

Tribhuvan University
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Courses of Study Bachalors In Political Science

Kirtipur, Kathmandu

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Political Theory

BA: Pol.Sc.421

Full marks: (70+30)=100

Level: 4Yrs BA.

Pass marks: (28+12)=40

Paper I

Total periods: 150

Year: First

Per period: 50 minutes

1. Course Description

The course deals with imparting theoretical aspects of Political Theory. Similarly, it also introduces the students with the knowledge of modern political analysis within the framework of major political ideas.

2. Objective

- This paper intends to provide the basic concepts, and in-depth knowledge of the theoretical framework as well as of modern practices of Political Theory and Analysis.
- It also aims to familiarize the students with definition and arguments of the concepts, theories and also of analytical frameworks of the Political Theory including the practical knowledge and understanding of the subject matters.

3. Contents

Unit I. Introduction to Political Science

Lectures (20)

- Meaning, Scope and Importance
- Political Science: Art or Science?
- Relationship of Political Science with other Social Sciences (Sociology, History, Economics, Geography, Demography)
- Approaches to the study of Political Science: Classical and Modern

Unit II. State & Nation

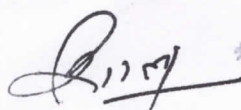
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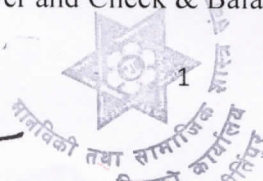
- Concept of State & Nation
- Meaning of State, Nation, and Nationality
- Elements of State
- State and Government: Power and Authority

Unit III. Organs of Government

Lectures (25)

- Legislature, Executive, Judiciary
- Theory of Separation of Power and Check & Balance'





Unit IV. Democracy

Lectures (20)

- Concept of Democracy
- Types of Democracy: (Inclusive and Liberal)
- Power, Authority and Legitimacy in Democracy

Unit V. Franchise and Election:

Lectures (25)

- Concept: Election as a tool of representative democracy
- Relationship between Democracy and Election
- Methods of Election
- Direct: (FPTP) Single/ Multi-Member Representation, Two Round Systems
- Indirect: (Including List System - PR), Single Transferable/ Preferential Voting System
- Mixed (both FPTP + PR)
- Theory of Franchise & its Evolution
 - Limited Franchise
 - Women franchise
 - Adult Franchise
- Indicators of Democratic (Independent) Elections - Free, Fair & Periodic Elections

Unit VI: Political System and Process

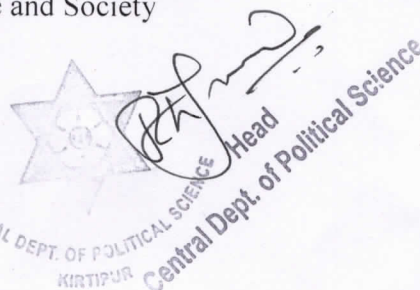
Lectures (30)

- Political System (Input-output Analysis)
- Political Communication
- Political Socialisation
- Political Participation
- Political Culture
- Political Development

Unit VII: Political Parties

Lectures (10)

- Concept
- Types of Political Parties (Intra- Parliamentary and Extra- Parliamentary)
- Functions of Political Parties (Linkage of State and Society)



4. Evaluation

a. Final Examination (Theoretical 70 Marks)

The performance of the students will be evaluated through the annual examination to be held by the Office of the Controller of Examinations. The question pattern of the annual examination will be comprehensive/critical analysis question, long answer question and short answer question.

Types of questions	Total questions to be asked	Number of questions to be answered and marks allocated	Total marks	Remarks
Group A: Comprehensive/Critical question	1 out of 2 questions	1 x 20 marks	20	Exam hours 3:00
Group B: Long answer question	3 out of 4 questions	3 x 10 marks	30	
Group B: Short answer question	4 out of 6 questions	4 x 5 marks	20	
Total			70	

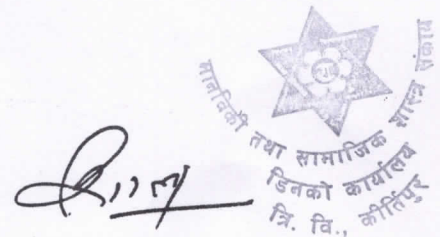
b. Final Examination (Practical 20+10=30 Marks)

The performance of the students will be evaluated through the pre-board examination to be held by the Office of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. The question pattern of the pre-board examination will be long answer question and short answer question. The evaluation will consist of internal evaluation containing 30 percent weight-age. The following table deals with the internal evaluation system that includes examination pattern and marks distribution.

Internal Evaluation	A. Attendance		5	
	B. Class participation, group presentation and class presentation		5	
	C. Research Report (mini project work/field work/Seminar paper)		5	
Total			15	
Pre-board exam				
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Group A: Long answer question	1 out of 2 questions	1 x 10 marks	10	Exam hours 1:00
Group B: Short answer question	1 out of 2 questions	1 x 5 marks	5	
Total			15	
Grand total			30	

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Paper II

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1. Course Description

The course aims to orient with the major political philosophies. Basically, this course is intended to impart the knowledge of political thought also of newly emerged ideas.

2. General Objectives

The general objectives of this course are as follows:

- To acquaint the students with the basic political problems of all ages leading to pronouncement of political ideas and thought by the political thinkers about governance of political entities.
- To impart the basic knowledge of the origins of important political philosophies up to the ideas of modern political thinkers.
- To provide comparative knowledge of the philosophies of political thinkers of all ages.
- To orient the students about the practical knowledge of field work, mini project work, group work including the preparation of report, class presentation of the relevant units.

3. Contents

Unit I: Greek Political Thought

Lectures (30)

- Understanding: Introduction to the Ideas on Greek City State
 - Characteristics: Philosophers - Plato & Aristotle
 - Significance
 - Greek Civilisation
 - Roman Civilisation
 - Renaissance
 - Modern

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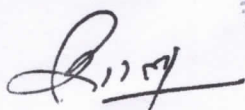
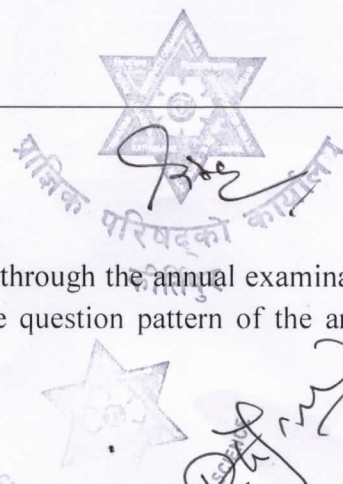
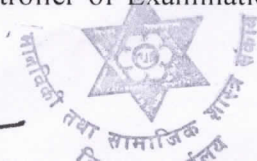
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Unit II: Mediaval Period <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statecraft: Machiavelli • Sovereignty: Jean Bodin & John Austin 	Lectures (15)
Unit III: Background of Contractualist Thinkers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background • Thomas Hobbes: Concept of Absolute Monarch • John Locke: Concept of Liberal Democracy • J.J. Rousseau: Concept of Popular Sovereignty 	Lectures (15)
Unit IV: Liberalist Thinkers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thomas Hill Green: Concept of Popular Sovereignty • George Wilhelm Fredrich Hegel: Dialectic Method • John Stuart Mill: On Liberty 	Lectures (20)
Unit V: Marxism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karl Marx: Five components of his ideas • Economic Interpretation of History • Dialectical Materialism • Theory of Surplus Value • Class Struggle • Views on State 	Lectures (30)
Unit VI: Introduction to Eastern Political Thinkers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manu: Raj Dharma • Kautilya: Saptang Theory • Gandhi: Non-Violence • Buddha: Concept of Peace • Mao: New Democracy 	Lectures (20)
Unit VII: Some Other Important Isms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individualism • Capitalism • Socialism 	Lectures(20)

4. Evaluation

a. Final Examination (Theoretical 70 Marks)

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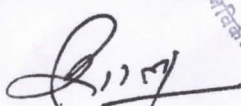
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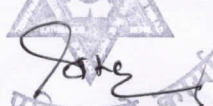
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b. Final Examination (Practical 20+10=30 Marks)

The performance of the students will be evaluated through the pre-board examination as the practical class test to be held by the Office of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. The question pattern of the pre-board examination may consists of long - answer question and short - answer question. This may be carried out through internal evaluation containing 30 percent weight-age of marks. The following table deals with the internal evaluation system that includes examination pattern and marks distribution.

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Pre-board Exam of 10 Marks				
Types of questions	Total questions to be asked	Number of questions to be answered and marks allocated	Total marks	Remarks
Group A: Long answer question	1 out of 2 questions	1 x 10 marks	10	Exam hours 1:00
Group B: Short answer question	1 out of 2 questions	1 x 5 marks	5	
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Grand total			30	


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