

AMBEDKAR UNIVERSITY DELHI
School of Undergraduate Studies

LIST OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND HINDI COURSES
WINTER SEMESTER 2012-2013

POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSES

1. Title of the Course: Introduction to Politics

Semester in which course to be offered: II semester

No of Credits: 04

Course Coordinator: Anand Saurabh (anand@aud.ac.in)

Course Team: Dr. Rajan Krishnan, Anand Saurabh, Kopal Chaube

Course Description:

Politics permeates all aspects of human life. It is manifested in the activities of cooperation, negotiation and struggle over the use, production and distribution of resources. It is an inescapable dimension of the production and reproduction of society. Politics also acquires a negative connotation when conceived as an activity which could be a combination of cynicism, mistrust and stifling competition. It is then very often experienced as something distant and remote from everyday life. These are stimuli to explore the domain of Politics which encompasses ideas, interests and institution and is also a product of active interplay among these. This course puts politics in a theoretical perspective for a general understanding as an academic discipline. It attempts to bring the theory and practice of the discipline into a common focus. The course has been devised under six modules which broadly deal with the idea of political, evolution of political ideas, characteristic themes, theories and principles of dominant political ideologies, politics beyond nation states, understanding politics as contestation and to understand patterns of institutional engagement and their responses.

2. Title of the course: Politics in South Asia

Semester in which course to be offered: IV Semester

No of Credits: 04

Course Coordinator: Anand Saurabh (anand@aud.ac.in)

Course Team: Dr. Rajan Krishnan, Anand Saurabh, Kopal Chaube

Course Description:

The South Asian region has always been studied because of its prime importance, be it historical, strategic, geographical, cultural, political or economic. This course is a unique combination of themes and concepts drawn from conventional courses like Indian Government and Politics and Comparative politics. The broad aim is to understand the South Asian region thematically, be it the political structure and process of governance or the socio-economic dynamics operating in this region. This will lead towards a holistic understanding of various challenges being faced by different countries in the region, to name a few – political instability, terrorism, migration, ethnic conflict and economic disparity etc. Considering the fact that countries in this region- India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka & Maldives share a common historical background, the course will begin with the understanding of their common past and there on build towards more contemporary and specific developments. This course will equip students to gain knowledge and understanding of the interplay of politics, economy, contentious issues and challenges experienced in this region. It will aid towards broadening their perception of politics beyond the Indian sub-continent. Moreover, it will skill them to develop a comparative approach towards study of politics.

HINDI COURSES

II Semester

Course title: *Bharatiya aur Vishwa Sahitya (BAVS)*

Course co-ordinator: Satyaketu Sankrit (satyaketu@aud.ac.in)

This is a Foundation/ Discipline course and is an optional course open to all students. This course introduces students to Indian and world literature through a wide selection of texts in Hindi. It acquaints students with different literatures and the worlds they represent through the genres of drama, autobiography, the short story and poetry. Representative texts included the satirical play *Andher Nagari* (Bharatendu Harishchandra); the famous Dalit autobiography *Akkarmashi* by Sharan Kumar Limbale, and short stories and poems originally written in Malayalam, Bangla, Urdu and other Indian languages. The course also features works translated into Hindi from Russian, Spanish and Chinese.

IV Semester

Course title: *Sahithya ki Samaj* [SKS] -- 4 credits

Course co-ordinator: Satyaketu Sankrit (satyaketu@aud.ac.in)

This course is designed to encourage a nuanced appreciation of literature by teaching various approaches to literature advanced by Indian and Western literary criticism. From Indian poetics it will feature 'Kavya Prayojan', 'Kavya Hetu', 'Shabda Shakti', 'Chhanda' and 'Alankar'. From Western poetics we are introduced to such concepts as mimesis and catharsis and explore possibilities of the New Criticism (I. A. Richards and others) and the modernist criticism of T.S. Eliot (e.g., 'The Question of Tradition').

Although the course is open to all, it is designed for students who have completed any of the Hindi courses offered in Semesters 1, 2 and 3.

VI Semester

Course Title: *Svadhinata Andolan ka Vaicharik Jagat aur Hindi* [SAVJH] -- 4 credits

Co-ordinator: Gopalji Pradhan (gopalji@aud.ac.in)

This course introduces learners to debates about India's future that occurred during the twentieth century and helps us examine some problems faced by today's society through writings of nationalists, reformers and revolutionaries of India's past. Readings include selections from *Hind Swaraj* (M. K. Gandhi), *Dharatimata Bharatmata* (Ram Manohar Lohia) and *Jati Bhed Uchched* (B. R. Ambedkar), as well as critical appraisals of these influential thinkers—for example, Dr. Ramvilas Sharma's *Gandhi, Ambedkar, Lohiya aur Bharatiy Itihas ki Samasyayen*. The course will be taught by Gopalji Pradhan and Satyaketu Sankrit. Assessment will be based on 4 class tests.

The course is open to all students but is designed for students who have completed other Hindi courses such as BAVS, HAP, HSIR, or SKS.