

BA I (SEMESTER 1 & 2) SYLLABUS AS PER NEP2020 STRUCTURE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

		The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda Faculty of Arts Department of Political Science Vadodara, India 390002		w.e.f. 2023-24	
Bachelor of Arts					
YEAR	1	Major Course 01:		Credit	4
Semester	1	Political Studies: An Introduction		Hours	60
Objectives	This course introduces the discipline of Political Science and enables the students to gain an insight into its nature and scope. It also seeks to provide an understanding of the basic features of the state as the primary frame of reference for the discipline. This course aims to provide an understanding of the nature and working of the state and government. In particular, it sensitizes students to the divergent perspectives on the legitimate functions of the state and its relationship with citizens. The course also provides basic orientation to various forms of government.				
COURSE CONTENT					
UNIT-I	a. Introducing Politics: Idea and Concerns b. Nature vs. Nurture c. Approaches to the Study of Politics				15 hrs
UNIT-II	a. State: Meaning and Elements b. Theories of the State: Origin, Functions and Limits c. State; Government; Nation; Civil Society				15 hrs
UNIT-III	a. Sovereignty: Concept and Characteristics b. Constitution: Meaning, Relevance and Types c. Separation of Powers				15 hrs
UNIT-IV	a. Democracy and Authoritarianism b. Parliamentary and Presidential Governments c. Unitary and Federal Forms of Governments				15 hrs
READINGS					
1.	R C Agrawal, <i>Political Theory</i> (S Chand)				
2.	Edwin Coutler, <i>Principles of Politics and Government</i> (McGraw Hill)				
3.	B K Gokhale, <i>Political Science</i> (Himalaya)				
4.	Andrew Heywood, <i>Politics</i> (Palgrave Macmillan)				
5.	A C Kapur, <i>Political Science</i> (S Chand)				
6.	Hebert M Levine, <i>Political Issues Debated: An Introduction to Politics</i> (Prentice-Hall)				
7.	Leslie Lipson, <i>Great Issues of Politics</i> (Prentice-Hall)				
8.	W Philips Shively, <i>Power and Choice: An Introduction to Political Science</i> (McGraw Hill)				
9.	Andrew Heywood, <i>Political Ideas and Concepts</i> (Palgrave Macmillan)				
10.	A Appadorai, <i>Substance of Politics</i> (Oxford University Press)				

Assessment Method:

Internal assessment: 30 marks through a written mid-semester test

End-semester exam: 70 marks

Pedagogical Tools

Lectures

Tutorials

Interactive sessions

Audio visual presentations