

Political Science

B.A.I Minor /Elective

Semester : I / II

Course Title : FUNDAMENTALS OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INDIAN CONSTITUTION

Objectives:

To acquire an understanding of certain fundamental concepts of Political Science and to make aware of basics of Indian Constitution.

UNIT-1: POLITICAL CONCEPTS

What is Political science – meaning definition, nature and scope, relation with other social science

State: Definition, Elements and Theories of Origin of State,

Sovereignty: Definition, Characteristics, pluralism

Equality , Liberty, Justice and Rights

UNIT-2: INDIAN CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM

Basic Features: Federalism, Secularism, Parliamentary Democracy, Rule of Law Fundamental Rights,

Directive Principles of State Policies and Fundamental Duties

Basic Issues In Indian Politics: Communalism, Castism, Corruption, Good Governance.

Suggested readings:

1. Bhargava, Rajeev and Ashok Acharya (2008). Political Theory: An Introduction. New Delhi: Pearson Education
2. G. Almond & Sidney Verba (1989) The Civic Culture Revisited. New Delhi: Sage.
3. Johari, J. C., (2007). Principles of Modern Political Science. New Delhi: Sterling.
4. Ray, Amit and Mohit Bhattacharya (1988). Political Theory: Institutions and Ideas. Calcutta: The World Press.
5. Gauba, O. P. (2008). An Introduction to Political Theory. New Delhi: Macmillan India.
6. Dahl, Robert (2007). Modern Political Analysis. Oxford: Oxford University Press.