

**Political Science**  
**(A) Major Core Courses**

Sl. No.	Sem	Type of Course	Name of Course	Credits	Marks
1.	I	MJC-1	Understanding Political Theory	6	100
2.	II	MJC-2	Constitutional Government and Democracy in India	6	100
3.	III	MJC-3	Political Theory-Concepts and Debates	5	100
4.	III	MJC-4	Political Process in India	4	100
5.	IV	MJC-5	Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics	5	100
6.	IV	MJC-6	Perspectives on Public Administration	5	100
7.	IV	MJC-7	Perspectives on International Relations and World History	5	100
8.	V	MJC-8	Political Processes and Institutions in Comparative Perspective	5	100
9.	V	MJC-9	Public Policy and Administration in India	5	100
10.	VI	MJC-10	Global Politics	4	100
11.	VI	MJC-11	Classical Political Philosophy	5	100
12.	VI	MJC-12	Indian Political Thought-I	5	100
13.	VII	MJC-13	Modern Political Philosophy	5	100
14.	VII	MJC-14	Research Methodology	5	100
15.	VII	MJC-15	Indian Political Thought-II	6	100
16.	VIII	MJC-16	Political Sociology	4	100

Sub Total = 80

## SEMESTER 2

### MJC 2: Constitutional Government and Democracy in India

Major Course – MJC 2

Theory – 60 Lectures

Course Credit – 06

Full Marks: 100

#### Course Objectives :

The Objectives of this course is to enable students to gain knowledge about the constitutional design as well as the empirical practice of state structures and institutions. The Indian Constitution accommodates divergent theoretical impulses (liberty and equality with a focus on justice, territorial decentralization and a unitary federation, development alongside democracy) within itself. The course is expected to enable students to develop the ability to construct rigorous arguments on Indian politics, based on empirical knowledge and informed by a critical awareness of the scholarly literature on the subject. In addition, the course explains the complex ways in which the emergency provisions work and how security laws may be understood within the larger constitutional framework.

#### Course Outcomes:

**On completion of the course the student will be able to:**

- a. Be familiarized with the debates around the origin, and evolution of the Indian constitution.
- b. Become aware of the way government functions through its various organs.
- c. Understand the division of power between various organs of the government at different levels.
- d. Conceptualize the frame work of democracy and limited government.
- e. Indoctrinate the values of the Constitution.
- f. Comprehend the functioning of the three organs of the government.
- g. Critically examine the emerging trends and irritants and learn to resolve issues in the interest of the country.

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<b>MJC 2: Constitutional Government and Democracy in India (Theory: 6 credits)</b>		
<b>Unit</b>	<b>Topics to be Covered</b>	<b>No. of Lectures</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>The Constituent Assembly and the Making of the Constitution</b> a) Making of the Constitution, Debates in the Constituent Assembly b) Philosophy and Preamble of the Constitution c) Salient features of the Constitution d) Fundamental Rights, Duties and Directive Principles	<b>20</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Organs of the Government</b> a) Legislature : Parliament b) Executive : President and Prime Minister c) The Judiciary: Appointment of Judges in High Courts and the Supreme Court, Power and Functions of High Courts and the Supreme Court.	<b>20</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Dynamics of the Constitution-1</b> a) Amendment Procedure, Major Constitutional Amendments b) Unitary and Federal Features of the Indian Constitution c) Centre-State Relations d) Election Commission and Electoral Reforms e) Emergency provisions in the Constitution	<b>12</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Dynamics of the Constitution-2</b> a. Political Parties; National and Regional Parties b. Governor and Chief Minister c. Changing Role of the Governor d. Local-Self Government	<b>08</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>60</b>

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### Suggested Readings :

1. D. D. Basu. (2012) Introduction to the Constitution of India.
2. S. Chaube. (2009) The Making and the Working of the Indian Constitution.
3. Brij Kishore Sharma (2015) Introduction to the Constitution of India.
4. G. Austin, (2010) 'The Constituent Assembly: Microcosm in Action', in The Indian
5. Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation, New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
6. R. Bhargava, (2008) 'Introduction: Outline of a Political Theory of the Indian Constitution.
7. R. Bhargava (ed.) Politics and Ethics of the Indian Constitution, New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

### Additional Readings:

1. Subhash Kashyap (2004) Constitutional reforms, problems, prospects and perspectives.
2. R. Bhargava (2008) Introduction Outline of a political theory of the Indian Constitution.
3. The Constitution of India, Bare Act (2011) with short notes
4. U. Baxi (2010) The Judiciary as a resource of Indian Democracy
5. Bhartiya Samvidhan, S.C. Singhal, Laxmi Narain Agrawal, Agra

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