

**Department of Political Science**  
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**SYLLABUS: B.A 1<sup>st</sup> Year POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**BPOL-101 POLITICAL THEORY**

**Full Marks: 100 (Annual Exam Mark: 70 + Internal Assessment Mark: 30)**

**UNIT I: Political Theory**

- Concept, Nature and Scope of Political Science and Theory
- Approaches to the study of Political Science: Traditional Approaches: Philosophical, Historical, Institutional and Legal; Contemporary Approaches: Behaviouralism and Post-Behaviouralism

**Unit II: State and Sovereignty**

- Meaning and significance of the state
- Perspectives on state: Organic, Mechanistic, Liberal and Marxian
- Sovereignty: meaning and characteristics
- Globalisation and state sovereignty

**Unit III: Concept of Power**

- Meaning of Power, Authority and Legitimacy
- Forms of Power: Political, Economic and Ideological
- Relation between Power, Authority and Legitimacy

**Unit IV: Concept of Ideology**

- Liberalism
- Socialism and Communism
- Fascism
- End of Ideology Debate

## **Unit V: Democracy**

- Meaning and principles of democracy, merits and demerits
- Liberty and equality
- Relationship between rights and duties

### **Reading List:**

1. Bhargava, Rajeev & Ashok Acharya (ed.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*, New Delhi: Pearson Education, 2008
2. Gauba, O. P. *An Introduction to Political Theory*, New Delhi: Macmillan, 2003
3. Ramaswamy, Sushila, *Political Theory: Ideas and Concepts*, New Delhi: Macmillan, 2003
4. Hacker, Andrew, *Political Theory- Philosophy, Ideology and Science*, Toronto: Macmillan, 1961
5. Laski, Harold J, *The State in Theory and Practice*, London: George Allen & Unwin, 1935
6. Held, David, *Political Theory and the Modern State*, London: Polity, 1994
7. Kanpur, A.C, *Principles of Political Science*, S. Chand and Company, 1987
8. Mahajan, V.D, *Political Theory*, S. Chand and Company, 1988
9. Asirvatham, Eddy & Mishra, K.K, *Political Theory*, S.Chand and Company, 2000
10. Barry, Norman P., *An Introduction to Modern Political Theory*, London: Macmillan, 1988