

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)-560027

Course:	B.A. First Semester (JIP)
Subject:	International Relations and Peace Studies
Paper Title:	Core Concepts of Political Science
Paper Code:	
Teaching Hours/Week:	05
Teaching Hours/Semester:	75 Hrs
No of Credits:	05
W.e.f:	June, 2019

Course Description:

This course is designed with the intention of introducing students of varied interests and diverse backgrounds to the discipline of International Relations with a background of basic Political Science. The specific objective of this paper is to provide the students a thorough understanding of indispensable concepts in the discipline of Political Science that is highly dynamic in nature. The unique proposition that this paper proposes is that of the Student Self Study (SSS) in each of the proposed chapters. The effort is towards ensuring that the student develops critical faculties by themselves while reading reference material which would be supplemented by class room lectures, assignments and oral presentation. Each of the modules has a set of readings and references that the students have to familiarize themselves with.

I INTRODUCTION

Meaning of Political Science (Traditional, Modern and Contemporary Connotations); Nature and Scope; Approaches to the study of Political Science- Normative, Empirical, Behavioural and Post-Behavioural; Distinction between Political Science and Politics (SSS); Significance and scope of Political Science; Glossary **(15 Hours)**

II STATE

Meaning and Elements of State; Theories of origin of State- Evolutionary Theory, Social Contract Theory (Thomas Hobbes, John Locke and Jean Jacques Rousseau); Rise and Growth of Modern Nation-State; State and Civil Society (SSS) **(10 Hours)**

III SOVEREIGNTY

Meaning and characteristics; Kinds of Sovereignty; Theories-Monistic and Pluralist; Changing dimensions of sovereignty in the Age of Globalization; Stephen Krasner's notion of sovereignty. (SSS) **(15 Hours)**

IV LAW AND JUSTICE

Law-Meaning and Sources; Schools of Law-Historical, Comparative, Social and Marxian; Rule of Law (Dicey); Due process of Law; Law and Governance (SSS)
Justice- Meaning and Dimension of Justice; Distributive Justice-John Rawls and Justice as Entitlement Robert Nozick **(15 Hours)**

V EQUALITY, RIGHTS AND DUTIES

Equality: Meaning and Kinds; Affirmative Action; Equality and Freedom

Rights: Meaning and Kinds; Safeguards of Rights; Human Rights-Meaning and Nature;
Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Duties: Meaning and Nature; Duties of Citizens towards state

(15 Hours)

SELECT REFERENCES

George Sabine- A History of Political Theory

Harold Laski – A Grammar of Politics

R.N.Gilchrist- Introduction to Political Science

Robert Leach- The Politics Companion

Andrew Heywood- Politics

Harold Laswell- Politics-Who Gets What, When and How.

Mckinnon-Issues in Political Theory

Robert Garner, Ferdinand and Lawson- Introduction to Politics

J.C. Johari- Principles of Political Science

V.D. Mahajan- Political Theory

O.P.Gauba- An Introduction to Political Theory

Rajeev Bhargava- Political Theory: An Introduction

Vinood and Deshpande- Contemporary Political Theory

JOURNALS

1. Indian Journal of Political Science
2. Teaching Politics
3. Mainstream
4. Seminar
5. Economic and Political Weekly
6. Alternatives