DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

1.	**Program**	BS. Political Science
2.	**Title**	Political Sociology
3.	**Semester**	
4.	**Code**	BS -PS431
5.	**Rating**	03 Credit Hours
6.	**Type**	Optional Course
7.	**Pre-requisites**	
8.	**Introduction**	Political Sociology investigates the social bases of politics and the impact of politics on society. World War II, and the 1960s in particular, the steady growth of interest, literature, and debate on state-society relations has translated into the constitution of Political Sociology as a subfield of Sociology and/or Political Science (the classification varies according to countries). In France, Political Sociology is considered an integral part of Political Science (along with Political Theory, Public Policy, Comparative Politics and International Relations). In UK, the London School of Economics (LSE) offers an MSc in Political Sociology, based in the department of Sociology, leading to an ample range of professions (teaching, research, public administration, social services, journalism, publishing, think tanks, NGOs, among others). In the leading universities of the world, political sociology is taught to understand the development of society.
9.	**Objectives**	• To introduce students to the key concepts and theoretical debates in Political Sociology; • To provide the analytical tools and the empirical knowledge to understand some of the fundamental socio-political processes that shape the world we live in; • To give students an opportunity to develop their capacity for rigorous oral and written argumentation. Session discussions, research essays, and an essay-based exam will foster a critical approach. Students are encouraged to re-evaluate commonly accepted ideas, consider alternative explanations for important social and political developments, and support their own conclusions with carefully deployed evidence.
10.	**Contents**	

Week	Contents
Week1	Theoretical and methodological debates in political Sociology

		Week 2	The Vision of Karl Marx Social Stratification Social Organization Social and Political System Political Order Political Ruler State Machinery
		Week 3	The Vision of Max Weber Social Stratification Social Organization Social System Political Order Political Rulers Weber's Image of Why men obey State Machinery Comparisons of Marx and Weber
		Week-4	Power and authority: a sociological perspective
		Week-5	Basic Forms of Political Rule Democracy and Oligarchy in the Modern World Types of Political Rule
		Week-6	Democracy, authoritarianism, and development
		Week-7	Socialization to Citizenship
		Week-8	Nation Building in the Modern world
		Week9	**Mid Term Exams**
		Week 10-11-12	I Patronage, corruption, and democratic politics, Military rule, The state and development
		Week 13-14	Social and Political movements
		Week 15	Violent politics: Trends of 21st Century
		Week 16-17	Globalization and Political Sociology
		Week 18	**Final Term Exams**
11.	**Outcome**	Students may be able: To analyses the politicization of social cleavages, e.g. class, race and ethnicity, gender, religion and nationality. 2. To highlight (the consequences of) changing social values and attitudes, including the impact of the media thereupon. 3. To understand processes of political engagement and participation. 4. To grasp the causes and consequences of migration. 5. To examine how individuals influence the institutional structure through revolutions, democratization and the establishment of welfare states.	
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Assessment Criteria:

Requirements	
Assignments/Quizzes/Project/Case Study/Team Presentations	
Mid-Term Exam	
Final Term Exam	