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August-November 2026
(Semesters: V&VII)

B.A. (HONS.) POLITICAL SCIENCE

WESTERN POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY (III rd Year, Semester V), Section: B & C		
Name of Paper & Code	Allocation of Lectures	Assignment/ Tutorials
Unit I.		
TEXT AND INTERPRETATION Meaning of Text, Explanation of Text, Process and relevance of Interpretation	July 28- August 15	Kant's Philosophy
UNIT II : ANTIQUITY		
PLATO Life Sketch, Theory of Forms, Theory of Justice, Scheme of Education, Ideal State , Philosopher King, Communism of Wives and Property	August 16 – August 31	Analysis of Plato's 'Republic'
ARISTOTLE As a Conservative Thinker, Nature of Politics, Nature and Origin of the Government, Classification of Governments	September 1-September 20	Discussions on Aristotle's 'Politics'
UNIT III : INTERLUDE		
MACHIAVELLI Advent of the Modern State, Separation of Politics from Ethics, Virtue, Religion, Republicanism, statecraft	September 21- October 10	Analysis of Machiavelli's 'Prince'
UNIT IV : POSSESSIVE INDIVIDUALISM		
HOBBS Human Nature, State of Nature, Theory of Social Contract, State	October 11–October 17	Group Discussion on Hobbes's 'Leviathan'
LOCKE Human Nature, State of Nature, Laws of Nature, Theory of Social Contract, Natural Rights, Property	October 26- November 19	Debate on Locke's political Philosophy

**THEMES IN WESTERN POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY- B.A. (Hons.) IV th year, VII th Sem,
Section: A**

Name of Paper & Code	Allocation of Lecture	Assignment/Tutorials
I. Modernity and its Discourses		
Kant on Modernity, Faith on Reason	July 28- August 15	Concept of Modernity in Philosophy
II. Romantics		
Jean Jacques Rousseau Critique of Modernity, State of Nature, Origin of Inequality, General Will, Direct Democracy, Self Government	August 16 – August 31	Rousseau’s idea of General Will
Mary Wollstonecraft Women and paternalism, critique of Rousseau’s idea of education and proposed educational Reforms, legal rights and representation	September 1- September 20	Women
III. Liberal Socialist		
John Stuart Mill Mill’s hedonistic principle of utility, difference with other utilitarian, liberty, change in democracy, rights of minorities, subjection of women	September 21- October 10	Concept of Liberty
IV. Radicals		
Hegel Ethical life: family, civil society and state	October 11–October 17	Ethical life
Karl Marx Difference with other kinds of materialism, concepts of values, critique of capitalism, inevitability of class struggle, establishment of utopian society	October 26-November 19	Materialism and Marxism