

**(III) Area of Specialization Courses in Political Science**  
**TEACHING POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**Course code: EDBES371**

**Credit Hours: 3**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Political Science is the branch of social sciences that studies the state, politics and government. It also deals with the political system of all over the world. Political science is not standalone field; it intersects many other branches like sociology, economics, history, anthropology, and public policy.

The Political Science course provides introduction to political science and state system with the concept of Islamic state. It will also cover the comparative and analytical study of the political system. The course will provide opportunities to the prospective teachers with valuable, comprehensive knowledge of government and global politics, preparing them to analyze potential solution in both the public and private sector. It will also help prospective teachers to understand the politics influence on education; to identify the trends, issues and challenge in politics; to develop the ability to apply an interdisciplinary approach to the study of state related problems and suggest viable solutions. The Political Science course is designed keeping in mind aims/Learning Outcomes of the National Curriculum for Political Science and the topics Contents in the curriculum. This course endeavours to prepare students to be responsible citizens who suggesting solutions of the political problems faced by the world in general and Pakistan.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES**

1. To educate and train the students and make them conscious of their rights and Obligations towards the society. Such knowledge will facilitate their active participation in State business;
2. To inculcate among the students the practice of making comparisons by placing before them differing views of state and government;
3. To assist students to identify various issues, trends and challenges faced by the Pakistan politics.
4. To disseminate to the students' necessary knowledge of politics and administration and enable them to be effective managers irrespective of the professions they join later on.
5. To encourage them to contribute in the field of research related to national and international issues.

**CONTENTS**

The Contents will be covered within one semester and consist of four units. A weekly break down of each unit is provided below:

**1: INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**Week Session**

**Topics**

**Subtopics**

**1. Introduction; The nature and scope of political science**

- 1.1 Introduction to the course
- 1.2 Definition
- 1.3 Nature, scope and subfields of political science

**2.State system**

- 2.1 The nature of state system
- 2.2 Islamic concept of state

**3. Political Institutions and Role of Government**

- 3.1 Legislature
- 3.2 Executive
- 3.3 Judiciary

- 3.4 Political Elites
- 3.5 Civil Military
- 3.6 Bureaucracy

#### **4 Forms of Government**

- 4.1 Monarchy, Democratic, Dictatorship, Authoritarian and Unitary
- 4.2 Federation, Confederation
- 4.3 Presidential and Parliamentary

#### **5 Political Ideologies**

- 5.1 Capitalism
- 5.2 Marxism
- 5.3 Communism
- 5.4 Fascism
- 5.5 Islamic political ideology

#### **Unit outcomes:**

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

1. Understand the concept and nature of political science;
2. Identify the state system of Islam;
3. Evaluate role, forms and political institutions of Government;
4. Critically analyze the political ideologies

## **2 Political Thoughts**

### **Week Session Topic**

#### **1. Western Political Thoughts**

- 1.1 Political Institutions in ancient Greece
- 1.2 The philosophy of Socratic
- 1.3 Political philosophy of Plato
- 1.4 Political philosophy of Aristotle

#### **2. Muslim Political Thoughts**

- 2.1 The political concepts and institutions in Islam
- 2.2 Khilafat, Shura, Justice, Sovereignty and Equality
- 2.3 Political Ideology, National Socialism, Fascism Basic Principles of fascism

#### **3. Muslim Political Thinkers**

- 3.1 Al Ghazali
- 3.2 Ibn e Khuldoon
- 3.3 Shah Wali Ullah
- 3.4 Allama Iqbal

#### **Unit outcomes:**

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

1. Provide evolution of Greek Political thought and institutions;
2. Acquaint with the major political concepts of Islam, the structural functional aspect
3. Islamic polity, the writings of prominent;
3. Apply the Islamic principles to modern times

## **3 COMPARATIVE AND DEVELOPMENT STUDY OF THE POLITICAL SYSTEM**

### **Week Session Topic**

#### **1. Comparative Politics**

Approaches to comparative politics:

- 1.1 Traditional approach of its characteristics and critique
- 1.2 Behavioural approach, its characteristics and critique

## **2. Political System and Political Culture**

### **Political System of:**

2.1 USA, UK, France and Germany

## **3. Political Development**

3.1 Major Issues of National Identity and Integration:

3.2 Role of Bureaucracy and

3.3 Military Elite

### **outcomes:**

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

1. Discuss the approaches to comparative politics;
2. Differentiate between political system and political culture;
3. Compare the political system of USA, UK
4. Analyze the political system of Iran, India and China

### **Session Topic**

#### **9 /3 Political Movement in India**

Rise of Muslim Nationalism in South Asia

#### **10 /4 Constitution making from 1947-1973**

A comparative and critical analysis of 1956, 1962 and 1973 Constitution of Pakistan

#### **15 Constitutional Amendments up-to-date**

#### **11 /6 Federal Structure in Pakistan**

Central-Provincial relations after 18<sup>th</sup> Amendments;

#### **12 /7 Political Parties and Interest Groups in Pakistan**

Role of major political parties

Election and voting behaviours;

Religion and Politics

Ethnicity and National integration

### **outcomes:**

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

- Describe the political movement in Colonial period ;
- Identify political and constitutional phases and developments in shaping the Pakistan's political systems;
- Recognize the significance of constitutional amendments;
- Recognize political parties and interest groups of Pakistan and their role.

## **5: TREND, ISSUES AND CHALLENGES OF PAKISTAN POLITICS**

### **Week Session Topic**

#### **1. Politics**

1.1 New Trends in Politics

#### **2. Emerging trend in Pakistan's Politics**

2.1 Foreign policy making process in Pakistan

#### **3. Global challenges to political communities**

3.1 Identity

3.2 Governance

3.3 Sustainability

#### **4. Political influence on Education**

### **Conclusion of the course**

### **outcomes**

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

1. Describe the political situation of Pakistan;
2. Investigate and lead a discussion on a key trends and issues;

3. Analyze the global challenges faced by political communities;
- l. Identify the political influence on educational decision.

#### Assessment and Examinations

The students will be assessed according to the following criteria

Examination	Marks Distribution
Sessional Work	25%
Mid-Semester	35%
Final Semester	40%

#### Suggested Readings

- All, M. (2001). *Readings in Pakistan's Foreign Policy*. Karachi: Oxford University Press.
- Almond, G. A., Powell, B., Dalton, R., & Strom, K. (2008). *Comparative politics today: a theoretical framework*. USA: Pearson Longman.
- Amin, S. M. (2004). *Pakistan's Foreign Policy: A Reappraisal*. Karachi: Oxford University Press.
- Anwar, S. (2007). *Issues and Realities of Pakistani Politics*. Lahore: Research Society of Pakistan, University of the Punjab.
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- Denziger, J. N., & Smith, C. A. (1996). *Understanding the political world: A comparative introduction to political science*. USA: Longman Publishers.
- Khan, H. (2001). *Constitutional and Political History of Pakistan*. Karachi: Oxford University Press.
- Sarwar, M. (1996). *Introduction to Political Science*. Lahore: IlmiKutubKhana.
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- Stratford, J. S., Stratford, J., & Hollis, D. R. (1994). Contemporary British politics and government: By Phil G. Cocker. Kent: Tudor Business Publishing Limited, 1993. x, 404p. ISBN 1-872807-35-6. £ 12.99. *Journal of Government Information*, 21(4), 373-375.
- Yusuf, H. (1998). *A study of political Development 1947-99*. Lahore: The Academy.

#### Website Resources

The News

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/179517-New-trends-in-politics/>

Daily Times

<http://dailytimes.com.pk/103820/emerging-trends-in-the-politics-of-pakistan/>