

TRENDS AND CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Course code: EDBES373

Credit Hours: 3

Introduction

The course “Trends and contemporary issues in political science” is designed to provide basic knowledge and understanding of new trends, issues and challenges faced by political world. Upon completing of this course, the students will be able to analyze the current situation of politics all around the world. Students will be able to critically investigate and research the problematic areas of political science.

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.

Learning Outcomes

After successful completion of this course the students will be able to:

1. Develop an understanding of the key issues in the field of political science.
2. Recognize the trends of political science.
3. Familiarize with the methods of research in to the field of political science.
4. Assist students to identify various issues, trends and challenges faced by the Pakistan politics.
5. 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.
6. Present a research study proposal encompassing the contemporary issues in political Science.

CONTENTS

1. RESEARCH IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

- 1.1 Define Political Science
- 1.2 Political Science Research: Training and Production
- 1.3 Possible Explanations: Identity and Epistemology
- 1.4 Possible Solutions

2. ISSUES IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

- 2.1 Constructing National Identity
- 2.2 The challenge of leadership
- 2.3 Crisis of Governance
- 2.4 Political and social Awareness

3. Motivation

- 3.1 Motivating the Troops: The Challenge to First Time

- 3.2 On Possible Approaches to Motivation
- 3.3 Motivating While Teaching Comparative Politics

4. Synergy in Classroom

- 4.1 Originality and Synergy in the Classroom
- 4.2 The Use of Team Exercises to Develop a Positive Synergy in the Classroom

5. TREND, ISSUES AND CHALLENGES OF PAKISTAN POLITICS

- 5.1 New Trends in Politics
 - 5.1.1 Political influence
 - 5.1.2 Emerging trends in Pakistan
 - 5.1.3 Global challenges
- 5.2 Emerging's trends in Pakistan's politics
- 5.3 Foreign policy making process in Pakistan
- 5.4 Global challenges to political communities
 - 5.4.1 Governance
 - 5.4.2 Sustainability
 - 5.4.3 Identity

6. Respect

- 6.1 Facing the Weakness, Winning the Students
- 6.2 How to Deal with Problematic Students
- 6.3 Gaining Respect
- 6.4 The One Who Wins the Students

7. Political Science in the 21st Century

- 7.1 Building a More inclusive Political science For The 21st century
- 7.2 The Lack of Data
- 7.3 Current Practices and Programs
- 7.4 Expanding the Capacity of Political Science

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

The Students will be assessed according to the following criteria.

Assignment/Project/Presentation/Review	25%
Mid Term Test	35%
Final Test	40%

Suggested Readings

- 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.
- Bigham, G., & Ray, J. (2012). The influence of local politics on educational decisions. *Current Issues in Education*, 15(2), 1-12.

Website Resources

The News

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

Daily Times

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

Political science in 21st century

https://www.apsanet.org/portals/54/Files/.../TF_21st%20Century_AllPgs_webres90.pdf

How to teach political science?

<http://teaching.eurea.sk/files/volume2.pdf>

http://teaching.eurea.sk/files/How_to_Teach_Political_Science.pdf