NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Syllabus
Department of Political Science

Four Year B.S.S Honours Course
Effective from the
Session: 2009–2010
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Detailed Syllabus

First Year

Course Code: 1952, Course Title: Political Theory and Organization  100 Marks, 4 Credits, 60 Lectures

Course Outline:

Political Theory:

Political Science: Nature, Scope and Methods.

The State: Elements of State, State and Society, State and Government, Theories of the Origin of State.


Political Organization:


Organs of Government: Legislature - its importance and functions, unicameral and bi-cameral legislature, decline of the power of the legislature. Executive - Kinds of Executive, requisites of a properly organized Executive, growing power of the Executive. Judiciary - Importance, functions,
Theory of Separation of Powers: Its meaning, origin, significance and working.

**Electorate:** Organization, Universal adult franchise Forms of representation - popular and territorial representation, proportional and majoritarian representation, direct and indirect elections; role of electorate in modern democracy; Features of a good electoral system.

**Political Parties and Pressure Groups:** Definition, types of party system, democracy and political parties and pressure groups, and function of pressure groups.

**Public Opinion:** Meaning, and Significance.

**Bureaucracy:** Meaning, characteristics and role of bureaucracy.

**Elite:** Meaning and Role in Politics.

**Recommended Readings:**

2. HFinner : *Theory and Practice of Modern Government*.
3. RN Gilchrist : *Principles of Political Science*
4. HJ Laski : *A Grammar of Politics*
5. RM MacIver : *The Web of Government*
6. VD Mahajan : *Political Theory*.
7. CF Strong : *Modern Constitution*
8. KC Wheare : *Modern Constitutions*
9. KC Wheare : *Federal Government*
10. WF Willoughby : *The Government of Modern State*
11. ডঃ মোঃ মকসুদ রহমান : রাষ্ট্রীয় সংগঠনের রপরেশ্বর
12. জৈদার মকসুদ আলী : রাষ্ট্রিয় জ্ঞান.

**Course Code: 1953, Course Title: Western Political Thought 100 Marks, 4 Credits, 60 Lectures**

**Course Outline:**

**Ancient Period:**
Plato, Aristotle, Polybius, Cicero, Seneca.

**Medieval Period:**
St. Augustine, St. Thomas Acquinas, Marsillio of Padua.

**Modern Period:**
Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau and Montesquieu.

**Recommended Readings:**

1. Ernest Barker : *Greek Political Theory*.
2. L. Raymond: *Political Thought of Plato and Aristotle*.
3. WA Dunning : *History of Political Theories*.
4. W Ebenstein : *Great Political Thinkers*.
5. RG Gettell : *History of Political Thought*.
6. HM Joad : *Political Thought from Plato to the Present*.
8. George H Sabine : *A History of Political Theory*.
Course Code: 1954, Course Title: Foreign Government and Politics; UK USA and France 100 Marks, 4 Credits, 60 Lectures

Course Outline:

Introduction to comparative politics: Nature, Scope; and Approaches to the study of Comparative Politics.

The British Political System:
Constitutional Development: Sources and Features of the Constitution; Rule of Law and Conventions.

The Monarchy: Its functions and prerogatives, and its relationship with the Parliament; Ministry and the Cabinet; their functions; position and powers of the Prime Minister; the Prime Minister and the Cabinet.

The Parliament: Sovereignty of Parliament; House of Commons and House of Lords; and their Composition and Functions.

The Judicial System; Civil Administration; Electoral System: and Local Governments.

The Party System.

USA:

The American Constitution: The nature and basic features of the Constitution; Distribution of powers; the system of Checks and balances.

The Presidency: Its powers, position and leadership role.

Congress: Composition, powers and functions of the two Houses; Special powers of the Senate.

The Judiciary: The Supreme Court and Judicial Review.

Relations Between the Congress, Executive and Judiciary.

The Party System and the Electoral System.

The Party System and Electoral Politics.

FRANCE:

The French Constitution.

The Presidency, The Prime Minister and the Cabinet, the Parliament, the Party System, and Relations between the president, cabinet and the legislature.

Recommended Readings: Parliamentary Government of Britain.

2. R J Mackenzie : British Political System.
3. SE Finer : Comparative Government.
Course Code: 1955, Course Title: Introduction to Public Administration 100 Marks, 4 Credits, 60 Lectures

Course Outline:
Public Administration: Meaning, Nature, Scope and Significance; Public and Private Administration; Approaches to the Study of Public Administration, Recent Trends in Public Administration.
Politics and Administration: Political neutrality; Comparative Administration.
Bureaucracy: Various Concepts of Bureaucracy; Max Weber’s Ideal Type of Bureaucracy; Characteristics and Dysfunctions of Bureaucracy; Bureaucracy in Developing Countries.
Development Administration: Meaning and Scope

Recommended Readings:

Course Code: 6203, Course Title: Introducing Sociology Marks 100, 4 Credits, 60 Lectures

1. Definition, Nature & Scope of Sociology, relationship with other social sciences.
   Development of Sociology: Contributions of Auguste Comte, Herbert Spencer, Emile Durkheim, Max Weber
2. Culture, Beliefs & Values: Norms, sanctions, symbols, language, subculture, counterculture, hegemony & resistance
3. Globalization, Culture and Society: Globalization and its different dimensions, Cultural globalization, global culture and social change
4. Urbanization and Social Formation: Definition of urbanization and urbanism, Process of urbanization in developing societies and social formation, over urbanization, growth of slum & poverty in mega cities
5. Gender and Society: Discourse of WID, WAD and GAD, Why gender is important in the discourse of development, Gender inequality & women’s subjugation in developing societies.
6. Environmental Problems, Natural Disasters and Social Crisis: Climate change and its impact on society, Natural disaster, social crisis and vulnerabilities, Climate change,
7. **Social Inequality:** Dimensions of social inequality: Class, gender, age, minority group (religious and indigenous), economic vulnerability, Social inequalities in developed & developing countries.

8. **Types of societies:** Marxist view on classifying societies on the basis of type of control over economic resources and Lenski’s view on classifying societies by their main means of subsistence.

9. **Deviance & Social Control:** Definition of deviance, theories of deviance. Crime & justice system, agencies of social control


**Reference**

Giddens Sociology  
Tony Bilton et al Introductory Sociology

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**Course Code: 6212, Course Title: Introduction to Social Work**

**Marks 100, 4 Credits, 60 Lectures**

2. Evolution: Evolution of Social Work in UK, USA, India and Bangladesh.
7. Social Problems and Social Services in Bangladesh.

**Books Recommended:**

Course Code: 6223, Course Title: Principles of Economics  
Marks 100, 4 Credits,  
60 Lectures


2. **Supply and Demand:** Demand and Quantity Demanded, Demand Schedule, Demand Curve, Supply and Quantity Supplied, Supply Schedule, Supply Curve, Equilibrium of Supply and Demand, Movement along the Supply and Demand Curve and Shift of Supply and Demand Curve and Its Effects on Equilibrium Price and Quantity. Elasticity of Supply and Demand; Determinants of Elasticity of Demand.

3. **The Theory of Consumer Behavior:** Total and Marginal Utility; Law of Diminishing Marginal Utility, Equi-Marginal Utility; Consumer Surplus.

4. **Production and Cost:** Production Function and Technology; Production with One Variable Input; Production with Two Variable Inputs; Returns to Scale; Costs in the Short-run; Costs in the Long-run.

5. **Market Analysis:**
   A. **Perfect Competition:** Characteristics of Perfect Competition; Average and Marginal Revenue; Individual and Market Supply; Short-run equilibrium of a competitive firm Long run Equilibrium under Perfect Competition.
   B. **Monopoly:** Average and Marginal Revenue; Supply Curve of the Monopolist; Perfect Competition and Monopoly Compared;


9. **Money:** Definition and Functions of Money-Importance of Money in Modern Economy-Different Concepts of Money (M1, M2, M3)-Value of Money. Concept, Causes and Effects of Inflation and Deflation.

10. **Government Revenue and Expenditure:** Difference between Public Sector and Private Sector finance, Different Sources of Govt. Revenues, Taxation and Different Kinds of Taxes, Definition of Revenue Budget, Development Budget, Revenue Budget Vs. Development Budget, Surplus, Deficit and Balanced Budget.

**Books Recommended:**