

**Kumaun University, Nainital**  
**Department of Political Science**  
**M.A. Political Science**

**Syllabus Implemented from 2015-2016 to 2019-2020 Session**

<b>M. A. SEMESTER I</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Max Marks- 100</b>		
		<b>Ext.</b>	<b>Int.</b>	<b>Total</b>
Paper I- Western Political Thought (From Plato to Bodin)	5101	75	25	100
Paper II- Comparative Politics	5102	75	25	100
Paper III- Public Administration	5103	75	25	100
Paper IV- Indian Political System	5104	75	25	100
 <b>M. A. SEMESTER II</b>				
		<b>Ext.</b>	<b>Int.</b>	<b>Total</b>
Paper I- Western Political Thought (From Hobbes to Marx)	5201	75	25	100
Paper II- Indian Political Dynamics	5202	75	25	100
Paper III- International Politics	5203	75	25	100
Paper IV- State Politics in India (with Special Reference to Uttarakhand)	5204	75	25	100
 <b>M. A. SEMESTER III</b>				
		<b>Ext.</b>	<b>Int.</b>	<b>Total</b>
Paper I- Indian Political Thought	6301	75	25	100
Paper II- Indian Administration	6302	75	25	100
Paper III- Political Ideology	6303	75	25	100
Paper IV- (a) India in World Affairs <i>or</i>	6304	75	25	100
Paper IV- (b) Local Self Government <i>or</i>	6305	75	25	100
Paper IV- (c) Environmentalism	6306	75	25	100
 <b>M. A. SEMESTER IV</b>				
		<b>Ext.</b>	<b>Int.</b>	<b>Total</b>
Paper I- Contemporary Political Philosophy	6401	75	25	100
Paper II- Political Thought (From Lenin to Rawls)	6402	75	25	100
Paper III- Post Cold War International Relations	6403	75	25	100
Paper IV- (a) Human Rights <i>or</i>	6404	75	25	100
Paper IV- (b) International Organization <i>or</i>	6405	75	25	100
Paper IV- (c) Research Methodology	6406	75	25	100
Paper V- Viva-Voce				100
<b>Total Marks</b>		<b>1200</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>1700</b>

**M.A. Semester I**  
**(All Papers are Compulsory)**  
**Paper I: Western Political Thought (from Plato to Bodin)**

- Plato
- Aristotle
- Roman Thought
- St. Augustine
- St. Thomas Aquinas
- Marsiglio of Padua
- Machiavelli
- Bodin

**Paper II: Comparative Politics**

- Comparative Politics: Meaning, Nature, Scope; Traditional and Modern Approach
- Political System: Meaning and Definitions
- Approaches to the study of Political Systems: Systems Approach, Structural-Functional Approach, Karl Deutsch's Model of Political Communication
- Political Culture and Political Socialization
- Political Development and Political Modernization
- Political Elite
- Political Parties and Pressure Groups
- Electoral Systems
- Public Opinion

### **Paper III: Public Administration**

- Meaning, Nature, Scope and Significance of Public Administration
- New Public Administration
- New Public management and Good Governance
- Theories of Organization: Scientific Management, The Bureaucratic Theory of Organisation, Classical Theory of Organization, Human Relations Theory of Organization
- Principles of Organisation
- Structure of Organization: Chief Executive, Types of Executive and their functions, line and Staff and Auxiliary agencies, Departments, Corporations, Companies, Boards and Commissions
- Personnel Administration: Position and Classification, Recruitment, Training, Career Development, Performance Appraisal, Promotion, Employer-Employee Relations, Motivation
- Generalists and Specialists
- Ethical Concerns in Public Administration, Integrity in Administration, Neutrality and Anonymity
- Financial Administration: Budget, Budgetary Process

### **Paper IV: Indian Political System**

- Foundations of the Indian Political System: Historical, Social and Cultural backdrop of Indian Polity, and its impact on the Political System
- The Making of the Constitution: The Constituent Assembly and its perceptions of the future Indian Polity
- Salient Features of the Indian Constitution: Preamble, Fundamental Rights, Fundamental Duties, Directive Principles of State Policy
- Union Government: President, Prime Minister, Cabinet, Parliament, Supreme Court, Judicial Review
- State Government: Governor, Chief Minister, legislature, High Court, Lok Adalat
- Urban Governance, Panchayati Raj
- Election Commission and Electoral Reforms

**M.A. Semester II**  
**(All Papers are Compulsory)**  
**Paper I: Western Political Thought (from Hobbes to Marx)**

- Hobbes
- Locke
- Rousseau
- Montesquieu
- Bentham
- J.S. Mill
- T.H. Green
- Hegel
- Marx

**Paper II: Indian Political Dynamics**

- Caste in Indian Politics
- Gender in Indian Politics
- Political Parties, Party System, Pressure Groups
- Judicial Activism
- Corruption in India and the Lok Pal
- Coalition governments and problems of governance
- Insurgency and Terrorism
- Regionalism and Issues in National Integration
- Communalism and Problems of Secularization

### **Paper III: International Politics**

- Basic Concepts of International Politics: Power, National Interest, Balance of Power, Power Politics
- Different Theories and Approaches to the Study of International Politics
- Determination of Foreign Policy: National Interest; Ideology; Elements of National Power (including nature of domestic socio-political institutions)
- The Cold War: Its rise and decline
- Non-alignment: Meaning, history and its relevance in present context
- Arms Race, Disarmament and Arms Control
- Diplomacy: Theory and Practice
- Problems of the Third World in international Politics

### **Paper IV: State Politics in India (with Special Reference to Uttarakhand)**

- State Politics, its scope and role in the Indian Political System
- Regional politics and the demand for autonomy (Uttarakhand Movement)
- Political leadership and elite at State and local level
- Elections at State and local level
- State Bureaucracy and its problems
- Panchayati Raj Institutions and Van Panchayats in Uttarakhand

## **M.A. Semester III**

**(Three Papers are Compulsory and one paper to be opted from the optional papers)**

### **Paper I: Indian Political Thought (Compulsory Paper)**

- Main features of Ancient and Medieval Political Thought
- Indian Renaissance
- Gokhale
- Tilak
- Aurobindo
- Gandhi
- M.N. Roy
- Savarkar
- Iqbal
- Ambedkar
- Jawaharlal Nehru
- Lohia
- J.P. Narayan
- Amartya Sen

### **Paper II: Indian Administration (Compulsory Paper)**

- Centre-State Relations- Legislative, Administration, Financial
- Indian Bureaucracy: All India Services, Central Services, State Services, Union and State Public Service Commission, Training of Civil Servants
- Planning: Plan Formulation at the National Level; National Development Council, Planning Commission, Niti Aayog, Planning at the State Levels
- Public Undertakings: Forms, Management, Control and Problems
- Control Over Administration: Parliamentary, Role of Finance Ministry, Comptroller and Auditor General
- Administrative Reforms in India, Good Governance, E-governance
- Right to Information

### **Paper III: Political Ideology (Compulsory Paper)**

- Ideas and Ideologies- meaning and relevance
- Conservatism
- Liberalism
- Socialism
- Marxism
- Fascism
- Existentialism
- Feminism
- Religious Fundamentalism

### **Paper IV (a): India in World Affairs (Optional Paper)**

- Genesis and Determinants of the India's Foreign Policy
- India and the Super Powers
- India and the Third World
- India and her Neighbours
- India's Nuclear Policy
- India's Role in the U.N.
- India in the Era of Globalization
- India's Role in NAM, SAARC, WTO, GATT
- India as an emerging economic power, BRIC

### **Paper IV (b): Local Self Government (Optional Paper)**

- Local Self Government: Constitutional provisions and amendments (73<sup>rd</sup> & 74<sup>th</sup> amendments)
- Rural Local Self Government: Composition, functions, Importance and Challenges
- Urban Local Government: Composition functions, Importance and Challenges
- Caste, Class, Gender in local politics
- The politics of urbanization, the rural-urban divide
- The role of non-governmental Organization (NGOs) at grassroots level
- Decentralization and development

### **Paper IV (c): Environmentalism (Optional Paper)**

- Environment and Environmental Values
- Political Ecology and Ecologism
- Modern Eco-political thought: Eco Feminism
- Sustainable Development
- International Politics of environment conservation and climate change
- National environmental Policy 2006
- Legislative Measures: Schedule Tribes & Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006
- National Green Tribunal Act, 2010
- Judicial activism for environment conservation in India
- Green movements in India



## **M.A. Semester IV**

**(Three Papers are Compulsory and one paper to be opted from the optional papers  
In addition to four papers there will be a Compulsory Viva-Voce Examination of 100 marks)**

### **Paper I: Contemporary Political Philosophy (Compulsory Paper)**

- Evolution of Marxism: Neo-Marxism, Humanist Marxism, Existentialist Marxism
- The New Left
- Structuralism, Deconstruction, Post-modernism
- Libertarianism
- Multi-culturalism
- Communitarianism
- Theories of Globalization, Democracy and Justice
- Environmentalism

### **Paper II: Political Thought (Lenin to Rawls) (Compulsory Paper)**

- Lenin
- Mao
- Gramsci
- Marcuse
- Habermas
- Arendt
- Strauss
- Popper
- Nozick
- Rawls

### **Paper III: Post-Cold War International Relations (Compulsory Paper)**

- Emergence of Uni-Polar World
- The New World Order and Its major features
- Liberalization and Globalization
- Major Issues- Democracy and Justice
- Human Rights and Gender Issues
- Contemporary Debate on Development, Environment, Climate Change
- Terrorism and National Security
- Role of Non-State Actors in Contemporary World Politics

### **Paper IV (a): Human Rights (Optional Paper)**

- Human Rights- Meaning and Definition, Ideological background of Human Rights
- Three Generation Theory
- Feminist Perspective of Human Rights
- Marxist Perspective of Human Rights
- Human Rights Machinery at International level
- Human Rights and Indian Constitution, National Human Rights Commission of India
- Human Rights Movement in India, Issues of Marginalization and Social Justice
- Human Rights Challenges in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

### **Paper IV (b): International Organization (Optional Paper)**

- Basis of International Organization: Nation State, International Communication and Cooperation, International Politics, International Law
- Evolution of International Organizations: League of Nation, United Nations, Regional Organization (NATO, COMECON, CENTO, SEATO, SAARC, ASEAN)
- United Nations Systems: Objectives, Organization: functions and working of its various organs (General Assembly, Security Council; Secretary General, International Court of Justice; Trusteeship Council)
- Specialized Agencies of UN (WHO, UNESCO, ILO, FAO)
- Regional Organization and UN: Regionalism within the UN, The European Union
- Human Rights and The United Nations
- The Problems before the UN: Revision of Charter, Financial Issues, Role in Disarmament, Collective Security, Peace Keeping

### **Paper IV (c): Research Methodology (Optional Paper)**

- Research Philosophies: Positivism, Objectivism, Subjectivism, Pragmatism
- Research Designs: Meaning and Criteria (Reliability, Replicability, Validity)
- Research Strategies: Time Horizons; Cross Sectional, Longitudinal
- Review of Literature
- Quantitative Research and Qualitative Research: Meaning, Methods, Combining Methods
- Formulating Research Questions
- Hypothesis: Construction, Types, Importance, Testing
- Research Ethics
- Sampling, Principles of Sampling, Types, Sample Size
- Techniques of Data Collection: Questionnaire, Interview Schedule
- Data Analysis: Tabulation, Diagrammatic Representation, Measurement and Scaling
- Statistical Techniques: Measures, Mean, Median, Mode, Measurement of Dispersion
- Report Writing, Bibliography, References

**Paper V: Viva-Voce (Compulsory)      100 Marks**