

L. D. Arts College (Autonomous), Ahmedabad
Detailed Syllabus

Curriculum Designed for:	Grant-In-Aid
Semester: 1	Course Code: MDC-POL-114 Course Title: Basic Concepts of Political Science – I
Credits: 4	Course Category: Multidisciplinary Course

Course Objectives:

Number	Objective
Objective 1:	To introduce students to the meaning, scope and importance of Political Science.
Objective 2:	To familiarise students with the foundational concepts of State and Sovereignty.
Objective 3:	To develop an understanding of Equality in its various dimensions.
Objective 4:	To contextualise these classical concepts within contemporary Indian and global realities.
Objective 5:	To build foundational analytical thinking for further study in Political Science.

Course Outcomes: On successful completion of the course, the learner will be able to

CO#	Cognitive Abilities	Course Outcomes
CO1	REMEMBERING	Explain the meaning, nature, scope and importance of Political Science.
CO2	UNDERSTANDING	Analyse the concept of the State, its elements and its relationship with society.
CO3	APPLYING	Examine the meaning, types and characteristics of Sovereignty.
CO4	ANALYSING	Distinguish between Social, Political and Economic Equality.
CO5	EVALUATING	Relate these foundational concepts to contemporary developments in Indian governance and society.

Course Contents:

Unit No.	Unit Contents	Sessions Allotted
1	<p>Unit 1: Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meaning, Nature and Scope of Political Science • Importance of the Study of Political Science • Relationship of Political Science with Other Social Sciences • Political Science in the Contemporary Era: Interdisciplinary linkages with Law, Media and Public Policy • Emerging areas: Political Communication and Governance Studies 	15
2	<p>Unit 2: State</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meaning and Definition of State • Basic Elements of the State • State and Society • Changing Role of the State: Welfare State and Developmental State • State and Civil Society in the Digital Age 	15
3	<p>Unit 3: Sovereignty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meaning and Types of Sovereignty • Main Characteristics of Sovereignty • Importance of Sovereignty • Sovereignty in the Contemporary World: Globalisation and Shared Sovereignty • Digital Sovereignty and Data Governance (introductory) 	15
4	<p>Unit 4: Equality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meaning and Definition of Equality • Social Equality • Political Equality and Economic Equality • Equality in Modern India: Constitutional Provisions for Equality (Articles 14–18) • Affirmative Action and Social Justice • Gender Equality: Challenges and Progress 	15

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