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Subject: Submission of approved Syllabus upto Semester III

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With due respect, I would like to submit the approved syllabus of the Department of Political Science for final approval of the Academic Council, Morigaon college (Autonomous).

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**Department of Political Science**  
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**Syllabus: UG 1<sup>st</sup> Semester**

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|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Semester I            |                                  |
| Course Title          | Introduction to Political Theory |
| Course Code           | POL-CORE-(MJ/MN)-MC-0100104      |
| Nature of the Course  | MAJOR/MINOR                      |
| Total Credits         | 4                                |
| Distribution of Marks | 40(INT)+60(ESE)                  |

No. of required classes: 60

**Course Objectives:**

- This course aims to introduce the students to the idea of political theory, its history and approaches, and an assessment of its critical and contemporary trends.
- It is also designed to introduce the basic concepts of political theory.
- The course also attempts reconcile political theory and practice through reflections on the ideas and practices related to democracy.

**Course Outcomes:**

- After completing the course students will be better equipped to understand the key concepts in political theory and various related conceptual categories.
- They will also be in a better position to engage in application of concepts and understand the limitations.
- It will also help in developing critical thinking regarding the functioning of the political system in relation to the context the students are situated in.
- The foundation for understanding the contemporary political developments would also be laid down by the course.

| Unit            | Content                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <b>Unit I</b>   | <b>Political Theory</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is Politics: theorizing the 'Political'</li> <li>What is Political Theory? Its Nature and Scope</li> <li>Significance and Decline of Political Theory</li> </ol>                                                      |
| <b>Unit II</b>  | <b>Tradition and Approaches of Political Theory</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Traditions- Liberal, Marxist</li> <li>Approaches- Normative, Historical and Empirical</li> <li>Critical and contemporary Perspectives in Political Theory- Feminist and Post-Modern</li> </ol> |
| <b>Unit III</b> | <b>Basic Concepts</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State- Origin and Nature of State</li> <li>Sovereignty- Concepts and Theories</li> <li>Law, Liberty, Equality, Justice</li> </ol>                                                                                            |
| <b>Unit IV</b>  | <b>Government and Democracy</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Classification and forms of Government</li> <li>Unitary vs. Federal form of Government, Parliamentary vs. Presidential form of Government</li> <li>Democracy: Concept, Types and Critiques</li> </ol>              |

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- Gaub, O. P. (2009). *An introduction to political theory* (pp. 80–93). Macmillan Publishers India.
- Menon, N. (2008). Gender. In R. Bhargava & A. Acharya (Eds.), *Political theory: An introduction* (pp. 224–235). Pearson Longman.
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- Das, S. (2008). State. In R. Bhargava & A. Acharya (Eds.), *Political theory: An introduction* (pp. 170–187). Pearson Longman.
- Kymlicka, W. (2002). *Contemporary political philosophy: An introduction* (2nd ed.). Oxford University Press.
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- Rawls, J. (1971). *A theory of justice*. Harvard University Press.
- Shorten, A. (2008). Nation and state. In C. McKinnon (Ed.), *Issues in political theory* (pp. 33–55). Oxford University Press.
- Sriranjani, V. (2008). Liberty. In R. Bhargava & A. Acharya (Eds.), *Political theory: An introduction* (pp. 40–57). Pearson Longman.
- Talukdar, P. S. (2008). Rights. In R. Bhargava & A. Acharya (Eds.), *Political theory: An introduction* (pp. 88–105). Pearson Longman.
- Acharya, A. (2008). Affirmative action. In R. Bhargava & A. Acharya (Eds.), *Political theory: An introduction* (pp. 298–307). Pearson Longman.
- Arblaster, A. (1994). *Democracy* (2nd ed.). Open University Press.
- Christiano, T. (2008). Democracy. In C. McKinnon (Ed.), *Issues in political theory* (pp. 80–96). Oxford University Press.
- Dahl, R. A. (1989). *Democracy and its critics*. Yale University Press.
- Sen, A. (2003). Freedom favours development. In R. Dahl, I. Shapiro, & A. J. Cheibub (Eds.), *The democracy sourcebook* (pp. 444–446). MIT Press.
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| <b>SEMESTER I</b>     |                          |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Course Title          | Gender Sensitization     |
| Course Code           | SEC-POL-MC-0100103       |
| Nature of Course      | Major + Minor            |
| Total Credits         | 3                        |
| Distribution of Marks | 45(End-Sem) +30 (In-Sem) |

### **Course Objectives:**

- The course will sensitize students to issues related to gender and its related concepts.
- It will provide them with the tools and skills to develop and integrate a gendered perspective in work and life.

### **Course Outcomes:**

The outcomes of the course may be as follows:

- Students will have developed a better understanding of important issues related to gender in contemporary India.
- Students will develop a sense of appreciation and respect for women in all walks of life.
- It will help students to understand violence against women and also, at the same time aware them about the provisions in the Indian Constitution that provide protection and relief to women.

### **Unit-I: Introducing Sex and Gender**

- a. Concept of sex and gender
- b. Social construction of gender
- c. Gender Role and Sexual Division of Labour

### **Unit-II: Basic Concepts**

- a. Patriarchy
- b. Gender Socialization
- c. Gender Inequality

### **Unit-III: Gender in Social Institution**

- a. Family
- b. Caste
- c. Class

### **Suggested Readings:**

Abbott, et.al. 2005. Introduction to Sociology: A Feminist Perspective, Routledge: London

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Philcher, J and Whelehan, I. 2004. Fifty Key Concepts in Gender Studies, Sage Publication: New Delhi

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