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CURRICULUM PLAN
August-November 2025 (Semesters: V&VII)
B.A. (HONS.) POLITICAL SCIENCE

| WESTERN POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY (III rd Year, Semester V) | | |
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| 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 | August 1- 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 31 | Group Discussion on Hobbes's 'Leviathan' |
| LOCKE Human Nature, State of Nature, Laws of Nature, Theory of Social Contract, Natural Rights, Property | November 1- November 27 | Debate on Locke's political Philosophy |

MODERN POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY- B.A. (Hons.) IVth year, VIIth Sem

| Name of Paper & Code | Allocation of Lecture | Assignment/Tutorials |
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| I.Modernity and its Discourses | | |
| Kant on Modernity, Faith on Reason | August 1- 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 31 | Ethical life |
| Karl Marx Difference with other kinds of materialism, concepts of values, critique of capitalism, inevitability of class struggle, establishment of utopian society | November 1- November 27 | Materialism and Marxism |