Course Code: MAP-C-2401	Course Title: Introduction to Political Theory

Scheme of Instruction			Scheme of Evaluation	
Total Duration	60 Hrs.		Max. Marks	100
Hours/Week	4hrs.		Assignment/IA	45
Credits	4		Attendance	05
Instruction Delivery	Lecture		End Exam	50
Course Type	Major		Exam Duration	2.30 Hr.
Instruction Mode	Regular		Evaluation	Grade

Course Objectives:

- To acquaint students with the key concepts of political theory
- To know the different traditions and various debates surrounding these concepts
- To introduce major theoretical trends, perspectives and debates that have shaped the political theorizing
- To analyse political arguments and engage in rational thinking.

Course Outcomes:

- Knowing and remembering the Basic concepts of Political Theory
- Understanding various importance of Political Theory and various concepts
- Applying various theoretical models to understand social reality and working of political institutions
- Analysing the working of political and social institutions through various theories

Content

Unit -1	**Module – 1**	**Politics and Political Science** • Evolution of Political Science as an academic discipline • Politics – meaning and stretching boundaries
	Module – 2	**Political Theory and its meaning** • Political Theory - Meaning • Nature of Political Theory
	Module – 3	**Political Theory and its significance** • Need of Political Theory • Scope of Political Theory
	Module – 4	**Typology**

		• Normative versus Empirical • Historical/Analytical/Applied
	Module – 5	**Positivism** • Auguste Comte – Life and Contribution to Knowledge • Positivism and its Three Stages
Unit 2	**Module – 1**	**Liberty** • Concept of Liberty • J.S.Mill on Liberty
	Module – 2	**Equality** • Concept of Equality • Equality of Opportunity
	Module – 3	**Justice** • Concept of Justice • John Rawls and Concept of Justice
	Module – 4	**Rights** • Concept of Rights • Theories of Rights
	Module – 5	**Power and Authority** • Conventional notion of Power • Concept of Authority

Unit 3	**Module – 1**	**State** • Concept of State • Evolution and Historical Trajectory of State
	Module – 2	**Elements of State** • Territory • Population • Government • Sovereignty
	Module – 3	**Theories of Origin of State** • Divine Theory • Social Contract Theory
	Module – 4	**Social Contract Theory** • Hobbes • Locke • Rousseau
	Module – 5	**Nationalism** • Nation and Nationalism • Ethnic Nationalism
Unit 4	**Module – 1**	**Gender** • Gender and Sex • Construction of Gender
	Module – 2	**Feminism** • Feminism as theory and movement • Waves of Feminism

Module – 3	**Feminist Theory**	
	• Feminist Theory – Western Perspective • Concept of Agency • Feminist Theory from Global South	
Module – 4	**Modernization**	
	• Modernization Theory • Modernization and Environment • Environmental Degradation	
Module – 5	**Green Political Theory**	
	• Green Politics • Green Political Theory • Critique of Green Political Theory	

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