

Department of Political Science

COURSE AND PROGRAMME OUTCOMES

The expected outcome of the course is to equip students with concepts, principles, theories and trends so as to facilitate their career preferences and employment avenues. The course aims to shape the students' perception and outlook on socio-economic and political environment as it exists in the east and the west. The course also tries to sharpen the analytical abilities, skills and decision making so as to face the different challenges of life. Broadly Political Science deals with three main types of courses

- ❖ **The DSC and DSE Courses**
- ❖ **The SKILL Courses**
- ❖ **The GENERIC courses**

The main DSC and The DSE courses being taught are the Political Theory and themes, Indian Government and politics and , Comparative politics and International relations .

Political theory and Themes: Introducing the students the idea of political theory, its history and approaches, and assessment of its critical and contemporary trends Theory makes student able to distinguish systematic normative inquiry from other kinds of inquiry within the discipline of political science. Each concept is related to a crucial political issue that requires analysis with the aid of our conceptual understanding. Student gets ability to identify the most important contributors to modern Western political thought and to explain why their contributions are important. It creates among students the ability to apply abstract theory to concrete problems by using the ideas of political theorists to address contemporary social issues.

Indian Government and politics Polity: Through this course students are able to get familiar with the philosophy, working of the constitution, nature of the state and functioning of the polity. It will create an understanding of the nature of Indian Polity, dynamics of the Indian Politics and the socio-economic, cultural and political environment that affects politics in India at national, state and regional level.

Comparative politics : Through this course students will be able to examine different political systems viz authoritarian, democratic, unitary , federal, parliamentary and presidential. Students will be able to explore the different party systems as it prevails in different countries as well as the different types of electoral systems. The course will focus on examining politics in a

historical framework while engaging with the various themes of comparative analysis in developed and developing countries.

International Relations (IR): The course intends to provide students the knowledge, awareness and skills for understanding political, cultural and economic development at national and international level. It also provides insight to policy makers to formulate policies at local as well as global level. It also helps to understand the society and existing problems like ethnic conflicts, racial apartheid, poverty, hunger, human rights violation, refugees etc and create a consciousness for values and responsibilities to the self and others. Most important part of critical thinking which follows innovations and scientific development, organizational efforts towards international peace and security constitute the essence of the course.

SKILL COURSES: The various skill courses being offered are the Legislative support, Public opinion and survey research, Democratic awareness with legal literacy and Conflict and peace building. The various skill courses aim to inculcate amongst students critical thinking, problem solving ability as well as awareness regarding the contemporary trends in research methodology. The programme and the skill courses practically provides a wide understanding to the legal norms and statutory provisions. The courses

GENERIC COURSES : The two generic courses viz the Society, economy and politics in himachal Pradesh and Human rights, gender and environment will acquaint the students with the making of this Himalayan state from a simple feudal state as well as the journey and transformation of this state .

Career Outcome: The courses provides an analytical, evaluative and communication skills to the learners which will increase their probabilities in the wide range of career options viz the public, private and other sectors. Hence, political Science hold up to many career in its umbrella as a subject studied by lawyers, civil service aspirants, teachers so as to accomplish the career growth as well as inculcate leadership qualities, inter-personal relationships, communication skills and problem solving and decision making.