Vidyasagar University

Curriculum for B.A (General) in Political Science
[Choice Based Credit System]

Semester-I

Course	Course Code	Name of the Subjects	Course Type/ Nature	Teaching Scheme in hour per week			Credit	Marks
				L	T	P		
CC1 [DSC-1A]		**C1T:** Introduction to Political Theory	Core Course-1	5	1	0	6	75
CC2 [DSC-2A]	TBD	**DSC-2A (other Discipline)**	Core Course-2				6	75
AECC Core[L-1]		**English-1**	AECC-Core [Language core]	5	1	0	6	75
AECC (Elective)		**English**	AECC(Elective)	1	1	0	2	50
Semester Total							**20**	**275**

L=Lecture, **T**=Tutorial, **P**=Practical, **CC** = Core Course, **TBD** = To be decided, **AECC (Elective)**= Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course(Elective)
DSC-1 = Discipline Specific Core of Subject-1, **DSC -2** = Discipline Specific Core of Subject-2,
AECC- Core [L-1]: Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course-Core [Language Core - 1]

CC-I : Introduction to Political Theory   **Credit 06**

1.

      a. What is Politics?

      b. What is Political Theory and what is its relevance?   **(**11 lectures)

2. Concepts:

      Democracy, Liberty, Equality, Justice, Rights, Gender, Citizenship, Civil Society and State

                                                 (36 lectures)

3. Debates in Political Theory:

      a. Is democracy compatible with economic growth?

      b. On what grounds is censorship justified and what are its limits?

      c. Does protective discrimination violate principles of fairness?

      d. Should the State intervene in the institution of the family?

                                                (13 lectures)

Suggested Readings:

1. Bhargava, R. (2008) 'What is Political Theory', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction.* New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 2-17.
2. Bhargava, R. (2008) 'Why Do We Need Political Theory', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A.(eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction.* New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 18-37.
3. Sriranjani, V. (2008) 'Liberty', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction.*New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 40-57.
4. Acharya, A. (2008) 'Equality', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction.*New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 58-73.
5. Menon, K. (2008) Justice', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An*

   Introduction. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 74-82.
6. Talukdar, P.S. (2008) 'Rights', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction.*New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 88-105.
7. Srinivasan, J. (2008) 'Democracy', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction.*New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 106-128.
8. Roy, A. 'Citizenship', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction.* New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 130-147.
9. Das, S. (2008) 'State', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction.* New Delhi:Pearson Longman, pp. 170-187.
10. Singh, M. (2008) 'Civil Society', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction.*New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 188-205.
11. Menon, N. (2008) 'Gender', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An*
12. *Introduction.* New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 224-235.
13. Shorten, A. (2008) 'Nation and State', in McKinnon, C. (ed.) *Issues in Political Theory*, New York: OxfordUniversity Press, pp. 33-55.
14. Christiano, Thomas. (2008) 'Democracy', in McKinnon, Catriona. (ed.) *Issues in Political Theory*, New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 80-96.

15. Riley, J. (2008) 'Liberty', in McKinnon, C. (ed.) *Issues in Political Theory*, New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 103-125.

16. Casal, P. & William, A. (2008) 'Equality', in McKinnon, C. (ed.) *Issues in Political Theory*. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 149- 165.

17. Wolf, J. (2008) 'Social Justice', in McKinnon, C. (ed.) *Issues in Political Theory.* New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 172-193.

18. Brighouse, H. (2008) 'Citizenship', in McKinnon, C. (ed.) *Issues in Political Theory.* New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 241-259.

19. Chambers, C. (2008) 'Gender', in McKinnon, C. (ed.) *Issues in Political Theory.* New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 241-288.

20. Swift, A. (2001) *Political Philosophy: A Beginners Guide for Students and Politicians.*
Cambridge: Polity Press.

21. Sen, A. (2003) 'Freedom Favours Development,' in Dahl, R., Shapiro, I. and Cheibub, A. J. (eds.) *The Democracy Sourcebook.* Cambridge, Massachusetts: MIT Press, pp. 444-446.

22. Prezowrski, A., et al. (2003) 'Political Regimes and Economic Growth,' in Dahl, R., Shapiro, I. and Cheibub, A. J. (eds.) *The Democracy Sourcebook.* Cambridge, Massachusetts: MIT Press, pp. 447-454.

23. Sethi, A. (2008) 'Freedom of Speech and the Question of Censorship', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction.* New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 308-319.

24. Acharya, A. (2008) 'Affirmative Action', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction.* New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 298-307.

25. Frances E O. (1985) 'The Myth of State Intervention in the Family', *University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform*. 18 (4), pp. 835-64.

26. Jha, M. (2001) 'Ramabai: Gender and Caste', in Singh, M.P. and Roy, H. (eds.) *Indian Political Thought: Themes and Thinkers,* New Delhi: Pearson.