



RKDF UNIVERSITY, BHOPAL

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

Seventh Semester

Subject- Political Science

Course	Category	Subject Title	Course Code
B.A.	MAJOR	Advance Political Theory	BA-PS- 701
Total Credit: 6		Max.Marks:100 (Internal:40+External:60)	

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO):

1-Understanding Behaviouralism and Post-Behaviouralism in Political Theory

2-Explaining the Concept of Power and Its Different Dimensions

3-Understanding the Real Meaning of Freedom and Equality

4-Learning the Different Dimensions of Justice and Rights

5-Explaining Democracy from Different Perspectives

Units	Topic	Duration (In Hours)
I	Debates in Political Theory & Disagreements •Behaviouralism and Post-Behaviouralism • State of Political Theory Today: Decline or Resurgence • End of Ideology and its Impact on Political theory.	18
II	How to read Political Context •Understanding power • Steven Lukes: faces of power •Althusser: Ideology & power • Foucault: power & the subject • Gandhi: Colonial state in India	18

III	Debates on Freedom and Equality • Freedom as autonomy (Kant, Mill) • Negative & Positive Liberty (Berlin & MacCallum) • Equality of What? (Welfare, Resources, Capability) • Equality of Opportunity vs Equality of Outcome	18
IV	Debates on Justice and Rights • Justice as Fairness (Rawls) • Communitarian & Feminist conception of justice (Walzer, Sandel, Okin) • Moral vs Legal rights • Civil Disobedience & Sarvagraha	18
V	Debates on Democracy • Procedural vs Substantive Democracy • Political community & Pluralism • Citizenship, Virtues & Democratic Education	18

PART-C: Learning Resources

Suggested Readings:

- Acharya, A. & Bhargava, R. (Ed.) "Political Theory: An Introduction", Pearson, New Delhi, 2008
- Arblaster, A., "Democracy: Concepts in the Social Sciences", Open University Press, New York, 1994.
 - Bannett, J. 'Postmodern Approach to Political Theory', in Kukathas, Ch. and Gaus, G. F. (eds.) Handbook of Political Theory. New Delhi: Sage, 2004.
 - Bhargava, R.. "What is Political Theory and Why Do We Need It?", Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2010.
 - Barry, N., "An Introduction to Modern Political theory", Macmillan, London, 1981.
 - Christiano, 'Democracy', in Mckinnon, C. (ed.) Issues in Political Theory, New York: Oxford University Press, 2008.
 - Held, D., "Models of Democracy", Polity Press, Cambridge, 1991.
 - Farrelly, C.A. "Introduction to Contemporary Political Theory: A Reader", London, Sage, 2004.
 - Gauba, O.P., "An Introduction to Political Theory", Macmillan Publication, Delhi, 2009
 - Heywood, A. "Political Ideologies: An Introduction", Palgrave, London, 2004.
 - Heywood, A. "Politics", Palgrave Macmillan, London, 2013.

12. Mackinnon, C. "Issues in Political Theory", Oxford University Press, New York, 2008.
13. Smits, K. "Applying Political Theory", Palgrave Macmillan, London, 2016.
14. Sanders, D. 'Behavioral Analysis'. in Marsh, D. and Stoker, G. (eds.) Theory and Methods in Political Science. London: Macmillan, 1995.



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Course	Category	Subject Title	Course Code
B.A.	DSE	Electoral Process And Voting Behavior In India	BA-PS- 702
Total Credit: 4		Max.Marks:100 (Internal:40+External:60)	

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO):

- 1-Historical Background of Electoral Politics in India.
- 2-Structure and Manner of Functioning of Election Commission of India.
- 3-Political Issues in Electoral Politics.
- 4-Different Elements of Voting Behavior in India.
- 5-Role of Political Parties in Electoral Process.

Unit s	Topic	Duration (In Hours)
I	Electoral Democracy: Electoral Politics in India Pre and Post- Independence, Nature and Characteristics. Main features of The Representation of the People Act, 1951	10
II	Election Commission of India: Composition, Powers and Functions, Merits and Demerits of Electoral system in India, Political Participation-General Elections in India since 1952. Management of Elections: Model Code of Conduct, Filing Election nominations and Affidavits.	15
III	Political parties in India-Composition, Structure and Role: National Parties Regional Parties	10

IV	Issues in Electoral Politics: Corruption, Money power, booth capturing, Politics of Political Defections and Reservations. Need of Reforms in Present Electoral System-Reports of Tarkunde, Goswamy, Indrajit Gupta Committees and Efforts of Election Commission of India	10
V	Public Opinion and Voting Behaviour Public Opinion: Meaning and its role in Democratic Politics. Voting Behaviour: Meaning, Nature and Determinants of voting behaviour: Caste, Religion, Language, Region etc	15

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Suggested Readings:

1. Basu, D.D, Introduction to Constitution of India, Nagpur, Lexis Nexis Butterworths, 2018.
2. P.R.Brass, The Politics of India since Independence, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 1974.
3. C.P.Bhambhari, Politics in India since Independence. Delhi, Shipra Publications, 1990.
4. J.C.Aggarwal&N.K.Choudari, Election in India, Shipra Publications, New Delhi, 1998.
5. R.Ali, Representative Democracy and Concept of Free and Fair Elections, Deep and Deep Publications, New Delhi, 2006.
6. D.Anand, Electoral Reforms-Curbing Role of Money Power, Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi, 2005.
7. A.Bajpai, Indian Electoral System-An Analytical Study, Nardeen Book Centre, New Delhi, 2002.
8. A.K.Bhagat, Elections and Electoral Reforms in India, Vikas Publications, New Delhi, 2006.
9. R.P.Bhalla, The Electoral System, Its Operation, and Implications for Democracy in India, Teaching Politics, New Delhi, 1989.
10. R.Hegde, Electoral Reforms-Lack of Political Will, Bangalore, Karnataka State Janata Party, 1987.
11. P.N.Sharma, Elections and National Politics, Shipra Publications, New Delhi, 2004.
12. Eldersveld, S.J, Experimental Propaganda Techniques and Voting Behaviour, The American Political Science Review, New York, 1986.
13. Eldersveld, S.J, Theory and Method in Voting Behaviour Research, The American Political Science Review, New York, 1992.