

**Select Readings:**

- G. Almond et al eds.: Comparative Politics Today: A World View  
 S.E. Finer: Comparative Government.  
 J. Blondel: An Introduction to Comparative Politics.  
 J. Blondel (ed.): Comparative Government: A Reader.  
 G. Lowenberg: British and French Parliaments in Comparative Perspective  
 G. Almond and B. J. Powel: Comparative Politics: A Developmental Approach  
 J. T. Ishiyama and Breuning, M. eds.: 21st Century Political Science: A Reference Book  
 S. Mukherjee and S. Ramaswamy: Theoretical Foundations of Comparative Politics  
 J. Kopstein and H. Lichbach eds.: Comparative Politics  
 R. Chatterjee: Introduction to Comparative Political Analysis.  
 S. P. Huntington: The Third Wave: Democratization in the Late Twentieth Century.  
 Samuel P. Huntington, Political Order in Changing Societies  
 J. Harvey and L. Bather: British Constitution and Politics  
 Ivor Jennings: Cabinet Government  
 A.C. Kapoor: Select Constitutions  
 J. Wilson: American Government

রাখহরিচ্যাটাজীঃতুলনামূলকরাজনীতিপরিচয়  
 অমিতাভরায় (সম্পা): তুলনামূলকরাজনীতি  
 রাজশ্রীবসু (সম্পাদিত)-তুলনামূলকশাসনব্যবস্থাওরাজনীতি  
 পঞ্চাননচট্টোপাধ্যায়ঃফ্রান্সেরসাধারণতন্ত্র  
 সুকন্যাঘোষওইন্দ্রানীঘোষঃ তুলনামূলকসরকারওরাজনীতি

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## DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC MINOR COURSES (FOR MAJOR/HONS STUDENTS)

(4 CREDITS: 3TH+1TU)

SEMESTER I/III

MPLS - MN -1 & MPLS – MN-3 TH +TU

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### Political Theory: Foundational Concepts

**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.
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## SEMESTER II/IV

**MPLS - MN -2 & MPLS – MN-4      TH +TU**

## Constitutional Government in India

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#### Course Objectives:

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.
4. To develop the ability to comprehend the relationships between constitutionalism, democracy and governance.

#### Learning Outcomes:

On successful completion of the course, students will develop:

1. Understanding the specificities of Indian Constitutionalism.