UNIVERSITY LAW COLLEGE
FACULTY OF LAW
UNIVERSITY OF THE PUNJAB, LAHORE
COURSE OUTLINE
SEMESTER-I

Programme	**Bachelor of Laws (LLB)**	**Course Code**	**LAW-101**	**Credit Hours**	**3**
Course Title	**Political Science**				
Domain	**Interdisciplinary**				

Course Introduction

The Political Science module provides students with the basic concepts, theories, and institutions of political science. It covers the fundamental principles of political analysis, the nature of political systems, the role of political ideologies, and the functioning of key political institutions. Students will gain a foundational understanding of the political processes and structures that shape governance and policy-making at both national and international levels.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Understand the core concepts and theories in political science.
- Identify and describe different types of political systems and institutions.
- Analyze the role of political ideologies in shaping political behavior and policy.
  Develop critical thinking and analytical skills in the context of political science.

	Course Content	**Assignments/Readings**
Week 1	**UNIT-I: Introduction to Political Science** 1.1 Definition and scope of political science 1.2 Key concepts: power, authority, legitimacy, and sovereignty	Muhammad Sarwar, Introduction to Political Science, Ilmi Kitab Khana, 2021-2022.
Week 2	**UNIT-II: Political Theories and Ideologies** 2.1 Classical political theory: Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli 2.2 Modern political ideologies: liberalism, conservatism, socialism, fascism	Mazhar-ul-Haq ,Political Science Theory and Practice Andrew Heywood, "Politics" Year of Publication: 2019, Palgrave Macmillan
Week 3	**UNIT-III: The State and Government** 3.1 Definition and functions of the state 3.2 Different forms of government: democracy, authoritarianism, and totalitarianism	Mazhar-ul-Haq ,Political Science Theory and Practice Patrick H. O ,"Essentials of Comparative Politics" 'Neil: 2020, W.W. Norton & Company.
Week 4	**UNIT-IV: Political Systems and Regimes** 4.1 Classification of political systems 4.2 Characteristics of democratic and non-democratic regimes	Usman Jan, Political Science: An Introduction, Principles, Study and Dynamic

		Patrick H. O ,"Essentials of Comparative Politics" 'Neil: 2020, W.W. Norton & Company
Week 5	**UNIT-V: Constitutions and the Rule of Law** 5.1 Importance and functions of constitutions 5.2 Principles of the rule of law and constitutionalism	**Quiz/Presentation:** Different Forms of Govt. Muhammad Sarwar, Introduction to Political Science, Ilmi Kitab Khana, 2021-2022.
Week 6	**UNIT-VI: Political Institutions** 6.1 Legislatures (Structure and functions of Legislatures) 6.2 Executives (Types of Executive systems: Presidential, Parliamentary, and semi-presidential) 6.3 Judiciaries (Structure and functions of Judicial Systems, the role of the judiciary in upholding the rule of law)	Andrew Heywood, "Politics" Year of Publication: 2019, Palgrave Macmillan Muhammad Sarwar, Introduction to Political Science, Ilmi Kitab Khana, 2021-2022.
Week 7	**UNIT-VII: Political Participation and Representation** 7.1 Electoral systems and processes	**Assignment:**Political Institution and their role in upholding the rule of law. Usman Jan, Political Science: An Introduction, Principles, Study and Dynamic
Week 8	**UNIT-VII: Political Participation and Representation** 8.1 Political parties, interest groups, and social movements	Robert E. Goodin "The Oxford Handbook of Political Science" 2011, Oxford University Press. Muhammad Shakeel Ahmad and Khudam-ud-Din , Rahber Political Science
Week 9	**Mid Term Examination**	
Week 10	**UNIT-VIII: Public Policy and Administration** 10.1 The policy-making process 10.2 The role of bureaucracy and public administration	Muhammad Shakeel Ahmad and Khudam-ud-Din , Rahber Political Science Michael E. Kraft and Scott R. Furlong "Public Policy" Politics, Analysis, and Alternatives" 2017. CQ Press
Week 11	**UNIT-IX: Comparative Politics** 11.1 Approaches to the comparative study of politics 11.2 Case studies of different political systems	Muhammad Shakeel Ahmad and Khudam-ud-Din , Rahber Political Science
Week 12	**UNIT-X: International Relations and Global Politics** 12.1 Introduction to international relations theory 12.2 The role of international organizations and global governance	**Presentations:**The Policy Making Process (The Role of Bureaucracy and Public Administration). Mark Kesselman, Joel Krieger,

		and William A. Joseph "Introduction to Comparative Politics" 2018,Cengage Learning.
Week 13	**UNIT XI: Political Economy** 13.1 The relationship between politics and economics	Zaidi, S.A. Issues in Pakistan economy. A political economy perspective (3rd ed.) 2015 Karachi OUP.
Week 14	**UNIT XI: Political Economy** 14.1 Key concepts in political economy: capitalism, socialism, and mixed economies	Zaidi, S.A. Issues in Pakistan economy. A political economy perspective (3rd ed.) 2015 Karachi OUP.
Week 15	**UNIT XII:** Contemporary Political Issues	Andrew Heywood, "Politics" Year of Publication: 2019, Palgrave Macmillan
Week 16	**UNIT XIII:**Analysis of current political issues and events	**Quiz:**The Role of Institutions Organization and Global Governance. Andrew Heywood, "Politics" Year of Publication: 2019, Palgrave Macmillan
Week 17	**UNIT XIV:**Application of political science theories to contemporary problems	Andrew Heywood, "Politics" Year of Publication: 2019, Palgrave Macmillan
Week 18	**Final Term Examination**	

Textbooks and Reading Material

1. Textbooks:

The books and reading material listed below will serve as both the primary textbooks and reference material.

2. Suggested Readings:

1. Andrew Heywood, "Politics", Year of Publication: 2019, Palgrave Macmillan
2. Patrick H. O ,"Essentials of Comparative Politics" 'Neil: 2020, W.W. Norton & Company
3. Robert E. Goodin "The Oxford Handbook of Political Science" 2011, Oxford University Press.
4. Mark Kesselman, Joel Krieger, and William A. Joseph "Introduction to Comparative Politics" 2018,Cengage Learning.
5. Michael E. Kraft and Scott R. Furlong "Public Policy" Politics, Analysis, and Alternatives" 2017. CQ Press
6. Muhammad Sarwar, Introduction to Political Science, Ilmi Kitab Khana, 2021-2022.
7. Sultan Khan , Introduction to Political Science . Published by Famous Books
8. Muhammad Shakeel Ahmad and Khudam-ud-Din , Rahber Political Science
9. Mazhar-ul-Haq ,Political Science Theory and Practice
10. Usman Jan, Political Science: An Introduction, Principles, Study and Dynamic

Teaching Learning Strategies

1. Interactive Lectures and Guided Discursions
2. Collaborative Learning
3. Research- Based Learning
4. Problem- Based Assignments
5. Short Tests and Projects

Assignments: Types and Number with Calendar

1. Quizzes
2. Presentations and Viva voce
3. Description/ Problem- Based Assignments
4. Case Study Analysis

Assessment

Sr. No.	Elements	Weightage	Details
1.	Midterm Assessment	20%	Written Assessment at the mid-point of the semester.
2.	Formative Assessment	10%	Continuous assessment includes: Classroom participation, assignments, presentations, viva voce, attitude and behavior, hands-on-activities, short tests, projects, practical, reflections, readings, quizzes etc.
3.	Final Assessment	70%	Written Examination at the end of the semester. It is mostly in the form of a test, but owing to the nature of the course the teacher may assess their students based on term paper, research proposal development, field work and report writing etc.