

POLITICAL SCIENCE
(FYUGP SYLLABUS For students admitted in 2024-2025)

SEMESTER-III

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Single Major Single Minor	Major	Major	Minor	IDC
	Western Political Thought	Introduction to International Relations	Select Western Political Thinkers	Human Rights
Three Discipline Specific Multidisciplinary Program	-	DSC	Minor	IDC
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1. Plato: (i) Concept of Justice;
(ii) Theory of State;
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Unit II:

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(ii) Views on ends and means;
2. Bodin: (i) Views on State;
(ii) Views on Sovereignty.

Unit III:

1. Hobbes: Theory of Sovereignty;
2. Locke: Theory of Government;
3. Rousseau: General Will.

Unit IV:

1. Bentham: Theory of Utilitarianism;
2. J. S. Mill: Views on Liberty;
3. Hegel: State and Civil Society;
4. Marx: Historical Materialism, Class and Class struggle.

Major- Introduction to International Relations

Unit I:

- 1. International Relations: Meaning, Evolution, Nature and Scope.*
- 2. Basic Concepts: National Power; National Interest; Balance of Power; Bi-polarity and Multi-polarity; Diplomacy; Propaganda.*

Unit II:

1. Major Theories of IR:

- (i) Realist and Neo-Realist Theory;*
- (ii) Liberal Theory.*
- (iii) Marxist Theory;*
- (iv) Feminist Theory.*

Unit III:

1. Cold War:

- (i) Phases of Cold War;*
- (ii) Post-Cold War World Order – features.*

Unit IV:

1. Contemporary issues: A Brief Overview

- (i) Disarmament and Arms Control;*
- (ii) Globalization;*
- (iii) Climate Change;*
- (iv) Terrorism.*

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IDC-Human Rights

Unit I

1. Meaning, nature, and scope of Human Rights; Four Generations of Human Rights.

Unit II

1. United Nations Declaration of Human Rights;

2. Covenants on Human Rights:

(i) Convention on the Rights of Child, 1989;

(ii) Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women, 1979;

(iii) Convention relating to the status of Stateless Persons, 1954;

(iv) Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the

Prostitution of Others, 1949; and

(v) Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, 2006.

Unit III

1. National Human Rights Commission of India: Composition and Functions.

Unit IV

1. Human Rights and Social Movements: Definitions, Characteristics and Relationship between Human Rights and Social Movements.