

Kumaun University  
Department of Political Science  
M.A. Political Science

Syllabus to be implemented from 2015-2016 session

M.A. SEMESTER I	Code	Max Marks- 100		
		Ext.	Int.	Total
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>				
		Ext.	Int.	Total
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>				
		Ext.	Int.	Total
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>				
		Ext.	Int.	Total
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 Definition,
- 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 Organization, Classical Theory of Organizations, The Human Relations Theory of Organization
- Principles of Organization
- Structure of Organization: Chief Executive, Types of Chief Executive and their functions, Line, Staff and Auxiliary agencies, Departments, Corporations, Companies, Boards and Commissions
- Personnel Administration: Position 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 the 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 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, Legislatures, High Court, LokAdalat
- Urban Governance, Panchayati Raj

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

**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, Administrative, 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 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

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**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 Right 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 V : Viva Voce (Compulsory) 100 marks

Evolution of International Organizations: League of Nations, United Nations, Regional Organizations (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
- Role in Disarmament, Collective Security, Peace Keeping
- The problems before the UN : revision of the Charter, financial issues

**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, Measures of Dispersion
- Report Writing, Bibliography, References