

**UNIVERSITY LAW COLLEGE  
UNIVERSITY OF THE PUNJAB  
COURSE OUTLINE  
SEMESTER-I**

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| <b>Paper Code</b>  | LL.B. 106         | <b>Cr.Hrs.</b> | 02 |
| <b>Paper-Title</b>   | Political Science |                |    |
| <b>Domain</b>  | Interdisciplinary |                |    |
| <b>Course Introduction</b>   |                   |                |    |
| <p>Political science for students of law serves both as a baseline subject and as an auxiliary discourse. Synergizing political science with law as a precursor for understanding law provides students a framework to understand statecraft, state practice and relevance of law in governing a State. Political science is a scientific evaluation of the State and its functions. It also provides foundations to how the state and its legal structure have evolved. To teach political science as a core subject for students of law would therefore, require to select fundamentals of political science that guide students to statecraft and also to link it with other important disciplines.</p> |                   |                |    |
| <b>Learning Outcomes</b>   |                   |                |    |
| <p>On the completion of the course, the students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Understand key concepts and concerns in political science including notably the way power is acquired and exercised at the national and international levels.</li> <li>2. Understand what is meant by politics, explore competing concepts and approaches, learn about how political institutions and processes work, and discuss contemporary political issues in an informed manner.</li> <li>3. Develop a better understanding of the contemporary knowledge of the world and to excel in his capabilities to serve others</li> </ol>   |                   |                |    |
| <b>Course Content</b>  |                   |                |    |
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**1. Introduction to Political Science:**

- (a) General concept, Nature and History of Political Science
- (b) Scope and Aspects of Political Science
- (c) Utility of the study of Political Science
- (d) Approaches and Methods to the study of Political Science

**2. The State**

- (a) Definition, Concept and Evolution
- (b) Elements of the State
- (c) State and Government
- (d) State and Society
- (e) State and Association

**3. Democracy**

- (a) Definition and Classes
- (b) Characteristics
- (c) Conditions for Democracy
- (d) Advantages and Disadvantages

**4. Dictatorship**

- (a) General concept
- (b) Classes
- (c) Features
- (d) Advantages and Disadvantages

**5. Unitary and Federal Governments**

- (a) Unitary Government
  - (i) General Concept
  - (ii) Merits of Unitary Government
  - (iii) Demerits of Unitary Government
- (b) Federal Government
  - (i) Concept of Federal System
  - (ii) Salient Features
  - (iii) Conditions for Federation
  - (iv) Advantages and Disadvantages

**6. Parliamentary System and Presidential System**

(a) Parliamentary Form of Government

- (i) General concept
- (ii) Organization
- (iii) Features
- (iv) Merits and Demerits
- (v) Parliamentary Sovereignty

(b) Presidential Form of Government

- (i) General Concept
- (ii) Organization
- (iii) Features
- (iv) Merits and Demerits

**7. Legislature**

- (a) Concept of Legislature
- (b) Organization
- (c) Role and Functions
- (d) Bicameral and Unicameral Legislature with merits and demerits

**8. Executive**

- (a) Meaning and Definition
- (b) Classes and Organization
- (c) Functions and Powers

**9. Judiciary**

- (a) Meaning and Concept
- (b) Organization and classes
- (c) Functions

**Textbooks and Reading Material**

**Recommended Books:**

- 1. R. N. Gilchrist, *Principles of Political Science* (Alpha Editions 2019)

2. Michael G. Roskin ,Cord .Robert L ,Jones .Medeiros Walter S .James A*Political Science: An Introduction* (Pearson Education2016)
3. Mark Kesselman, Joel Krieger, Joseph, William A. *Introduction to comparative politics: Political challenges and changing agendas* (Cengage Learning 2018)
4. Andrew Heywood, *Key Concepts in Politics and International Relations* (London: Palgrave 2015)

#### **Teaching Learning Strategies**

1. Lecture and Lecture notes
2. Using Audio/Visual aids
3. Case Method
4. Task Based learning strategy
5. Assigning Collaborative work
6. Problem based learning