

# **Political Science Lesson Plan**

**Dr Rajbir Singh**

## **MA. FINAL Odd Semt. Lesson plan 2025-26**

### **Political Theory**

**July - August- :**

#### **Introduction to Political Theory**

Meaning, nature, concerns, and significance of political theory

Exploration of different interpretations of political theory

Discussion on the importance and limitations of the classical tradition in political theory

**September 2025**

#### **Behaviouralism and Post-Behaviouralism**

Study of behaviouralism in political science: its origins, methods, and critiques

Examination of post-behaviouralism as a response to the limitations of behaviouralism

Analysis of the decline of political theory and its resurgence in response to behaviouralism

#### **October: Critical Theory**

Introduction to critical theory in political thought

Study of Herbert Marcuse's critique of capitalist society and the role of technology

Analysis of Jurgen Habermas's theory of communicative action and the public sphere

#### **November:**

#### **Libertarianism**

Introduction to libertarianism as a political ideology

Study of Friedrich Hayek's defence of classical liberalism and the free market

Analysis of Robert Nozick's theory of minimal state and individual rights

### **: Rationalism and Limits of Politics**

Study of Michael Oakeshott's critique of rationalism and his conception of the "civil association"

Examination of the limits of politics in Oakeshott's thought

Analysis of the importance of politics and power in the works of Hannah Arendt

**December 2025**

### **Continuation: Rationalism and Limits of Politics**

Further exploration of Michael Oakeshott's ideas on rationalism and tradition

Discussion on the implications of Oakeshott's thought for political practice and theory

### **Internal assessment**

## **MA. FINAL Odd Semester.**

### **Comparative Politics**

#### **July: Introduction to Comparative Politics**

Meaning and nature of Comparative Politics

Scope and significance of the discipline

Evolution of Comparative Politics as a separate discipline

Traditional Approaches to the study of Comparative Politics:

Philosophical approach

Historical approach

Legal-Institutional approach

## **August –: Modern Approaches to Comparative Politics**

Systems Analysis: David Easton's model

Structural-Functional Approach: Gabriel Almond's framework

Political Culture: Concepts and types

## **September: 2025**

Political Socialization: Agents and processes

Political Development and Political Modernization: Key debates

Political Communication: Media, technology, and political messages

Political Participation: Forms, factors, and comparative trends

## **October: Constitutionalism and Forms of Government**

Concept of Constitutionalism: Meaning, evolution, and significance

Historical development and problems of constitutionalism

Forms of Government:

Unitary and Federal systems

Parliamentary and Presidential systems

## **November: Political Systems and Institutions**

Liberal Democratic and Authoritarian political systems: Characteristics and comparison

Organs of Government in Comparative Perspective:

Executive: Types and functions

Legislature: Structure and roles

Judiciary: Independence and powers

**December: 2025**

Interrelationship among the Executive, Legislature, and Judiciary in various political systems

**Internal Assessment**

Written assignment

Class presentation/seminar

Mid-semester test or open-book review

Participation in classroom discussions

**Odd Semester.**

B A Major Political Science

VAC

**August 2025**

Key Constitutional Values: Sovereignty, Democracy and Secularism

**September 2025**

Key Constitutional Values: Justice, Liberty and Equality

**October 2025**

Fundamental Duties: Protection of Institutions,

**November-2025**

Symbols and Environment; Development of Scientific Temper

**December 2025**

Fundamental Duties: Preservation of Unity and Integrity of the Nation, Composite Culture and Harmony

Internal Assessment

Written assignment

Class presentation/seminar

Mid-semester test or open-book review

Participation in classroom discussions

## **Odd Semester.**

B A Major Political Science

Western Political Thought-I

### **August 2025**

G.W.F. Hegel and T.H. Green

### **September 2025**

Jeremy Bentham, J.S. Mill, John Rawls

### **October 2025**

Karl Marx,

### **November -2025**

Lenin, Mao Tse Tung

### **December 2025**

Gramsci and Hannah Arendt,

Internal Assessment

Written assignment

Class presentation/seminar

Mid-semester test or open-book review

Participation in classroom discussions