

**CBCS SYLLABUS of B.A. Course in POLITICAL SCIENCE
FOURTH SEMESTER**

Semester	B.A Honours	BA Programme
IV	DSC 408 Introduction to International Relations DSC 409 Political Sociology DSC 410 Political Theory: Concepts and Debates SEC 402 Democratic and Legal Awareness GE 402 Feminism: Theory and Practice	DSC 404 Introduction to International Relations SEC 402 Democratic and Legal Awareness

B.A. HONOURS

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4. Diplomacy; Propaganda.
5. Cold War– an outline;
6. Collective Security: Meaning and Safeguards --Pacific Settlement of International Disputes, Devices under U.N. Charter --Disarmament and Arms Control, Obstacles to Nuclear Disarmament ---Non-Proliferation Regime– Basic ideas of NPT, CTBT, FMCT, MTCR.
7. Contemporary issues: Globalization; Environment; Energy; Terrorism.

DSC 409
Political Sociology

1. Political Sociology: Nature and Development
2. Social stratification and politics: Class, Elite. Caste in India
3. Concept of power: Marx, Weber, Elitist Theory, Pluralist Theory
4. Political culture: Types , Influence , Political socialization: Agencies
5. Political participation– concept and types; Electoral Behaviour in India.
6. Political communication.
7. Political development, modernisation and social change: Concepts and Theories

DSC 410
Political Theory: Concepts and Debates

Section A: Core Concepts

I. Importance of Freedom

- a) Negative Freedom: Liberty
 - b) Positive Freedom: Freedom as Emancipation and Development
- Important Issue: Freedom of belief, expression and dissent

II. Significance of Equality

- a) Formal Equality: Equality of opportunity
 - b) Political equality
 - c) Egalitarianism: Background inequalities and differential treatment
- Important Issue: Affirmative action

III. Indispensability of Justice

- a) Procedural Justice
 - b) Distributive Justice
 - c) Global Justice
- Important Issue: Capital punishment

IV. The Universality of Rights

- a) Natural Rights
- b) Moral and Legal Rights
- c) Three Generations of Rights
- d) Rights and Obligations

Important Issue: Rights of the girl child

Section B: Major Debates

I. Why should we obey the state? Issues of political obligation and civil disobedience.

II. Are human rights universal? Issue of cultural relativism.

III. How do we accommodate diversity in plural society? Issues of multiculturalism and toleration.

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