



**Syllabus of  
Political Science  
(BDP)  
Course Code (EPS)**

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## Course Structure for The Bachelor's Degree Programme (BDP) in Political Science

1. Compulsory Subjects : Foundation Course	
(a) Bengali (FBG)	4 Credits
(b) English (FEG)	4 Credits
(c) Humanities and Social Science (FHS)	8 Credits
(d) Science and Technology (FST)	8 Credits
	<b>24 Credits</b>
2. Elective Subjects : Honours Course (EPS)	
<b>Paper I</b> : Political Theory and Institutions	8 Credits
<b>Paper II</b> : Political Sociology	8 Credits
<b>Paper III</b> : Indian Political Thought	8 Credits
<b>Paper IV</b> : Western Political Thought	8 Credits
<b>Paper V</b> : Government and Politics in India	8 Credits
<b>Paper VI</b> : International Relations	8 Credits
<b>Paper VII</b> : Government and Politics in Europe and America	8 Credits
<b>Paper VIII</b> : Government and Politics in South Asia	8 Credits
	<b>64 Credits</b>
3. Compulsory Subject : Application Oriented Course (Any one)	
(a) Basic Accountancy (AOC-01)	
(b) Food Processing (AOC-02)	8 Credits
(c) Household Chemistry (AOC-03)	
4. Environmental Studies	4 Credits
Total Credits for the Course = (24+64+8+4) = 100 Credits or 1250 marks	

### Evaluation System :

Internal assessment : 30%

Term-end Examination : 70%

## **Paper I : Political Theory and Institutions**

### **Module-1 :**

Definition and Approaches–Traditional & Modern ; Theories of (a) Origin of the State-Social Contract, Evolutionary, (b) Nature of the State-Organismic, idealist ; Theories of the functions of the State-Individualism, Socialism, Welfare State : Theories of State Sovereignty-Monism and Pluralism.

### **Module-2 :**

Marxian Anarchism : Democratic Socialism : Guild Socialism, Fabianism : Sarvodaya.

### **Module-3 :**

Theory of Separation of powers : Executive, Legislature, Judiciary.

### **Module-4 :**

Constitution and Constitutionalism : Forms of Government, Political Parties, Pressure Groups.

## **Paper II : Political Society**

### **Module-1 :**

Political Sociology–Nature, Meaning & Scope ; Influence, Power and Authority ; Bureaucracy–the contribution of Max Weber : Elite Theory.

### **Module-2 :**

Political Culture : Political Socializations : Education & Politics ; Religion, Society and Politics.

### **Module-3 :**

Political Communication ; Political Participation ; Political Parties ; Pressure Groups in Politics.

### **Module-4 :**

Political Development ; Revolution and Social Change ; Ideology ; Military in Politics.

## **Paper III : Indian Political Thought**

### **Module-1 :**

Kautilya's Arthashastra-Main ideas ; Political ideas of Santiparva ; Concept of State in Islamic Thought ; Sufism and Bhakti Cult.

**Module-2 :**

Raja Rammohan Roy ; Swami Vivekananda ; Bankimchandra Chattapadhaya ; Sri Aurobinda.

**Module-3 :**

Bal Gangdhar Tilak ; Mahatma Gandhi ; Jay Prakash Narayan ; Bhim Rao Ambedkar.

**Module-4 :**

Manabendra Nath Roy ; Jawarharlal Nehru ; Subhas Chandra Bose ; Rammanohar Lohia.

**Paper IV : Western Political Thought**

**Module-1 :**

Greek Political Thought : Plato, Aristotle ; Roman Thought : Cicero, Seneca ; Mediaeval Thought : St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas ; Marsiglio of Padua, Conciliar Movement.

**Module-2 :**

Renaissance and Machiavelli ; Reformation, Luther and Calvin ; Anti-Monarchist doctrines in the 16th Century ; Bodin.



**Module-3 :**

Hobbes ; Locke ; Montesquieu ; Rousseau.

**Module-4 :**

Fredric Hegel ; Karl Marx ; J. S. Mill ; Thomas Paine.

**Paper V : Government and Politics in India**

**Module-1 :**

Phases of Freedom Struggle ; Constitutional development (1857–1950) ; Constitutional Assembly.

**Module-2 :**

Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Duties, Directive Principles ; Union Executive ; Parliament ; Judiciary.

**Module-3 :**

Federal System : Union-State relations ; State Executive ; State Legislature ; Constitutional Amendment.

**Module-4 :**

Social basis of Indian politics ; Political Parties in India ; Regionalism ; District Administration and Local Government (with Special reference to West Bengal).

**Paper VI : International Relations**

**Module-1 :**

Nature and Scope of International Relations (IR) ; Major approaches of the study of IR ;

National Power : modes of controlling power ; Imperialism, Colonialism, Neo-colonialism.

**Module-2 :**

Cold War and its evolution–New Cold War–Post Cold War developments : Western Europe in transition ; Developing Countries in the Contemporary International System : Regional groupings–North-South cooperation ; Developments in West Asia since 1973.

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**Module-3 :**

Making of Foreign Policy : Indian Foreign Policy ; Foreign Policies of major powers-USA, USSR Russia ; Foreign Policies of India's neighbours–China and Pakistan.

**Module-4 :**

The U.N. Origin, Purposes and Principles ; Major organs of the U.N. ; Peace keeping role of the U. N. in the context of recent developments ; The U.N. and Disarmament.

**Paper VII : Government and Politics in Europe and America**

**Module-1 :**

U. K. : Evolution and Basic principles ; The Executive-The Crown-Prime Minister and the Cabinet ; Parliament ; Parties and Pressure groups.

**Module-2 :**

USA : Evolution and Basic principles (including amendments) ; The Presidency and the Congress ; The Supreme Court ; Parties and Party System and Pressure groups.

**Module-3 :**

France : Evolution and Basic Principles ; President, Government and Parliament ; Constitutional Council and Judiciary ; Parties and Pressure groups.

**Module-4 :**

Germany : Evolution and Basic principles ; The Executive and Parliament ; Constitutional Council and Judiciary ; Parties and Pressure groups.

**Paper VIII : Government and Politics in South Asia**

**Module-1 :**

Pakistan : Historical Evolution ; Framework of Governance ; Political Parties and Pressure Groups.

**Module-2 :**

Bangladesh : Historical Evolution ; Framework of Governance ; Foreign Policy ; Political Parties and Pressure Groups.



**Module-3 :**

Nepal : Historical Evolution ; Framework of Governance ; Political Parties and Pressure Groups.

**Module-4 :**

Sri Lanka : Historical Evolution ; Framework of Governance ; Political Parties and Pressure Groups.

**System of examination :**

1st Semester–FBG, FEG, EPS-I

2nd Semester–FHS, EPS–II

3rd Semester–FST, EPS, III

4th Semester–EPS-IV, V

5th Semester – EPS – VI, VII

6th Semester–EPS – VIII, AOC & Env. Studies