

B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE Syllabus
(Choice-Based Credit System - W.E.F. 2020-21)

SEMESTER IV
COURSE-V : WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT

Learning Outcomes:

On successful completion of the course the students will be able to:

Understand the fundamental contours classical, western political philosophy, basic features of medieval political thought and shift from medieval to modern era.

Understand the Social Contract Theory and appreciate its implications on the perception of State in terms of its purposes and role.

Acquaint with the Liberal and Marxist philosophy and analyze some trends in Western Political Thought.

Critically analyse the evolution of western political thought

UNIT-I :	ANCIENT GREEK POLITICAL THOUGHT
	1. Plato-Rule of Philosopher Kings-Theory of Justice-Ideal State and Education
	2. Aristotle-Theory of State-Classification of Governments-Citizenship, Slavery and Theory of Revolutions.

UNIT-II :	MEDIEVAL AND MODERN POLITICAL THOUGHT
	1. St. Augustine-Theory of Two Cities.
	2. Niccolo Machiavelli-State and Statecraft.

UNIT-III :	CONTRACTUAL POLITICAL THOUGHT
	1. Thomas Hobbes- Social Contract and Absolute Sovereignty.
	2. John Locke- Human Nature, State of Nature, Social Contract, Natural Rights and Limited Government

	3. Jean Jacques Rousseau- Human Nature, State of Nature, Social Contract, General Will and Popular Sovereignty
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UNIT-IV :	UTILITARIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT
	1. Jermy Bentham-Theory of Utility, Law and Reforms.
	2. J.S.Mill-Theory of Liberty and Representative Government.

UNIT-V :	MARXIST POLITICAL THOUGHT
	1. Karl Marx-Dialectical Materialism, Theory of Surplus Value and Class Struggle.
	2. Antonio Gramsci-Hegemony and Civil Society.

REFERENCE BOOKS:

➤ O.P.Gauba	:	<i>Western Political Thought</i>
➤ G.H.Sabine	:	<i>A History of Political Theory</i>
➤ E.Baker	:	<i>Greek Political Theory : Plato and His Predecessors</i>
➤ Subrata Mukherjee & Sushila Ramaswamy	:	<i>A History of Political Thought-Plato to Marx</i>
➤ ShefaliJha	:	<i>Western Political Thought -From Plato to Marx</i>
➤ B.N.Ray	:	<i>Western Political Thought</i>
➤ RadheyShamChaurasia	:	<i>History of Western Political Thought</i>
➤ P.B.Rathod	:	<i>Ancient and Medieval Political Thinkers-From Plato to Padua</i>
➤ Andrew Hakes	:	<i>Political Theory :Philosophy, Ideology and Science</i>
➤ HaratiDwarakanath, Prof.G.Lalaiah, K.Saibaba, K.Ramachandra Murthy &V.Bhogendracharyulu, Prof.V.RavindraSastry (ed)	:	<i>Political Thought</i>
➤ Anil Kumar Mukopadhyay	:	<i>An Introduction to Political Theory, Western Political Thought</i>
➤ William Ebenstien	:	<i>Great Political Thinkers-Plato to the Present Modern Political Thought, The Great Issues</i>
➤ J.P.Sudha	:	<i>History of Political Thought</i>
➤ H.J.Laski	:	<i>Political Thought from Bentham to Locke</i>
➤ C.L.Wayper	:	<i>Political Thought</i>

ANNEXURE

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

All Co-curricular activities recommended at Course – I & III
Peers and self-assessment, out puts from individuals and collaborative work.
Assignments that encourage the study of standard Reference Books available at library
Assignments of the emerging trends after Marxian Philosophy in the era of globalisation