

**CBCS: SYLLABUS - SEMESTER WISE  
FIRST YEAR; SEMESTER – I  
B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE  
PAPER-I (CORE): BASIC CONCEPTS OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**

Unit-1: Explanatory Frameworks of Politics

1. What is Politics: Nature and Scope of Political Science
2. Approaches to the Study of Politics: Normative, Historical, Empirical Traditions

Unit-2: What is the State

1. Origin and Evolution of the Modern State
2. Different Conceptions on the role of the Modern State: Social Democratic and Neo Liberal conceptions

Unit-3: Nations and Nationalism

1. Conceptual Distinction between Nationality and Nation
2. Varieties of Nationalism: Culture and Civic Nationalism

Unit-4: Rights and Citizenship

1. Evolution of Rights: Civil and Social rights
2. Citizenship: Universal and Differential Citizenship

Unit-5: Freedom, Equality and Justice

1. Freedom: Negative and Positive Freedom
2. Equality: Formal Equality, Equality of Opportunity, Equality of Outcome
3. Justice: Justice based on Needs, Deserts and Rights

**Reference books:**

1. Bhargava Rajeev and Acharya Ashok (eds) (2008) Political Theory: An Introduction, Pearson, New Delhi.
2. Andrew Heywood (2007) Politics 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, Palgrave Macmillan, New York.
3. Bellamy R (1993) (Ed) Theories and Concepts of Politics, Manchester university press, New York.
4. Vincent A (2004) The Nature of Political Theory, Oxford Universit Press, New York.

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**PAPER-II (CORE): POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS**  
**(CONCEPTS, THEORIES AND INSTITUTIONS)**

Unit-1: Constitutionalism

1. The Purpose of Constitutional law, Theory of Separation of Powers
2. Structural Forms of the Modern State: Basic features of Parliamentary and Presidential forms of Government

Unit-2: Territorial Division of Authority of the Modern State

1. Basic features of Federal form of Government
2. Basic features of Unitary form of Government

Unit-3: Institutional forms of the Modern State

1. Democracy: Basic features of Classical and Modern Representative Democracy
2. Models of Democracy: Procedural Democracy and Substantive Democracy

Unit-4: Judiciary and Democratic State

1. The nature, role and functions of the Judiciary
2. Judicial Review: Debates on the Supremacy of legislature or Judiciary in the protection of Constitutional law

**Reference books:**

1. Andrew Heywood (2007) Politics 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, Palgrave Macmillan, New York
2. Held, David (2006) Models of Democracy 3<sup>rd</sup> edition Oxford Polity Press
3. Birch A.H (2000) The Concepts and Theories of Democracy, London Routledge
4. Bogdanor, V (Ed) (1988) Constitutions in Democratic Politics Gower, Aldershot
5. Scott Gordon (1999) Controlling the State: Constitutionalism from Ancient Athens to Today, Cambridge, Harvard University Press.

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