

**HIMACHAL PRADESH UNIVERSITY**  
(NAAC Accredited "A" Grade University)  
**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**  
**SHIMLA-171005**



**CBCS based Course Work for Ph.D.**

**Session 2024-25**

**Syllabus of Course Work for Ph.D. in Political Science**  
**H.P. University, Shimla-05.**



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**CBCS based Course Work for Doctor of Philosophy in Political  
Science  
(Academic session 2024-25)**

The following is the CBCS based Course Work for Ph.D. in Political Science for implementation from academic session 2024-25 onwards. Prior to the allotment of research topics, there shall be a course work comprising of three DSCs (Discipline Specific Courses). The course work shall be:

Compulsory for all the students who are admitted to the Ph.D. Program after MA Political Science.

The scheme is placed before the Board of Studies.

**Course Divisions (L+T) For RPE-Ph.D**

Sr. No.	Divisions (L+T)	Credits
1.	Theory (1 hour per week per course)	1
2.	Tutorials (1 hour per week)	1
3.	Total Credits	2

**Course Divisions (L+P) for PDPOL-1 and PDPOL-2**

Sr. No.	Divisions (L+P)	Credits
1.	Theory (4 hours per week per course)	4
2.	Tutorials (1 hour per week)	1
3.	Total Credits	5



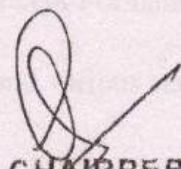
# List of Courses with Codes, Credits, Contact Hours and Marks Scheme

## Course work Ph.D. Political Science under CBCS

Course No.	Course Code	Title of the Paper	Credits	Theory Contact Hours (L-5 hrs./Tut.-1 hr. per week)		Marks Scheme
				Lectures (Credits)	Tutorial	
1.	RPE-PhD	Research and Publication Ethics	2	1	1	50
2.	PDPOL-1	Advanced Research Methodology	5	4	1	100
3.	PDPOL-2	Political Theory, Approaches and Concepts	5	4	1	100
		Total	12	9	3	Total Marks - 250

### Semester-I

Course No.	Name of the Paper	Marks
1	Research and Publication Ethics	50
2	Advanced Research Methodology	100
3	Political Theory, Approaches and Concepts	100

  
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**POLITICAL SCIENCE****Ph.D. COURSE WORK****DSC: PDPOL-1****ADVANCED RESEARCH METHODOLOGY****Course Objectives:**

Objective of this paper is to familiarize research scholars with the latest developments in the field of Research Methodology; and to provide knowledge to develop methodological skills for undertaking research in social sciences in general and in a discipline in particular.

**Course Outcomes:** The course shall help the students to develop research orientation and master research design, use advanced techniques, critically evaluate literature, understand ethical conduct, communicate findings effectively, apply statistical and analytical techniques, synthesize findings, collaborate and peer review, prepare for academic and professional careers, and adapt research methods to diverse contexts. They will critically evaluate existing literature, understand human subjects, data management, and intellectual property, and communicate findings effectively. They will also contribute to theoretical frameworks and practical applications in the fields under study.

**UNIT-01: Social Science Research**

1. Research in Social Sciences, Debates around Methods in Social Sciences, Paradigms of Social Science Research.
2. Types of research – Basic, Applied / Classical, Scientific. Challenges in Social Science Research.

**UNIT-02: Formulation of Research Problem and Facts and Values Dichotomy**

1. What is a 'Research Problem'? Steps in formulating a Research Problem.
2. Fact-Value dichotomy, the question of Value Neutrality and Objectivity, Relationship between Facts and Research

**UNIT-03: Hypothesis Formulation and Research Design**

1. Review of Literature, Identifying Variables, Concepts and Concept Formation, Formulation of Hypothesis, Hypothesis Testing.
2. Research Design: Meaning, Types of Research Design, Steps and various stages.



### UNIT-04: Methods of Data Collection

1. Data Collection: Primary and Secondary Sources, Survey and Opinion polls, Archival Research, Official Statistics, Documents and Texts, Interviews, Oral Narratives, Participant and Non Participant Observation; Field Research.
2. Sampling: Meaning and Procedure of Drawing a Sample, Processing and Classification of Data, Analysis and Verification.

### UNIT-05: Report Writing

1. Preparing the Report, Features and Types of Research Report.
2. Various Styles of References and Methods of Citation.

#### Selected Readings:

- Bhattacharjee, Amol, *Social Science Research: Principles, Methods and Practices*, 2012, USDJ Tampa Bay Open Access Textbooks Collection, Book 3. <http://scholarcommons.usf.edu/otextbooks/3>
- Festinger, Leon and Katz, Daniel (eds.), *Research Methods in the Behavioural Sciences*, New Delhi: Amerind Publishing Co., 1970.
- Galtung, Johan, *Theory and Methods of Social Research*, Delhi: George Allen and Unwin, 1973.
- Goode, William J. and Hatt, Paul K., *Methods in Social Research*, New York: McGraw Hill, 1952.
- Kaplan, A., *The Conduct of Inquiry*, Jaipur: Sachin Publication, 1980.
- Kerlinger, Fred N., *Foundation of Behavioural Research*, Delhi: Surjeet Publications, 1978.
- Kothari, C.R., *Research Methodology: Methods and Techniques*, New Delhi: Vishwa Prakashan, 1985.
- Kumar, Ranjit, *Research Methodology: A Step-by-Step Guide for beginners*, New Delhi: Sage Publications, 2011.
- Moser, C.A. and Kalton, G., *Survey Methods in Social Investigation*, London: Heinemann, 1961.
- Porta, Donatella Della and Keating, Michael, *Approaches and Methodologies in the Social Science: A Pluralistic Perspective*, London: Cambridge University Press, 2008.
- Sharma, R.D., *Research Methods in Social Sciences*, New Delhi: National Book Organization, 1988.
- Thakur, Harish K. *Research Methodology in Social Sciences*, New Delhi: Corvette Press, 2021.
- Young, P.V., *Scientific Social Surveys and Research*, New Delhi: Prentice Hall, 1968.



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## POLITICAL SCIENCE Ph.D. COURSE WORK

DSC: PDPOL-2

### Political Theory, Approaches and Concepts

#### Course Objectives:

The course content of this paper has been designed to impart knowledge about the various theories, approaches and concepts of political theory. Focus of this course is to evolve comprehensive understanding about the theories, approaches and concepts pertaining to the field of Political Science. Holistic skills and knowledge of political science as a subject and its theoretical framework can be imparted through this proposed course. The course will also help in promoting deep insights into the subject matter of Political Science.

**Course Outcomes:** This course teaches students to understand key political theories and concepts and apply theoretical frameworks to analyse contemporary political issues. Students will critically evaluate political arguments, develop research questions, synthesize multiple perspectives, apply theoretical knowledge to real-world cases, communicate effectively, engage in constructive debate, and reflect on ethical and normative implications. It also prepares students for further study in political science or professional practice in fields requiring a strong understanding of political theories and approaches.

#### UNIT-01: Political Theory and Philosophy

1. Thought, Theory, Philosophy and Science: Understanding the concepts and their inter-relationship
2. State of Political Theory Today: Decline and Resurgence, Nature and Scope of Political Science.

#### UNIT-02: Democratic Theory

1. The Traditional Liberal Democratic Theory: Central Themes from John Locke to J.S. Mill
2. Twentieth Century restatement of the 'Liberal Democratic Theory': Laski, Macpherson, Rawls and Dworkin. Empirical Democratic Theory: Schumpeter and Robert Dahl.

#### UNIT-03: Comparative Politics

1. Decision Making Approach, Communication Approach and Political Communication, Game Theory
2. Theories of Development and Underdevelopment, Debate on Concept of Nation State, Nationalism: European and Non-European.

#### UNIT-04: International Politics

1. International Terrorism, Global Warming, Energy Crisis, Food Crisis, Weapons of Mass Destruction.
2. Human Rights and International Politics, Development and Security.



### UNIT-05: Subaltern Studies and Hermeneutics

1. Subaltern Studies: E. Said, P. Chatterjee and R. Guha.
2. Modern Hermeneutics: Political Analysis, Post-Structuralist Critique (Derrida and Foucault).

#### Suggested Readings

- Bleicher, Josef, *Contemporary Hermeneutic*, London: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1963.
- Bleicher, Josef, *Hermeneutic Imagination*, London: Routledge & Kegan Paul.
- Charlesworth, James (ed.), *Contemporary Political Analysis*, New York: Free Press of Glencoe, 1967.
- Denniger, W.T., *Problems in Social and Political Thought: Philosophical*
- Docter, Adi H., *Issues in Political Theory*, New Delhi: Sterling, 1985.
- Germino, Dante, *Beyond Ideology: The Revival of Political Theory*, New York: Harper and Row, 1967.
- Guha, Ranjit (ed.), *Subaltern Studies*, Vol. I to VIII, New York: Oxford University Press.
- Gunnar, Myrdal, *Asian Drama: Challenges of World Poverty*, Vol. I & II, London: Penguin, 1968.
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- Heywood, Andrew, *Political Ideologies: An Introduction*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed., Macmillan: Palgrave, 2007.
- Hoffman, Stanley (ed.), *Contemporary Theory in International Relations*, New Delhi: Prentice Hall of India, 1964.
- Hollingov, Robert, *Post Modernism and the Social Science: A Theoretic Approach*, New Delhi: Sage Publications, 1994.
- James and Gould, Thursby, *Contemporary Political Thought: Issues in Scope Value and Direction*, New York: Harper & Row, 1967.
- Karl, Deutsch N., *The Nerves of Government*, New York: Free Press, 1965.
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- Vermani, R.C., *An Introduction to Politics Theory*.



## Evaluation:

Continuous assessment will be conducted through tutorials, assignments, quizzes, and group discussions.

1. Students who have at least 75% attendance in classes will be considered eligible for the final written examination.

2. The exam will be conducted for a three-hour duration.

**For the Course 1:-** At the end of the course, a final written examination of 50 Marks will be conducted.


**For Course 2 & 3:-** At the end of the course, a final written examination of 100 Marks will be conducted

*The passing marks for PhD coursework will be 55% aggregate, with minimum 50% in each individual course (All Three Course).*

### **Note for Paper Setting:**

**For Course 1:-** There will be 7 questions covering all the units. The first six questions (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6) of 6 marks each will consist of one question from each unit, with internal choice provided, meaning there will be two questions from each unit. The 7<sup>th</sup> question will consist of 10 short answer type questions using Roman numerals (i, ii, iii,...x) each with 2 marks. There will be at least one question from each unit, and students will be required to attempt any seven questions out of ten.

**For Course 2 & 3:-** There will be 11 questions covering all units. The first ten questions of explanatory answers (1, 2, 3, ...10) of 12 marks each will consist of one question from each unit, with internal choice provided, meaning there will be two questions from each unit ( $5 \times 2 = 10$ ). The students will be required to attempt one question from each unit. The 11<sup>th</sup> question will consist of 10 short answer type questions using Roman numerals (i, ii, iii,...x) each with 5 marks, covering all the units. The students will be required to attempt any eight questions out of ten.

  
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