



ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

BA FYUGP



**POLITICAL
SCIENCE**

Syllabus

2026

semester 2



POLITICAL SCIENCE: KEY CONCEPTS

Semester: 2nd

Course Code: BACIR150MJ

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Marks:100

Course Description

This course is designed to introduce students to the foundations of Political Science. This course offers a comprehensive exploration of the foundations and key concepts in political science. The students will be able to explore the core ideas and methodologies that shape our understanding of political science.

2. Learning Outcomes:

The curriculum is designed to achieve following outcomes:

- a. Students will be able to define and explain core concepts.
- b. Students will be able to understand the approaches and also the interdisciplinary relations with other subjects.
- c. The students will equally be able to evaluate the strengths and limitations of different political systems, including democratic and authoritarian systems.

Unit I

- 1 Meaning, Nature and Scope of Political Science
- 2 Approaches to Political Science: Traditional, Behavioural, Post-Behavioural and Marxist
- 3 Political Science and other Social Sciences- Interdisciplinary Study

Unit II

- 2 State: Meaning elements
- 2 Theories: Force Theory, Evolutionary Theory, Divine Right Theory, Social Contract Theory
- 2 Perspectives on State: Classical, Modern and Marxist Perspectives

Unit III

- 3 Citizenship: Concept and Theory
- 3 Sovereignty: Meaning, Characteristics and Types
- 3 Monistic Theory and Pluralist Theory of Sovereignty

Unit IV

- 4 Rights: Meaning and Types
- 4 Power, Authority and Legitimacy
- 4 Liberty, Equality and Justice

READINGS

Essential Readings

Unit I

1. Roskin, Michael G., Robert L. Cord. (2019). Political Science: An Introduction. Pearson Education. Fourteenth edition.
2. Heywood, Andrew. (2000). Key Concepts in Politics. Palgrave Macmillan.

Unit II

3. Hameed, A. Shahul, A. Shaji George. (2024). Foundations of Political Science, Book Rivers.

Unit III

4. Johari, J.C. (2022). Basic Concepts of Political Science. SBPD Publications.

Unit IV

- Swift, Adam. (2001) Political Philosophy: A Beginner's Guide for Students and Politicians. Cambridge: Polity Press

Suggested Readings

6. Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.). (2008). Political Theory: An Introduction, Delhi, Pearson Longman.
7. Gauba, O. P. (2009). Introduction to Political Theory. New Delhi, Macmillan.
8. Jri, J. C. (2006). Contemporary Political Theory: New Dimensions, Basic Concepts and Major Trends. Sterling Publishers.
9. Kant, Neelam. (2016). An Introduction to Political Science, Central Law Publications 10.
10. Goodin, Robert E Goodin. The Oxford Handbook of Political Science, Oxford University Press, USA.