

## (MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE)

## COURSE STRUCTURE

The recommended Course Structure for B.A. (Major) is as follows:

Semester	Pass/Honours	Honours
Semester I	Paper Psc.01	Political Theory
Semester II	Paper Psc.02	Major Political System
Semester III	Paper Psc.03	Indian Political System
Semester IV	Paper Psc.04	International Politics
Semester V	Paper Psc.05	Western Political Thought
And any one of the following:		
	Paper PsO.06.1	Modern Indian Political Ideas
	Paper PsO.06.2	Women and the Political Process
	Paper PsO.06.3	Public Administration
Semester VI	Paper Psc.07	Government and Politics in North-east India

And any one of the following

Paper PsO.08.1	Political Sociology
Paper PsO.08.2	Politics of Developing Countries
Paper PsO.08.3	International Organisation
Paper PsO.08.4	Human Rights

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**Paper Psc.01 POLITICAL THEORY**

This is an introductory paper to the basic concepts, ideas and theories in Political Theory. Various perspectives and dimensions and the contemporary relevance of the following will be discussed in details.

**Course Content:**

1. Nature, scope and significance of Political Theory
2. Origin and development of State, Nation and Nationality: Liberal and Marxist Perspectives
3. Sovereignty: Nature, Characteristics and Types.
4. Theories of Rights, Liberty and Equality.
5. Theories of Law, Justice and Political Obligation
6. Democracy: Liberal and Marxist

**Readings:**

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