such as rights, freedom, and institutional structures to deepen comprehension of political systems and their variations.	PO8/PSO6	Ap, C	M	L	-

F-Factual, C- Conceptual, P-Procedural, M-Metacognitive

Mapping of COs with PSOs and POs

	PSO 1	PSO 2	PSO 3	PSO 4	PSO 5	PSO 6	PSO 7	PSO 8	PSO 9	PSO 10	PO 1	PO 2	PO 3	PO 4	PO 5	PO 6
CO 1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
CO 2		-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-
CO 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-



CO 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
CO 5	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-

Correlation Levels:

Level	Correlation
-	Nil
1	Slightly / Low
2	Moderate / Medium
3	Substantial / High

Assessment Rubrics:

- Quiz / Assignment/ Quiz/ Discussion / Seminar
- Midterm Exam
- Programming Assignments
- Final Exam

Mapping of COs to Assessment Rubrics:

	Internal Exam	Assignment	Project Evaluation	End Semester Examinations
CO1	✓	✓	-	✓
CO2	✓	✓	-	✓
CO3	✓	✓	-	✓
CO4	✓	✓	-	✓
CO5	✓	✓	-	✓

