



SYLLABUS MODULE OF DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
(PROGRAMME)

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Students: Semester I & II (NEP Syllabus) & III, IV, V & VI OF Bankura
University (CBCS)

SEMESTER- I

Understanding Political Theory (Major & Minor)

(A/PLS/101/MJC-1 / A/PLS/102/MN-1)

Faculty Name	Title of the Topic	Subtopic	Number of the Lecture	Remedial
Saiful Ansari	Unit- I: Introducing Political Theory	a. What is politics? Political Theory: Meaning and Importance. Decline and Resurgence of Political Theory. b. Approaches: Normative, Empirical and Behavioral.	2+4=6	2
Gurudas Mandal	Unit- I: Introducing Political Theory	c. Critical and Contemporary Perspectives in Political Theory: Feminist and Postmodern.	5	1
Subal Das	Unit- II: Karl Marx, Lenin and Mao	a. Marx: Dialectical Materialism, Historical Materialism, Theory of Alienation, Revolution and State. b. Contribution of Lenin and Mao on Marxism	10	2

Multidisciplinary Course
Indian Constitution and Politics
A/PLS/103/MD-1

Faculty Name	Title of the Topic	Subtopic	Number of the Lecture	Remedial
Saiful Ansari	Unit- I: Basic Features of the Constitution of India and its Philosophy	a. Salient Features. b. Philosophy of the Constitution (Preamble).	1+2	1
	Unit- II: Rights and Duties	a. Fundamental Rights.	5	1
	Unit- IV: Federalism	a. Federalism: Division of Powers (Legislative, Administrative and Financial), Recent Trends in Centre-State Relations.	5	1
Subal Das	Unit- III: Organs of Government	a. The Legislature: Union (Parliament) and State (Vidhan Parishad and Vidhan Sabha). b. The Executive: Union (President, Prime Minister and Council of Ministers) and State (Governor and Chief Minister, Council of Ministers). c. The Judiciary: Supreme Court and the High Courts - Composition, Jurisdiction and Role.	4+4+3=11	2
Gurudas Mandal	Unit- II: Rights and Duties	b. Directive Principles of State Policy. c. Fundamental Duties	3+1=4	1

Skill Enhancement Course
Legislative Practices and Procedures
A/PLS/104/SEC-1

Faculty Name	Title of the Topic	Subtopic	Number of the Lecture	Remedial
Saiful Ansari	Unit: I -- Legislative Process:	Question: Rules of Putting Questions to the Minister: Types of Questions (written and verbal; supplementary). Others: Rules Relating to Calling Attention, Mention, Adjournment, Resolution, Discussion including Short Discussion, Censure and No-Confidence.	4	1
Subal Das	Unit: I -- Legislative Process:	Types of Committees, Role of the Standing Committee in Reviewing a Bill, How a Bill becomes Law.	4	1
Gurudas Das	Unit: II -- Budget:	Overview of Budget Process, Role of Parliament in reviewing the Union Budget, Examination of Demands for Grants of Ministries, Working of Ministries.	4	1

SEMESTER- II

Political Process in India (Major & Minor)

(A/PLS/201/MJC-2 / A/PLS/202/MN-2)

Faculty Name	Title of the Topic	Subtopic	Number of the Lecture	Remedial
Saiful Ansari	Unit- III: National Integration	and Its Challenges a. National Integration: Concept b. Linguistic Movements and 'The States Reorganization Act, 1956'. c. Demands for Separate Statehood: Gorkhaland and Karbi Anglong	2+3+2=7	1
	Unit- V: Caste and Politics	a. Politics of Reservation. b. Rise of Dalits in Indian Politics	2+2=4	1
Subal Das	Unit- II: Political Parties and the Party System	a. Trends in the Party System: from the Congress System to Multi-Party Coalitions. b. Determinants of Voting Behavior: Caste, Religion and Gender.	2+2+2=6	1
	Unit- IV: Religion and Politics	a. Debates on Secularism; Communalism	2	1
Gurudas Mandal	Unit- I: The Changing Nature of the Indian State	a. Developmental. b. Welfare.	4	1

Multidisciplinary
International Relations: Theories and Basic Concepts
A/PLS/203/MD-2

Faculty Name	Title of the Topic	Subtopic	Number of the Lecture	Remedial
Saiful Ansari	UNIT- II. Cold War and Post-Cold War Era:	a. Origins and Phases of Cold War; End of Cold War; and Collapse of the Soviet Union. b. Post-Cold War Era and Emerging Centres of Power (European Union, China and Russia)	3+2=5	1
Subal Das	UNIT- I. Evolution and Approaches to International Relations:	a. Evolution of International Relations as an Autonomous Discipline. b. Major Theories: Idealism, Realism, Neo-Realism, Decision-Making.	1+5=6	1
Gurudas Mandal	UNIT- III. Foreign Policy:	a. Definition and Determinants. b. Meaning and Types of Diplomacy	2+2=4	1

Skill Enhancement Course
Democratic Awareness with Legal Literacy
A/PLS/204/SEC-2

Faculty Name	Title of the Topic	Subtopic	Number of the Lecture	Remedial
Saiful Ansari	Unit- II: Brief Understanding of the Laws Applicable in India	<p>a. Laws Relating to Criminal Jurisdiction: Provision Relating to Filing an FIR, Arrest, Bail, Search Related Laws. Prevention of Atrocities on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.</p> <p>b. Laws Relating to Consumer Rights.</p> <p>c. Laws Relating to Cyber-Crimes.</p>	4+1+1=6	1
Subal Das	Unit- I: Outline of the Legal System in India	<p>a. System of Courts/ Tribunals and their Jurisdiction in India--- Criminal and Civil Courts, Specialized Courts such as Juvenile Courts and Mahila Courts.</p> <p>b. Alternate Dispute Mechanisms such as Lok Adalat.</p>	3+2=5	1

Value Added Course
Basics of Indian Constitution

A/C/S/206/VAC-2

Faculty Name	Title of the Topic	Number of the Lecture	Remedial
Saiful Ansari	1. Preamble: Significance and Philosophy of the Constitution as reflected in the Preamble 2. Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles of State Policy, Fundamental Duties.	6	1
Subal Das	3. Basic characteristics of Indian federalism 4. Union Legislature: Composition and Functions	5	1
Gurudas Mandal	5. Union Executive: President and Prime Minister --- Power and Functions 6. Local Self-Government in West Bengal: Rural and Urban with special reference to 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendment Act --- Organizational set-up of Bankura Zilla Parishad; Bankura, Bishnupur and Sonamukhi Municipality.	6	1

Political Science (Programme) (CBCS)

SEMESTER- III

Course Title (Core Course): Comparative Government and Politics

Course Code: APPLS-301/C-1C

Faculty Name	Title of the Topic	Subtopic	Number of the Lecture	Remedial
Saiful Ansari	4. Electoral Systems	First past the post, proportional representation, mixed systems.	5	1
	6. Contemporary debates on the nature of state:	From state centric security to human centric security and the changing nature of nation-state in the context of globalization.	2	
Subal Das	3. Classifications of political systems:	a) Parliamentary and Presidential: UK and USA. b) Federal and Unitary: USA and France.	2+2=4	1
	5. Party Systems:	a) one-party, two-party and multi-party systems.	3	
Gurudas Mandal	1. Basic of Comparative Political Analysis	a) The nature, scope and methods of comparative political analysis.	3	1
	2. Comparing Regimes:	3. Authoritarian and Democratic.	3	

SEMESTER- III
Skill Enhancement Course
Legislative Support
Course Code: APPLS-305/SEC-1

Faculty Name	Title of the Topic	Subtopic	Number of the Lecture	Remedial
Saiful Ansari	Unit: I -- Legislative Process:	Question: Rules of Putting Questions to the Minister: Types of Questions (written and verbal; supplementary). Others: Rules Relating to Calling Attention, Mention, Adjournment, Resolution, Discussion including Short Discussion, Censure and No-Confidence.	4	1
Subal Das	Unit: I -- Legislative Process:	Types of Committees, Role of the Standing Committee in Reviewing a Bill, How a Bill becomes Law.	4	1
Gurudas Das	Unit: II -- Budget:	Overview of Budget Process, Role of Parliament in reviewing the Union Budget, Examination of Demands for Grants of Ministries, Working of Ministries.	4	1

SEMESTER- IV

Course Title (Core Course): International Relations

Course Code: APPLS-401/C-1D

Faculty Name	Title of the Topic	Subtopic	Number of the Lecture	Remedial
Saiful Ansari	UNIT- II. Cold War and Post-Cold War Era:	a. Origins and Phases of Cold War; End of Cold War; and Collapse of the Soviet Union. b. Post-Cold War Era and Emerging Centres of Power (European Union, China and Russia)	3+3=6	1
Subal Das	UNIT- I. Evolution and Approaches to International Relations:	a. Evolution of International Relations as an Autonomous Discipline. 2. Major Theories: Realism and Neo-Realism, Liberalism and its variants. 3. Behavioral Theory: Systems Theory, Decision-Making Theory, Communication Theory.	2+8=10	1
Gurudas Mandal	UNIT- III. India's Foreign Policy:	(a) Basic Determinants (Historical, Geo-Political, Economic, Domestic and Strategic). (b) India's Policy of Non-alignment. (c) India's Relationship with Pakistan, USA and China.	2+2+2=6	1

SEMESTER- IV

Course Title (Skill Enhancement Course): Democratic Awareness with Legal Literacy

Course Code: APPLS-405/SEC-2

Faculty Name	Title of the Topic	Subtopic	Number of the Lecture	Remedial
Saiful Ansari	Unit II: Brief understanding of the laws applicable in India.	Constitution: fundamental rights, fundamental duties, other constitutional rights and their manner of enforcement, with emphasis on public interest litigation. Laws relating to criminal jurisdiction: provision relating to filing an FIR, arrest, bail search and some understanding of the questions of evidence and procedure in Cr. P.C. and related laws, offences against women, juvenile justice, prevention of atrocities on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. Concepts of Principles of Natural Justice, Fair comment under Contempt laws. Laws relating to consumer rights. Laws relating to cybercrimes. Anti-terrorist laws: implications for security and human rights.	8	1
Subal Das	Unit- I: Outline of the Legal System in India	a. System of Courts/ Tribunals and their Jurisdiction in India--- Criminal and Civil Courts, Specialized Courts such as Juvenile Courts and Mahila Courts. b. Alternate Dispute Mechanisms such as Lok Adalat.	3+2=5	1
Gurudas Mandal	Unit III: Access to courts and enforcement of rights:	Legal Services Authorities Act and right to legal aid.	3	1

SEMESTER- V

Course Title (Discipline Specific Elective Course):

Administration and Public Policy--- Concepts and Theories

Course Code: APPLS-501/DSE-1A

Faculty Name	Title of the Topic	Subtopic	Number of the Lecture	Remedial
Saiful Ansari	4. Understanding public policy:	Concept and theories; relevance of policy making in public administration; process of policy formulation and implementation; evaluation.	4	1
Subal Das	2. Administrative theories:	Classical; Scientific Management; Human-Relations; and Rational Decision-Making.	8	1
Gurudas Mandal	1. Public administration:	Meaning, scope and significance; public and private administration; brief evolution and major approaches; from comparative approaches to public administration.	4	2
	3. From Development Administration to New Public Management:	Elements and politics of development administration, the New Public Management paradigm --- a critical perspective in the post globalized era.	4	

SEMESTER- V

Course Title (Generic Elective Course): Human Rights, Gender and Environment

(to be opted by students from other departments)

Course Code: APPLS-503/GE-1

Faculty Name	Title of the Topic	Subtopic	Number of the Lecture	Remedial
Saiful Ansari	II-Human Rights	Human Rights: Various Meanings. UN Declarations. Human Rights and Citizenship Rights. Human Rights and the Indian Constitution. The role of the National Human Rights Commission. Human Rights of Marginalized Groups: Dalits, Adivasis, Women, Minorities and Unorganized Workers. Human Rights Movement in India.	10	2
Subal Das	IV- Environment:	Environmental and Sustainable Development. UN Environment Programme: Rio, Johannesburg and after. Environment Policy in India. Environmental Movement in India.	7	1
Gurudas Mandal	I- Understanding Social Inequality	Caste, Gender, Ethnicity and Class as distinct categories and their interconnection. Globalization and its impact on workers, peasants, Dalits, Adivasis and women.	5	1
	III. Gender:	Gender, Culture and History Economic Development and Women The issue of Women's Political Participation and Representation in India Women's Movements in India	4	1

SEMESTER- V

Course Title (Skill Enhancement Course): Public Opinion and Survey Research

Course Code: APPLS-504/SEC-3

Faculty Name	Title of the Topic	Subtopic	Number of the Lecture	Remedial
Saiful Ansari	Unit-II. Measuring Public Opinion with Surveys--- Representation and sampling:	1. What is sampling? Why do we need to sample? Sample design. 2. Sampling error and non-response. 3. Types of sampling: Non random sampling (quota, purposive and snowball sampling); random sampling: simple and stratified.	4	1
	III. Survey Research	1. Interviewing: Interview techniques pitfalls, different types of and forms of interview. 2. Questionnaire: Question wording; fairness and clarity.	4	1
Subal Das	Unit-I, Introduction to the course:	Public Opinion: Definition and characteristics. Debates about its role in a democratic political system, uses for opinion poll	5	1
Gurudas Mandal	Unit-III, Quantitative Data Analysis:	1. Introduction to quantitative data analysis 2. Basic concepts: correlational research, causation and prediction, descriptive and inferential Statistics.	4	1

SEMESTER- VI

Course Title (Discipline Specific Elective Course): Democracy and Governance

Course Code: APPLS-601/DSE-1B

Faculty Name	Title of the Topic	Subtopic	Number of the Lecture	Remedial
Saiful Ansari	Unit-2) Ideas, Interests and Institutions in Public Policy:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contextual Orientation of Policy Design. 2. Institutions of Policy Making. 3. Regulatory Institutions – SEBI, TRAI, Competition Commission of India. 4. Lobbying Institutions: Chambers of Commerce and Industries, Trade Unions, Farmers Associations, etc. 	8	1
	Unit-3) Contemporary Political Economy of Development in India:	Policy Debates over Models of Development in India, Recent trends of Liberalization of Indian Economy in different sectors, E-governance.	3	
Subal Das	Unit-1) Structure and Process of Governance	Indian Model of Democracy, Parliament, Party Politics and Electoral behaviour, Federalism, The Supreme Court and Judicial Activism, Units of Local Governance (Rural and Urban).	8	1
	Unit-4) Dynamics of Civil Society:	New Social Movements and Various interests, Role of NGO's, Understanding the political significance of Media and Popular Culture.	6	1

SEMESTER- VI

Course Title (Generic Elective Course): Reading Gandhi

Course Code: APPLS-603/GE-2

(to be opted by students from other departments)

Faculty Name	Title of the Topic	Subtopic	Number of the Lecture	Remedial
Saiful Ansari	A) Hind Swaraj:	1. Gandhi in his own words: A close reading of Hind Swaraj. 2. Commentaries on Hind Swaraj and Gandhian thought:	5	1
Subal Das	B) Gandhi and modern India:	3. Nationalism. 4. Communal unity. 5. Women's Question. 6. Untouchability	5	1

SEMESTER- VI

Course Title (Skill Enhancement Course): Conflict and Peace Building

Course Code: APPLS-604/SEC-4

Faculty Name	Title of the Topic	Subtopic	Number of the Lecture	Remedial
Saiful Ansari	Unit III: Conflict Resolution:	a. Conflict resolution and conflict management: meaning and difference b. Methods of Conflict resolution: amicable (Mediation, Negotiation and Diplomacy Track- I, Track- II and Multi Track). & non-amicable (economic sanctions, blockade and war) c. Alternative method of Conflict resolution: Nonviolence d. Peace Studies and Peace Research	6	1
Subal Mandal	Unit II: Dimensions of Conflict:	a. Conflict: meaning, causes and types b. Sites of conflict: local, regional and global c. Ideology: Ideologies and Conflict since the Cold War. d. Socio-Cultural Conflicts: Ethnic and Religious	6	1
Gurudas Mandal	Unit 1: Basic Concepts on War and Peace:	a. Causes of War b. Just war: Meaning c. Approaches to Peace.	4	1

