

**Programme Outcome,
Programme Specific Outcome &
Course Outcome
of**



**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE,
GOALPARA COLLEGE,
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PROGRAMME OUTCOMES
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PROGRAMME: B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE

Course Nomenclature for B.A (Hons.)

Political Science Semester -I

Core Course 1

POL HC 1016: Understanding Political Theory

Core Course 2

POL HC 1026: Constitutional Government and Democracy in India

Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course

(English/ MIL Communication)/Environmental Science:ENG-AE-1014

Generic Elective

POL HG 1016: Introduction to Political Theory

Or

POL HG 1026: Politics of North-east India

Or

POL HG1036: Governance: Issues and Challenges

Semester-II

Core Course 3

POL HC 2016: Political Theory- Concepts and Debates

Core Course 4

POL HC 2026: Political Process in India

Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course

Environmental Science/ (English/ MIL Communication): ENV-AE-2014

Generic Elective

POL HG 2016: Indian Government and Politics

Or

POL HG 2026: Feminism: Theory and Practice

Or

POL HG 2036 Local Governance (Rural and Urban)

Semester- III

Core Course 5

POL HC 3016: Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics

Core Course 6

POL HC 3026: Perspectives on Public Administration

Core Course 7

POL HC 3036: Perspectives on International Relations and World History

Skill Enhancement Course (SEC)-I

POL SE 3014: Parliamentary Procedures and Practices

Or

POL SE 3024: Youth and Nation-Building

Generic Elective

POL HG 3016: Comparative Government and Politics

Or

POL HG 3026: Gandhi and the Contemporary World

Semester-IV

Core Course 8

POL HC 4016: Political Processes and Institutions in a Comparative Perspective

Core Course 9

POL HC 4026: Public Policy and Administration in India

Core Course 10

POL HC 4036: Global Politics

Skill Enhancement Course (SEC)-II

POL SE 4014: Panchayati Raj in Practice

Or

POL SE 4024: Citizens and Rights

Generic Elective

POL HG 4016: Introduction to International Relations

Or

POL HG 4026: Understanding Ambedkar

Or

Or
POL HG 3036:United Nations and Global Conflicts

POL HG 4036:Politics of Globalization

Semester-V

Core Course 11

POL HC 5016: Classical Political Philosophy

Core Course 12

POL HC 5026: Indian Political Thought-I

Group – I (Discipline Specific Elective Courses- DSE) (Any Two)

- 1.POL HE 5016: Human Rights
2. POL HE 5026: Public Policy in India
3. POL HE 5036: Understanding Global Politics
4. POL HE 5046: Select Constitutions

Semester-VI

Core Course 13

POL HC 6016: Modern Political Philosophy

Core Course 14

POL HC 6026: Indian Political Thought-II

Group II (Discipline Specific Elective Courses- DSE) (Any Two)

5. POL HE 6016: India's Foreign Policy in a Globalizing World
6. POL HE 6026: Understanding South Asia
7. POL HE 6036: Women, Power and Politics
8. POL HE 6046: Social Movements in North east India

1. Prospect of the Course:

- A. The students of Political Science Honors have the privilege of undertaking the vast knowledge of the political life of the society, political institutions, political concepts and ideas, state's structure and functions, laws of the land, political philosophies, interstate and intrastate relations, global politics and relations, political economy, non state actors, environmental issues, etc..
- B. The students are properly informed about the course and its structure at the time of their admissions.
- C. The basic idea behind the program is to fully equip the students for their future endeavors with the prospect of fulfilling their ambitions in various services.
- D. Students have the opportunity of acquiring vast knowledge on Indian polity which is considered as the stepping stone towards the dream of becoming a civil servant.
- E. Again, students also have the opportunity of learning organizational skills through the course.
- F. Students acquire the knowledge of Human rights and national and international laws.
- G. They also gather the knowledge of Youth and their role towards nation building.
- H. Students can always go for various programs in future with this course.
- I. Civil services, academics, government jobs, human resources, politics, self employments, etc are some of the most common choices of career for the students.
- J. They can also pursue research work in various topics through the course in their higher studies.

Head of the Department

Course Outcomes

B.A.1st Semester

Course: Understanding Political Theory

Course Code: POL HC 1016

Course Objective: This course is divided into two sections. Section A introduces the students to the idea of political theory, its history and approaches, and an assessment of its critical and contemporary trends. Section B is designed to reconcile political theory and practice through reflections on the ideas and practices related to democracy.

Course Outcome:

After the completion of the course-

- 1) Student acquires the basic idea about the discipline.
- 2) They learn the scope and nature of the discipline.
- 3) They also get to learn the different approaches of the subject.
- 4) The best thing about the course is that the students get first hand information about different political and economic ideologies.
- 5) They also learn about contemporary perspectives in political theory.
- 6) Students also acquire the knowledge on the theories of Democracy.
- 7) To introduce the idea of political theory and various approaches.
- 8) To enable the students to assess the contemporary trends of political theory.
- 9) To reconcile theory and practice in relation to democracy.

Course: Constitutional Government and Democracy in India

Course Code: POL HC 1026

Course objective: This course acquaints students with the constitutional design of state structures and institutions, and their actual working overtime. The Indian Constitution accommodates conflicting impulses (of liberty and justice, territorial decentralization and a strong union, for instance) within itself. The course traces the embodiment of some of these conflicts in constitutional provisions, and shows how these have played out in political practice.

It further encourages a study of state institutions in their mutual interaction, and in interaction with the larger extra-constitutional environment.

Course Outcome:

After reading the course, the students would

- 1) Here, the student learns their constitution in details.
- 2) The students acquire the knowledge of the philosophy of their constitution, preamble of the constitution and also the basic features of the constitution.
- 3) Students also acquire vast information on fundamental rights and duties and the directive principle of states policy.
- 4) They also gather the basic information on the structure of the legislature, executive and judiciary of Indian political system.
- 5) Students also learn the concept of federalism and the process of decentralization in India with special priority on the local self government and panchayat system.
- 6) To acquaint students with constitutional design of state structures and institutions.
- 7) To understand the conflicts in constitutional provisions.
- 8) To make them comprehend the state institutions in relation to extra constitutional environment.

B.A. 2nd Semester

Course: Political Theory- Concepts and Debates

Course Code: POL HC 2016

Course Objective: This course is divided into two sections. Section A helps the student familiarize with the basic normative concepts of political theory. Each concept is related to a crucial political issue that requires analysis with the aid of our conceptual understanding. This exercise is designed to encourage critical and reflective analysis and interpretation of social practices through the relevant conceptual toolkit. Section B introduces the students to the important debates in the subject. These debates prompt us to consider that there is no settled way of understanding concepts and that in the light of new insights and challenges, besides newer ways of perceiving and interpreting the world around us, we inaugurate new modes of political debates.

Course Outcome:

After reading the course, the students would

- 1) Understand the various concepts in political theory and appreciate how they can be helpful to analyze crucial political issues
- 2) Understand the significance of debates in political theory in exploring multiple perspectives to concepts, ideas and issues.
- 3) Appreciate how these concepts and debates enrich political life and issues surrounding it.

Course: Political Process in India

Course Code: POL HC 2026

Course objective: Actual politics in India diverges quite significantly from constitutional legal rules. An understanding of the political process thus calls for a different mode of analysis -that offered by political sociology. This course maps the working of 'modern' institutions, premised on the existence of an individuated society, in a context marked by communitarian solidarities, and their mutual transformation thereby. It also familiarizes students with the working of the Indian state, paying attention to the contradictory dynamics of modern state power.

Course Outcome:

After reading the course, the students would

- 1) Understand the working of major political institutions in India.
- 2) Understand the major debates in Indian politics along the axes of caste, gender, region and religion.
- 3) Understand the changing nature of the Indian state and the contradictory dynamics of modern state power.

B.A. 3rd Semester

Course: Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics

Course Code: POL HC 3016

Course objective: This is a foundational course in comparative politics. The purpose is to familiarize students with the basic concepts and approaches to the study of comparative politics. More specifically the course will focus on examining politics in a historical framework while engaging with various themes of comparative analysis in developed and developing countries.

Course Outcome:

After reading the course, the students would

- 1) To make students understand the basic concepts in comparative politics,
- 2) To make students classify the different political systems and historical context of modern governments,
- 3) To enable students to have a comparative analysis of countries related to their political institutions and behavior.

Course: Perspectives on Public Administration

Course Code: POL HC 3026

Objective: The course provides an introduction to the discipline of public administration. This paper encompasses public administration in its historical context with an emphasis on the various classical and contemporary administrative theories. The course also explores some of the recent trends, including feminism and ecological conservation and how the call for greater democratization is restructuring public administration. The course will also attempt to provide the students a comprehensive understanding on contemporary administrative developments.

Course Outcome:

After reading the course, the students would

- 1) To enable students to learn the basic concepts related to public administration and its importance,
- 2) To make students learn the major theories of public administration,
- 3) To enable students to have an understanding of public policy and its formulation,
- 4) To familiarize students with the major approaches and recent debates related to field of public administration.

Course: Perspectives on International Relations and World History

Course Code: POL HC 3036

Course Objective: This paper seeks to equip students with the basic intellectual tools for understanding International Relations. It introduces students to some of the most important theoretical approaches for studying international relations. The course begins by historically contextualizing the evolution of the international state system before discussing the agency structure problem through the levels-of-analysis approach. After having set the parameters of the debate, students are introduced to different theories in International Relations. It provides a fairly comprehensive overview of the major political developments and events starting from the twentieth century. Students are expected to learn about the key milestones in world history and equip them with the tools to understand and analyze the same from different perspectives. A key objective of the course is to make students aware of the implicit Euro-centricism of International Relations by highlighting certain specific perspectives from the Global South.

Course outcome:

After reading the course, the students would

- 1) To make students understand the key theoretical approaches in International relations,
- 2) To familiarize students with the evolution of International state systems and its importance.
- 3) To make students aware of the key theoretical debates in International relations
- 4) To enable students to have an overall understanding of International relations in relation to twentieth century IR history.

B.A. 4th Semester

Course: Political Processes and Institutions in a Comparative Perspective

Course Code: POL HC 4016

Course objective: In this course students will be trained in the application of comparative methods to the study of politics. The course is comparative in both what we study and how we study. In the process the course aims to introduce undergraduate students to some of the range of issues, literature, and methods that cover comparative political.

Course Outcomes:

After reading the course, the students would

- 1) To understand, comprehend and analyze the complex nature and functioning of the political systems, political institutions and corresponding issues to these both in a country specific case of India and cross-country perspectives.
- 2) To demonstrate critical thinking about key issues of political system of different forms, political process and public policy.
- 3) To use the contents and sub-units of the course as yardsticks for comparing these political systems and processes.

Course: Public Policy and Administration in India

Course Code: POL HC 4026

Objective: The paper seeks to provide an introduction to the interface between public policy and administration in India. The essence of public policy lies in its effectiveness in translating the governing philosophy into programs and policies and making it a part of the community living. It deals with issues of decentralization, financial management, citizens and administration and social welfare from a non-western perspective.

Course Outcomes:

After reading the course, the students would

- 1) Be familiarized with and gain knowledge about the processes of public policy making in India and their significance in administering the state.
- 2) Develop the ability to assess the functioning of the government and the administration in ensuring a citizen centric welfare administration in India.

Course: Global Politics

Course Code: POL HC 4036

Course objective: This course introduces students to the key debates on the meaning and nature of globalization by addressing its political, economic, social, cultural and technological dimensions. In keeping with the most important debates within the globalization discourse, it imparts an understanding of the working of the world economy, its anchors and resistances offered by global social movements while analyzing the changing nature of relationship between the state and trans-national actors and networks. The course also offers insights into key contemporary global issues such as the proliferation of nuclear weapons, ecological issues, international terrorism, and human security before concluding with a debate on the phenomenon of global governance.

Course Outcomes:

After reading the course, the students would

- 1) To enable students to understand how to approach a wide range of important global political and economic policy problems and participate in public policy debates on the crucial issues facing the world today.
- 2) To have knowledge of the essential theoretical assumptions underlying globalization's conceptual frameworks and their relationships to policy interventions.
- 3) To demonstrate elementary knowledge of major issues and subject-matters surrounding globalization that decides the international relations- *political, economic and security relations*- among the nations.

B.A. 5th Semester

Course: Classical Political Philosophy

Course Code: POL HC 5016

Course objective: This course goes back to Greek antiquity and familiarizes students with the manner in which the political questions were first posed. Machiavelli comes as an interlude inaugurating modern politics followed by Hobbes and Locke. This is a basic foundation course for students.

Course Outcome:

After reading the course, the students would

- 1) To interpret ideas underlying traditions in classical political philosophy.
- 2) To analyze the debates and arguments of leading political philosophers belonging to different traditions of the period.
- 3) To appraise the relevance of classical political philosophy in understanding contemporary politics.

Course: Indian Political Thought-I

Course Code: POL HC 5026

Course objective: This course introduces the specific elements of Indian Political Thought spanning over two millennia. The basic focus of study is on individual thinkers whose ideas are however framed by specific themes. The course as a whole is meant to provide a sense of the broad streams of Indian thought while encouraging a specific knowledge of individual thinkers and texts. Selected extracts from some original texts are also given to discuss in class. The list of additional readings is meant for teachers as well as the more interested students.

Course Outcome:

After reading the course, the students would

- 1) To underline themes and issues in political traditions of pre-colonial India.
- 2) To compare and contrast positions of different political traditions those were present in pre-colonial India.
- 3) To evaluate the relevance of political thought of pre-colonial India for contemporary politics.

Course: Human Rights

Course Code: POL HE 5016

Course Outcome:

After reading the course, the students would

- 1) To interpret ideas underlying concepts on universality of rights.
- 2) To analyze the debates and arguments put forward on the working of human rights institutions.
- 3) To appraise the relevance of rights in universal context and also in national context.

Course: Select Constitutions

Course Code: POL HE 5046

Course Objective: The course introduces the constitutional and political systems of four (4) countries. Students will have a stronger and more informed perspective on approaches to studying the constitutional and political systems of these countries in a comparative manner.

Course outcomes:

After reading the course, the students would

- 1) Students will be able to understand the importance of constitutions.
- 2) This paper is an integral part of public services examinations.
- 3) Students will be introduced to the various types of constitutions and the forms of governments from different parts of the world.

B.A. 6th Semester

Course: Modern Political Philosophy

Course Code: POL HC 6016

Course objective: Philosophy and politics are closely intertwined. We explore this convergence by identifying four main tendencies here. Students will be exposed to the manner in which the questions of politics have been posed in terms that have implications for larger questions of thought and existence.

Course Outcome:

After reading the course, the students would

- 1) To interpret ideas underlying traditions in modern political philosophy.
- 2) To analyze the debates and arguments of leading political philosophers of different philosophical traditions.
- 3) To appraise the relevance of modern political philosophy in understanding contemporary politics.

Course: Indian Political Thought-II

Course Code: POL HC 6026

Course objective: Based on the study of individual thinkers, the course introduces a wide span of thinkers and themes that defines the modernity of Indian political thought. The objective is to study general themes that have been produced by thinkers from varied social and temporal contexts. Selected extracts from original texts are also given to discuss in the class. The list of additional readings is meant for teachers as well as the more interested students.

Course Outcome:

After reading the course, the students would

- 1) To underline themes and issues in political thought of modern India.
- 2) To compare and contrast positions of leading political thinkers in India on issues those are constitutive of modern India.
- 3) To assess the relevance of political thought of modern India in understanding contemporary politics.

Course: Understanding South Asia

Course Code: POL HE 6026

Course Objective: The course introduces the historical legacies and geopolitics of South Asia as a region. It imparts an understanding of political regime types as well as the socioeconomic issues of the region in a comparative framework. The course also apprises students of the common challenges and the strategies deployed to deal with them by countries in South Asia.

Course Outcome:

After reading the course, the students would

- 1) To identify geo-political and historical construction of South Asia as a region.
- 2) To analyze the politics and socio-economic issues of the South Asian Region.
- 3) To assess the relevance of regionalism in South Asia and India's position in the region.

Course: Social Movements in North east India

Course Code: POL HE 6046

Course Outcome:

After reading the course, the students would

- 1) To introduce the students with the social movements of the North-East India and nature of these.
- 2) To engage them with historical development of such social movements.
- 3) To understand the new social movements of the region.