

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

Curriculum Designed for:	Grant-In-Aid
Semester: 2	Course Code: MDC-POL-124 Course Title: Basic Concepts of Political Science – II
Credits: 4	Course Category: Multidisciplinary Course

Course Objectives:

Number	Objective
Objective 1:	To clarify the meaning and concept of Power, Authority, Liberty, Law and Justice.
Objective 2:	To examine the role of these concepts in the political and civic life of the state.
Objective 3:	To develop a critical understanding of Law, Liberty and Justice in a democratic framework.
Objective 4:	To contextualise these political concepts within contemporary Indian and global realities.
Objective 5:	To strengthen foundational thinking for further study in Political Science and International Relations.

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

CO#	Cognitive Abilities	Course Outcomes
CO1	REMEMBERING	Explain the concept of Power and Authority and their significance in political life.
CO2	UNDERSTANDING	Analyse the meaning, types and safeguards of Liberty.
CO3	APPLYING	Examine the sources, types and contemporary relevance of Law.
CO4	ANALYSING	Evaluate the various dimensions of Justice and its relationship with Equality.
CO5	EVALUATING	Apply these concepts to understand contemporary developments in Indian democracy and governance.

Course Contents:

Unit No.	Unit Contents	Sessions Allotted
1	Unit 1: Power and Authority Concept of Power Political Power – Various Approaches Authority – Meaning, Power and Authority Power in the Contemporary World: Soft Power and Hard Power (introductory) Digital Power: Social Media and Political Influence Decentralisation of Power in Democratic Systems	15
2	Unit 2: Liberty Definition and Concept of Liberty Types of Liberty Safeguards of Liberty Liberty in the Contemporary Context: Freedom of Speech and Digital Rights Surveillance, Privacy and Civil Liberties Liberty under Emergency Provisions (Indian context)	15
3	Unit 3: Law Definition of Law; Law and Customs/Traditions Types of Law Rule of Law; Law and Policy Law in the Contemporary Context: Rule of Law and Its Relevance in India Cyber Law and Digital Regulation (introductory)	15
4	Unit 4: Justice Meaning and Concept of Justice Various Dimensions of Justice Justice and Equality Justice in the Contemporary Era: Social Justice and Affirmative Action (Indian context) Gender Justice and Constitutional Provisions Distributive Justice: Rawls' Theory (introductory)	15

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