



# ARSD College, University of Delhi

## Model Course Handout/Lesson Plan

<b>Course Name : B.A. (Hons.) Political Science</b>						
Semester	Course Code	Course Title	Lecture (L)	Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)	Credit (C)
I		Understanding Political Theory	60	Batch wise different		06
Teacher/Instructor(s)		Dr. Vikas Kumar				
Session		2021-22				

### Course Objective:

- This course introduces the various ways of theorizing the political. The idea is to introduce and assess the conventional as well as contemporary approaches to understanding politics.

### Course Learning Outcomes:

- Understand the various traditions and approaches of political theory and appreciate how they get reflected in organizing social living
- Understand multiple frames by which the idea of political community is debated
- Understand the significance of theorizing and of applying theory into practice.

### Lesson Plan

Unit no.	Lecture/Tutorial	Topics to be covered	Learning Objective
1	1-7	What is Politics: Theorizing the 'Political'	1. Students develop a clear understanding of political concepts which is imperative to gauge how the
2	8-9	Approaches to Political Theory	
	10-16	Normative Approach	
	17-19	Historical Approach	

	20-25	Empirical Approach	<p>political theory works to develop the right consciousness with regard to the just status of citizens within the state.</p> <p>2. To equip students to arm themselves with the right kind of conceptual tools to be able to do understand how effectively a political system runs.</p>
3	26-31	Traditions of Political Theory: Liberal	
	32-36	Marxist	
	37-40	Anarchist	
	41-44	Conservative	
4	45-49	Critical Perspectives in Political Theory: Feminist	
	50-53	Postmodern	
5	54-60	The Idea of Political Community: Political Obligation	

**Evaluation Scheme:**

No.	Component	Duration	Marks
1.	Internal Assessment	10 Marks 05 Marks 10 Marks	25
	• Discussion		
	• Class Test		
	• Attendance		
2.	• Assignment	3 hr	75
	End Semester Examination		

## Course Content

### Unit 1

McKinnon, C. (2008) 'Introduction'. *Issues in Political Theory*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Bhargava, R. (2008) 'What is Political Theory', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds), *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 2-16.

Bhargava, R. (2008) 'Why do we need Political Theory', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds), *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 17-36.

### Unit 2

Glaser, D. (1995) 'Normative Theory', in Marsh, D. And Stoker, G. (eds), *Theory and Methods in Political Science*. London: Macmillan, pp. 21-40.

Sanders, D. (1995) 'Behavioral Analysis', in Marsh, D. And Stoker, G. (eds), *Theory and Methods in Political Science*. London: Macmillan, pp. 58-75.

Ball, T. (2004). 'History and the Interpretation of Texts', in Gerald F. Gaus and Chandran Kukathas(eds), *Handbook of Political Theory*. London, Thousand Oaks, New Delhi: Sage Publications, pp. 18-30.

### **Unit 3**

Heywood, A. (1992) *Political Ideologies*. Basingstoke: Macmillan.

Turner, R. (1993) 'Anarchism: What is it?' *Politics Review* 3 (1): 28-32.

### **Unit 4**

Chapman, J. (1995) 'The Feminist Perspective', in in Marsh, D. And Stoker, G. (eds), *Theory and Methods in Political Science*. London: Macmillan, pp. 94-114.

Chambers, C. (2008) 'Gender', in McKinnon, C. (ed), *Issues in Political Theory*. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 265-288.

Bannett, J. (2004) 'Postmodern Approach to Political Theory', in Kukathas, C. and Gaus G. F. (eds), *Handbook of Political Theory*. New Delhi: Sage, pp. 46-54.

### **Unit 5**

Shorten, A. (2016). 'Political Community', in *Contemporary Political Theory*. Palgrave, pp. 18-45.

Brighouse, H. (2008) 'Citizenship', in McKinnon, C. (ed), *Issues in Political Theory*. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 241-264.

Roy, A. (2008) 'Citizenship', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds), *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 130-146.

Hyums, K. (2008) 'Political Authority and Obligation', in McKinnon, C. (ed), *Issues in Political Theory*. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 9-26.

Martin, Rex. (2003) 'Political Obligation', in Bellamy, Richard and Mason, Andrew (eds), *Political Concepts*. Manchester: Manchester University Press, pp. 41-51.

Knowles, D. (2001). 'Political Obligation', in *Political Philosophy*. London: Routledge, pp. 239-298

