

**L. D. Arts College (Autonomous), Ahmedabad**

**Political Science-Grant-In-Aid**

**Detailed Syllabus**

<b>Curriculum Designed for:</b>	<b>Grant-In-Aid</b>
<b>Semester: 1</b>	<b>Course Code: DSC-M-112</b> <b>Course Title: Introduction to Government Machinery – I</b>
<b>Credits: 4</b>	<b>Course Category: Major Course-2</b>

**Course Objectives:**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Objective</b>
<b>Objective 1:</b>	To introduce students to the foundational structure of constitutional governance.
<b>Objective 2:</b>	To explain the organisation and functions of the Legislature, Executive and Judiciary.
<b>Objective 3:</b>	To develop an understanding of democratic institutional mechanisms.
<b>Objective 4:</b>	To analyse the functioning of constitutional organs in contemporary governance.
<b>Objective 5:</b>	To promote constitutional awareness and responsible citizenship.

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

<b>CO#</b>	<b>Cognitive Abilities</b>	<b>Course Outcomes</b>
<b>CO1</b>	REMEMBERING	Explain the meaning, classification and importance of a Constitution.
<b>CO2</b>	UNDERSTANDING	Analyse the structure and functioning of the Legislature.
<b>CO3</b>	APPLYING	Compare the Parliamentary and Presidential systems of the Executive.
<b>CO4</b>	ANALYSING	Evaluate the role of the Judiciary in ensuring the rule of law and justice.
<b>CO5</b>	EVALUATING	Assess contemporary developments in constitutional governance and institutional accountability.

**Course Contents:**

Unit No.	Unit Contents	Sessions Allotted
1	<b>Unit 1: Constitution</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meaning, Definition and Importance of the Constitution</li> <li>• Characteristics of an Ideal Constitution</li> <li>• Classification and Types of Constitutions</li> <li>• Constitutionalism and Modern Governance</li> </ul>	15
2	<b>Unit 2: Legislature</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meaning, Historical Evolution and Formation of Legislature</li> <li>• Functions of the Legislature</li> <li>• Uni-Cameral and Bi-Cameral Legislature: Merits and Demerits</li> <li>• Parliamentary Procedure of Law Making</li> </ul>	15
3	<b>Unit 3: Executive</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meaning, Functions and Types of Executive</li> <li>• Parliamentary Executive: Characteristics, Merits and Demerits</li> <li>• Presidential Executive: Characteristics, Merits and Demerits</li> <li>• Bureaucracy and Policy Implementation (Indian context)</li> </ul>	15
4	<b>Unit 4: Judiciary</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meaning and Functions of the Judiciary</li> <li>• Independence of Judiciary</li> <li>• Judicial Review and Judicial Activism</li> <li>• Role of Judiciary in Contemporary Democracy: Public Interest Litigation (PIL)</li> </ul>	15

**Recommended References:**

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