

UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA

NOTICE

Program Outcome (PO)/ Program Specific Outcome (PSO)/ Course Outcome (CO) for the following Subjects, offered by the University of Calcutta pertaining to the U.G. (4-Year Honours & Honours with Research/ 3-Year MDC) Courses of Studies under CCF, as laid down in the accompanying pamphlets:-

- 1. Bio-Chemistry
- 2. French
- 3. Human Development
- A. Political Science
 - 5. Economics
 - 6. Mathematics
 - 7. Philosophy
 - 8. Women's Studies

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Political Science (UG-CCF)

Programme Outcomes, Programme Specific Outcomes, Core Objectives, Learning Outcomes

[Note: The detailed syllabus with course titles available at https://www.caluniv.ac.in/ccf-ug/files/PLSC-CSR-17.pdf]

Programme Outcomes (PO)

The Undergraduate Major, MDC, and Minor programmes in Political Science aim to nurture well-rounded individuals equipped with the following core competencies:

- **PO 1:** Foundational and contextual knowledge across disciplines, fostering academic versatility.
- **PO 2:** Critical thinking, analytical reasoning, and articulate communication skills through holistic disciplinary exposure.
- **PO 3:** Ethical awareness and responsibility in both personal and professional decision-making.
- **PO 4:** The ability to apply theoretical learning to real-world contexts by connecting classroom insights with field-level realities.
- **PO 5:** Problem-solving skills that empower students to explore and access a broad range of career opportunities.

Programme Specific Outcomes (PSO)

Tailored to the discipline's breadth and depth, the programme develops the following specific competencies:

- **PSO 1:** Advanced skills and expertise in key areas within Political Science.
- **PSO 2:** A strong grasp of political theories, concepts, and research methodologies.
- **PSO 3:** Comprehensive knowledge of political systems, institutions, Indian polity, public policy and governance.
- **PSO 4:** Exposure to Indian and Western traditions of political thought.
- **PSO 5:** Informed perspectives on international relations and diplomacy, with an insightful focus on contemporary global dynamics.

C-VAC: Constitutional Values and Fundamental Duties

(Compulsory Course for All Streams)

Programme Outcome:

This course enables the students to acquire an essential introduction to the Indian Constitution, focusing on its core values and the duties it entrusts to its citizens.

Programme Specific Outcome:

Students will know:

- The foundational principle of Constitutionalism and its relevance in India's democratic framework.
- Key values such as justice, liberty, equality, fraternity, democracy, secularism, and sovereignty.
- The structure and significance of Fundamental Rights, Rule of Law, and Separation of Powers.

The course also places strong emphasis on Fundamental Duties as laid out in Article 51A, encouraging students to understand not only their rights but also their moral and civic responsibilities. It also fosters informed citizenship and reinforces the importance of constitutional values in everyday life.

Course Objectives (CO) & Learning Outcomes (LO)

FOR MAJOR /PLSM STUDENTS

SI. No	Semester	Course Objective	Learning Outcomes
1	Semester I	1. This course introduces the basic concepts	LO-1:
	CO-1:	of politics.	3. Understand the entry points through which the <i>political</i> is interpreted
		2. The intention is to prepare the students for understanding the theoretical dimension of politics.	Understand the core concepts that guide the theorisation of politics
			5. Understand how theory relates to practice.
2	Semester II	1. To enable students to know the	LO-2:
	CO-2:	constitutional design of government and political institutions in India.	5. Understanding the specificities of Indian Constitutionalism.

		 To relate such institutions to the ideals of liberty, equality and justice, and to the process of decentralization and federalism, development and democracy, on which the constitutional democracy in India is visualized. To encourage students to see how institutional practices and constitutional design are impacted by the political contexts within which they unfold. To develop the ability to comprehend the relationships between constitutionalism, democracy and governance. 	 Familiarity with the issues concerning constitutional architecture, institutional design and practice of constitutional democracy. Awareness of the ways in which the government/s functions through its various organs at various levels. Understanding of the division of power between various organs of the government.
3.	Semester III	1. The idea of political theory, its history,	LO-3:
	CO-3	complementary and contending approaches 2. Linkages of theories and debates 3. Initiate them to assess the theories and debates critically	4. Be theoretically equipped to explain and critically examine political questions, political events and political phenomena encountered 5.Reconcile political theory and practice through reflections on the ideas and practices of democracy
	CO-4	This course, being complementary to the next	LO-4:
		core course (CC-5), seeks to stress on the structural dimensions of Indian politics, within which the political process operates. With the nature and trends in Indian politics background, it familiarizes the students with the 'backbone' of the political process.	 The systematic, ideological and programmatic aspects of political parties The rationale of major interest groups The electoral logistics The rationale and structural dynamics of civil service
4.	Semester IV CO-5	Being complementary to the previous course (CC-4) it is to impart an understanding of the political process in India by taking into consideration the change and continuity in social, cultural and economic dimensions and relations. The idea is to analyse the ways in	LO-5: 1. Gain insights into the interconnections between social, cultural and economic dimensions and relations the political process in India.
		which the processes simultaneously shape and are themselves shaped by the structural frameworks of politics.	Understand the challenges arising due to various ascriptive identities diversities
		·	Analyse the changing nature of the Indian politics in the context of the above diversities.
			4. make sense of the specificities of the political processes in India in the light of operational and behavioural dynamics of the identity- and movement-based themes, issues and events

CO-6	With the aim to provide a reasonably advanced	LO-6:
	introduction to IR concepts and theories course offers:	Demonstrate a sense of politic
	1. In-depth and critical understanding of IR;	Ability to think critically about fundamental concepts, fundamental processes and
	2.Conceptual and methodological dimensions	systems.
	3.Substantive foci	Application of knowledge gained for using major analytic and theoretical frameworks.
	4. Differing ways of problematisation.	major analytic and theoretical frameworks.
		4. Demonstrate the ability to construct and evaluate analytical arguments and write clear logical prose.
CO-7	This paper is designed for a mix of basic and	LO-7:
	intensive understanding of some important	1. Acquaint themselves with the nature and form
	concepts and themes shaping Indian political thought. It takes off from the ancient times and	of statecraft of the ancient India.
	navigating through the medieval period it reaches the modern era.	2. Explain the core ideas in Medieval political
		Understand the landmark initiatives in Modern thought
		4. Critically engage with the evolution of political thought in India over centuries.
CO-8	1.Situates public administration in its	LO-8:
	historical context and acquaints students with the key concepts of the discipline	5. Have a comprehensive understanding of the conceptual roots of the discipline.
	2.Facilitates understanding of some leading theories and models	6. Understand the ways and means of theorizing.
	3. Updates on the changing nature of	7. Gain basic understanding of the importance of
	administration in post-globalisation era	governing, governance and policy dynamics.
	4. Introduces various techniques of public	
	policy making and implementation.	

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5.	Semester V CO-9	1. To enable the students to understand the historical context and explore the rich and tradition of political thinking in India in modern times	LO-9:5. Gain an understanding of the historical and cultural contexts that have influenced Indian political thought
		2. To encourage the students know the valuable contributions made by Indian Political thinkers and philosophers	6. Learn about the significant works and contributions of important Indian political thinkers and philosophers.
		3.To examine the key political ideas and concepts like justice, liberty, equality, socialism, and nationalism in the Indian context	7.Study the impact of social and political movements on Indian political thought
		and to assess the influence of traditional and modern Indian political thought on contemporary political practices and institutions	8. Assess the role of the political thoughts in shaping these movements.
		4. To help students develop the ability to analyze and engage with theories presented by the thinkers and also to make a comparative study between Western and Indian Political Thought	
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	CO-10	1. To impart an in-depth understanding of the key political, economic and social developments since the end of World War II, keeping in mind the non-Western keeping in mind the non-western world.	LO- 10:5. Describe key events and turning points in world politics from 1945 to the present.
		2. To analyze major international events, institutions, ideologies, globalizations, and the	6. Explain the ideological, economic and political foundations of the Cold War and its aftermath.
		emergence of new power configurations To examine the role of key actors such as	7. Assess the impact of decolonization and the rise of the Third World/Global South in the international political arena.
		nation-states, international organizations, non- state actors, and regional blocs in shaping global governance and political trends.	8.Apply historical and theoretical frameworks to understand contemporary global political dynamics and challenges
		4.To develop critical thinking and analytical skills for understanding and interpreting complex political phenomena and historical	LO-11:
	CO-11	trends vis-à-vis contemporary global issue The course seeks to highlight the intersection of politics and society and to familiarise the students with essential conceptual-	1. Relate political processes, political institutions, political issues, and political change with social/sociological dynamics.
		theoretical concerns and practical manifestations. The course is initiated with a focus on the bases of social power and in the	2. To understand and analyze the complexity of the aforementioned sub-themes, particularly in the broader contact of the State-society interface.

		process the topics have been embedded with the perennial questions of power, authority, and resistance as manifested in political institutions and political systems.	3. To come to terms with an expansive notion of the 'political', a topic with which the syllabus begins in the first place.
	CO-12	1. This course introduces the students to the key political philosophers from ancient Greece to the 18 th century Europe.	LO-12: 1. To understand and analyze critically the arguments of the select political thinkers
		2.It explains the historical development and intellectual foundation of their views on key issues like state, society, and sovereignty	2. To contextualize and evaluate the relevance of their thought in reference to contemporary political society.
6	SemesterVI CO-13	This course introduces the students to the key political thinkers from liberal philosophical tradition and its competing theories in modern Europe. It explains the intellectual foundation of the central concepts like freedom, democracy,	LO-13: 3. To understand and analyze critically the arguments of the modern political thinkers. 4.To contextualize and evaluate the relevance of their thought in reference to contemporary political
		representation, constitutional government, and republicanism and the debates around it.	society
	CO-14	The course begins with the historical roots to highlight various processes of Public Administration in India. It covers the core issues to enable the students to relate the theoretical dimensions with the concrete scenario in	 LO-14 1. The students will be able to integrate theory with practice vis-à-vis administration. 2. Analyze the evolution and development of Public
		contemporary India. The course is intended to prepare students for careers in academia, media and public service	Administration in India. 3. Examine the structure, processes and culture vis-
			à-vis Indian administration.
			4. Initiate awareness of the role of Public Administration in policy-making and implementation in India

CO-15	1.The conceptual development of comparative	LO-15:
	government and politics, its genesis and	5.Be theoretically equipped to explain and critically
	contending approaches	examine political events and political phenomena encountered
	2.To acquaint the student community with the	
	basics of comparing political systems	6.Understand the rationale and dynamics of
	1.	different political systems and the ideas and
	3.To develop among them the understanding	practices of democracy
	about comparison as a method in politics	
	4. Initiate them to develop critical knowledge	
	about regimes, structures, functions and processes in politics	

MINOR COURSES (FOR MAJOR/HONS STUDENTS)--- MPLS

SI. No	Semester	Course Objective (CO)	Learning Outcomes (LO)
1	Semester	1. This course introduces the basic	LO:
	1/111	concepts of politics.	3.Understand the entry points through which the
			political is interpreted
	MN I/MN III	2. The intention is to prepare the	4. Understand the core concepts that guide the
	(CO)	students for understanding the	theorisation of politics
		theoretical dimension of politics.	5. Understand how theory relates to practice.
2.	Semester	1. To enable students to know the	LO:
	II/IV	constitutional design of government and	5. Understanding the specificities of Indian
		political institutions in India.	Constitutionalism.
	MN II/IV		
	(CO)	2. To relate such institutions to the ideals	6. Familiarity with the issues concerning constitutional
		of liberty, equality and justice, and to the	architecture, institutional design and practice of
		process of decentralization and	constitutional democracy.
		federalism, development and democracy,	
		on which the constitutional democracy in	7. Awareness of the ways in which the government/s
		India is visualized.	functions through its various organs at various levels.
		3. To encourage students to see how	8. Understanding of the division of power between
		institutional practices and constitutional	various organs of the government.
		design are impacted by the political	various organis or the government.
		contexts within which they unfold.	
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		4. To develop the ability to comprehend	
		the relationships between	
		constitutionalism, democracy and	
		governance.	
3	Semester V	This course, being complementary to the	LO:
	MN-5	next core course (CC-5), seeks to stress on	1. The systemic, ideological and programmatic
	(CO)	the structural dimensions of Indian	aspects of political parties
		politics, within which the political process	2. The rationale of major interest groups

		operates. With the nature and trends in	3.	The electoral logistics
		Indian politics background, it familiarizes	4.	The rationale and structural dynamics of civil
		the students with the 'backbone' of the		service
		political process.		
4	Semester VI	This paper is designed for a mix of basic	LO:	
	MN-6	and intensive understanding of some	1.	Acquaint themselves with the nature and
	(CO)	important concepts and themes shaping		form of statecraft of the ancient India.
		Indian political thought. It takes off from	2.	Explain the core ideas in Medieval political
		the ancient times and navigating through		thought.
		the medieval period it reaches the modern	3.	Understand the landmark initiatives in
		era.		Modern Indian political thought.
			4.	Critically engage with the evolution of
				political thought in India over centuries.

SEC: SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSE FOR MAJOR/HONOURS (PLSM)

SI.No	Semester	Course Objective (CO)	Learning Outcomes (LO)
1	Semester I SEC-1 CO	1. Acquaint undergraduate students with different terms of the legal structure of India	LO: 2.Improve working knowledge of affirming one's rights 3. Be aware of duties to explore opportunities and challenges for different sections of people in India.
2	Semester II SEC-2 CO	 A systemic perspective on an overarching framework for approaching law as a skill-based subject. To focus on the enhancement of skill of ordinary persons to enable them to utilize legal knowledge in life. 	 LO: 3. Acquaint, train and equip students with a reasonable knowledge of the legal system. 4.Motivate the students to understand the principles, concepts and reason 5. Form own opinion and articulate them in the interest of society at large.
3	Semester III SEC-3 CO	1.Familiarise the students with the legislative process in India at various levels 2.Provide elementary skills to aspire for being a part of legislative support team 3. Expose them to real life legislative work.	4.Understand complex policy issues, draft new legislation, track and analyse ongoing bills, make speeches and floor statements 5.Write articles and press releases 6. Monitor media activities and develop understanding of the political process in a democracy.

FOR THREE YEAR UNDERGRADUATE MDC STUDENTS (MPLS)

Sl.No	Semester	Course Objective (CO)	Learning Outcomes (LO)
1	Semester I MDC CO- 1	 This course introduces the basic concepts of politics. The intention is to prepare the students for understanding the theoretical dimension of politics. 	LO: 3.Understand the entry points through which the <i>political</i> is interpreted 4.Understand the core concepts that guide the theorisation of politics 5. Understand how theory relates to
2	Semester II MDC CO- 2	1. To enable students to know the constitutional design of government and political institutions in India. 2. To relate such institutions to the ideals of liberty, equality and justice, and to the process of decentralization and federalism, development and democracy, on which the constitutional democracy in India is visualized.	practice. LO: 5. Understanding the specificities of Indian Constitutionalism. 6. Familiarity with the issues concerning constitutional architecture, institutional design and practice of constitutional democracy.
		3. To encourage students to see how institutional practices and constitutional design are impacted by the political contexts within which they unfold.4. To develop the ability to comprehend the relationships between constitutionalism, democracy and governance.	 7. Awareness of the ways in which the government/s functions through its various organs at various levels. 8. Understanding of the division of power between various organs of the government.
3	Semester III MDC CO- 3	This course, being complementary to the next core course (CC-5), seeks to stress on the structural dimensions of Indian politics, within which the political process operates. With the nature and trends in Indian politics background, it familiarizes the students with the 'backbone' of the political process.	 The systemic, ideological and programmatic aspects of political parties The rationale of major interest groups The electoral logistics The rationale and structural dynamics of civil service
4	Semester IV MDC CO- 4	This paper is designed for a mix of basic and intensive understanding of some important concepts and themes shaping Indian political thought. It takes off from the ancient times and navigating through the medieval period it reaches the modern era.	 Acquaint themselves with the nature and form of statecraft of the ancient India. Explain the core ideas in Medieval political thought. Understand the landmark initiatives in Modern Indian political thought. Critically engage with the evolution of political thought in India over centuries.

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	CO-5	1.Situates Public Administration in its historical	1. Have a comprehensive
		context and acquaints students with key concepts of	understanding of the conceptual
		the discipline	roots of the discipline
		2.Facilitates understanding of some leading theories	
		and models	2. Understand the ways and means
			of theorizing.
		3.Updates on the changing nature of administration	
		in post-globalisation era	3. Gain basic understanding of the
			importance of governing,
		4.Introduces various techniques of public policy	governance and policy dynamics.
		making and implementation	
5	Semester V	1. To impart an in-depth understanding of the key	LO:
	MDC	political, economic, and social developments since	
	CO- 6	the end of World War II, keeping in mind the non-	5. Describe key events and turning points in
		Western world.	world politics from 1945 to the present.
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		2. To analyze major international events, institutions,	6. Explain the ideological, economic and
		ideologies, globalization, and the emergence of new	political foundations of the Cold War and its
		power configurations.	aftermath.
		3. To examine the role of key actors such as nation-	7. Assess the impact of decolonization and
		states, international organizations, non-state actors,	the rise of the Third World/Global South in
		and regional blocs in shaping global governance and	the international political arena.
		political trends.	the international political arena.
			8. Apply historical and theoretical
		4. To develop critical thinking and analytical skills for	frameworks to understand contemporary
		understanding and interpreting complex political	global political dynamics and challenges.
		phenomena and historical trends vis-à-vis	global political dynamics and challenges.
		contemporary global issue	
	CO-7	1. This course introduces the students to the key	3. To understand and analyze critically the
	CO-7	political philosophers from ancient Greece to the 18 th	arguments of the select political thinkers
		century Europe.	arguments of the select political thinkers
		Century Europe.	4. To contextualize and evaluate the
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		2. It explains the historical development and intellectual foundation of their views on key issues	- I
		•	contemporary political society.
	Compostor VI	like state, society, and sovereignty.	4. Do the conticelly equipped to evaluin and
6	Semester VI	1. The conceptual development of comparative	4. Be theoretically equipped to explain and
	MDC	government and politics, its genesis and contending	critically examine political events and
	CO-8	approaches	political phenomena
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		3. To develop among them the understanding about	practices of democracy
		comparison as a method in politics	
		4. Initiate them to develop critical knowledge about	
		regimes, structures, functions and processes in	
		politics	

FOR MDC-MINOR STUDENTS TO BE STUDIED IN SEMESTER III/IV/V/VI (MPLS-MDC-MINOR)

Sl.No	Semester	Course Objective (CO)	Learning Outcomes (LO)
1	Semester III MDC-MN-1 CO	 This course introduces the basic concepts of politics. The intention is to prepare the students for understanding the theoretical dimension of politics. 	3. Understand the entry points through which the political is interpreted 4. Understand the core concepts that guide the theorisation of politics
2	Semester IV MDC-MN-2 CO	1. To enable students to know the constitutional design of government and political institutions in India. 2. To relate such institutions to the ideals of liberty, equality and justice, and to the process of decentralization and federalism, development and democracy, on which the constitutional democracy in India is visualized. 3. To encourage students to see how institutional practices and constitutional design are impacted by the political contexts within which they unfold.	 5. Understand how theory relates to practice. LO: 5. Understanding the specificities of Indian Constitutionalism. 6. Familiarity with the issues concerning constitutional architecture, institutional design and practice of constitutional democracy. 7. Awareness of the ways in which the government/s functions through its various organs at various levels. 8.Understanding of the division of power between various organs of the government.
3	Semester V	4. To develop the ability to comprehend the relationships between constitutionalism, democracy and governance. This course, being complementary to the next	between various organs of the government LO
	MDC-MN-3 CO	core course (CC-5), seeks to stress on the structural dimensions of Indian politics, within which the political process operates. With the nature and trends in Indian politics background, it familiarizes the students with the 'backbone' of the political process.	1.The systemic, ideological and programmatic aspects of political parties 2.The rationale of major interest groups 3.The electoral logistics 4.The rationale and structural dynamics of civil service
	MDC-MN-4 CO	This paper is designed for a mix of basic and intensive understanding of some important concepts and themes shaping Indian political thought. It takes off from the ancient times and navigating through the medieval period it reaches the modern era.	 LO: Acquaint themselves with the nature and form of statecraft of the ancient India. Explain the core ideas in Medieval political thought. Understand the landmark initiatives in Modern Indian political thought. Critically engage with the evolution of political thought in India over centuries.

4 Semester VI MDC-MN-5 CO	1.Situates Public Administration in its historical context and acquaints students with key concepts of the discipline 2.Facilitates understanding of some leading theories and models	5. Have a comprehensive understanding of the conceptual roots of the discipline 6. Understand the ways and means of theorizing.
	3.Updates on the changing nature of administration in post-globalisation era 4. Introduces various techniques of public policy making and implementation.	7. Gain basic understanding of the importance of governing, governance and policy dynamics.
MDC-MN-6 CO	 To impart an in-depth understanding of the key political, economic, and social developments since the end of World War II, keeping in mind the non-Western world. To analyze major international events, institutions, ideologies, globalization, and the emergence of new power configurations. To examine the role of key actors such as nation-states, international organizations, non-state actors, and regional blocs in shaping global governance and political trends. To develop critical thinking and analytical skills for understanding and interpreting complex political phenomena and historical trends vis-à-vis contemporary global issue 	 Describe key events and turning points in world politics from 1945 to the present. Explain the ideological, economic and political foundations of the Cold War and its aftermath. Assess the impact of decolonization and the rise of the Third World/Global South in the international political arena. Apply historical and theoretical frameworks to understand contemporary global political dynamics and challenges.

SEC: SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSE TO BE STUDIED IN SEMESTER 1/2/3 -- MPLS-MDC-SEC-1

SI.No	Semester	Course Objective (CO)	Learning Outcomes (LO)
1	Semester	1.Acquaint undergraduate students with different	2. Improve working knowledge of affirming
	1/11/111	terms of the legal structure of India	one's rights
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	со		3. Be aware of duties to explore opportunities
			and challenges for different sections of
			people in India.

FOR MAJOR -MINOR/MDC IDC TO BE STUDIED IN SEMESTER I/II/III --- PLSD -1

Sl.No	Semester	Course Objective (CO)	Learning Outcomes (LO)
1	Semester	1. This paper deals with concepts and different	LO:
	1/11/111	dimensions of governance highlighting the major	1. Students will be acquainted with the
	PLSD -1	issues in contemporary times.	changing nature of governance in the era of
	(CO)		globalization.
		2. It will facilitate an understanding of the	
		importance of the concept of and practice	2. Students will acquire knowledge of some of
		governance, which is essential for students across	the most contemporary motive forces of
		disciplines.	governance.
		3. It simultaneously focuses on environment,	3. The students become familiar with a
		administration and development	rigorous introduction to the best practices in
			India on governance.

VAC: VALUE ADDED COURSE FOR MAJOR/ MAJOR-MINOR/MDC STUDENTS TO BE STUDIED IN SEMESTER I ONLY (CVAC-CONS)

Sl.No	Semester	Course Objective (CO)	Learning Outcomes (LO)
1	Semester I	1. To enrich students with knowledge and relevance	LO:
	CVAC-CONS	of the Indian Constitution.	1. To understand the Constitution and its
	СО		relevance.
		2. To develop awareness about the values of basic	
		tenets and Duties.	2. To appreciate the values and goals
			embedded in the Constitution.
		3. To inculcate a sense of Constitutionalism.	
			3. To recognize the importance of
			Fundamental Duties enshrined in the
			Constitution.