

# SYLLABUS FOR MDC-MINOR STUDENTS (4 CREDITS: 3TH +1TU) TO BE STUDIED IN SEMESTER III/IV/V/VI

## (MPLS-MDC-MINOR)

### SEMESTER III

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#### MDC-MN-1 Political Theory: Foundational Concepts

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##### Course Objectives:

1. This course introduces the basic concepts of politics.
2. The intention is to prepare the students for understanding the theoretical dimension of politics.

##### Learning Outcomes:

After reading the course, students will

1. Understand the entry points through which the *political* is interpreted
2. Understand the core concepts that guide the theorisation of politics
3. Understand how theory relates to practice.

##### Module I

1. Conceptualising the Political; Power and Authority.
2. State; Nation; Sovereignty.
3. Law; Liberty; Equality (interrelationships).

##### Module II

4. Rights; Justice (main focus on Rawls); Freedom.
5. Democracy (including classifications of David Held); Authoritarianism.
6. Political Obligation; Citizenship.

##### Select Readings:

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

Andrew Heywood: The Basic Political Concepts.

S. Ramaswamy: Political Theory--- Ideas and Concepts.

Menon, Krishna. (2008) 'Justice', in Bhargava, Rajeev and Acharya, Ashok. (eds.) Political Theory: An Introduction, pp. 74-86.

N. Daniels: Reading Rawls.

J. Mandle: Rawls's Theory of Justice: An Introduction

R. Bellamy: Theories and Concepts in Politics: An Introduction.

D. Held: Models of Democracy.

## **SEC (SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSE)**

### **MPLS-MDC-SEC-1 TO BE STUDIED IN SEMESTER 1/2/3**

### **(4 CREDITS – TH 2 +TU 2)**

#### **SEC: Democratic Awareness with Legal Literacy**

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##### **Course Objectives:**

1. Acquaint undergraduate students with different terms of the legal structure of India

##### **Learning Outcomes:**

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.

##### **Module I**

1. Conceptualising Indian legal system. Evolution of criminal law system in India. Introduction to Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam. Basic understanding: Legal provisions of FIR, General Diary, Arrest, Bail, Search, Seizure and Evidence.

2. Laws on offenses against women, children and adolescents, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

3. Personal laws and customary law in India (overview).

4. Labour laws (Overview); Environmental Laws (overview).

##### **Module II**

5. Laws related to: contract and consumer rights.

6. Laws on cybercrime.

7. Anti-terrorist laws: implications for security and human rights.

8. Laws related to the Right to information.

(If and where applicable, the topics may be discussed with reference to the relevant sections of BNS, BNSS and BSA).

##### **Select Readings:**

Document: The Gazette of India, CG-DL-E-251223-250883-/Extraordinary/PART II, Section 1/ Published by Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India, New Delhi, December 25, 2023.

Lawmann: Decoding New Criminal Laws: BNSS, BNS, BSA.