



BANKURA UNIVERSITY
Course Structure under the New CBCS System
(To be effective from the academic session 2016 - 2018)
Department of Political Science

1 Credit = 1 Hour of Class (per week)
(In Case of Practical, 1 Credit = 2 Hours of Classes)
1 Course = 4 Credit = 50 Marks
One Semester = 20 Credits = 250 Marks
Total (in 4 Semesters) 80 Credits = 1000 Marks

First Semester = 20 Credits = 250 Marks
Second Semester = 20 Credits = 250 Marks
Third Semester = 20 Credits = 250 Marks
Fourth Semester = 20 Credits = 250 Marks

First Semester

Course	Credits	No. of Classes (per week)
Course No. 101	4	4 (Including Tutorials)
Course No. 102	4	4 (Including Tutorials)
Course No. 103	4	4 (Including Tutorials)
Course No. 104	4	4 (Including Tutorials)
Course No. 105 (Internal Assignment)	4	8 (Including Presentations, Seminars, Library Hours)
Foundational Course: 106 CF	Non Credits	1
Total	20	25

Second Semester

Course	Credits	No. of Classes (per week)
Course No. 201	4	4 (Including Tutorials)
Course No. 202	4	4 (Including Tutorials)
Course No. 203	4	4 (Including Tutorials)
Course No. 204	4	4 (Including Tutorials)
Course No. 205 (Internal Assignment)	4	8 (Including Presentations, Seminars, Library Hours)
Foundational Course: 206 CF	Non Credits	1
Total	20	25

Third Semester

Course	Credits	No. of Classes (per week)
Course No. 301	4	5 (Including Tutorials/ Library)
Course No. 302	4	5 (Including Tutorials/ Library)
Course No. 303	4	5 (Including Tutorials/ Library)
Course No. 304	4	5 (Including Tutorials/ Library)
Course No. 305 (Optional Paper: Minor for Other Disciplines)	4	5 (Including Tutorials)
Total	20	25

Fourth Semester

Course	Credits	No. of Classes (per week)
Course No. 401	4	4 (Including Tutorials)
Course No. 402	4	4 (Including Tutorials)
Course No. 403	4	4 (Including Tutorials)
Course No. 404	4	4 (Including Tutorials)
Course No. 405 (Internal Assignment)	4	9 (Including Presentations, Seminars, Discussions, Library Hours)
Total	20	25

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Syllabus for the M.A. Degree in Political Science
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First Semester

Total 200

Paper 101/ Political Thought

Unit I: Indian

Marks 25

1. Kautilya: *Dharma*, State, Diplomacy.
2. Rammohun Roy: Liberalism--- its different dimensions.
3. Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay: Political, social, economic ideas.
4. Swami Vivekananda: man-making; nation-building.
5. Rabindranath: State and society.

Unit II: Western

Marks 25

1. Plato: Justice, ideal state.
2. Aristotle: Teleology, theory of state.
3. Machiavelli: Statecraft.
4. Hobbes: Science of politics and the reason of the state--- individual and the state.
5. Locke: empiricism; liberalism, state and civil society.

Paper 102/ Political Theory

Unit I: Liberal and post-liberal

Marks 25

1. Liberalism: different intellectual traditions.
2. L.T. Hobhouse: modern liberalism: basic tenets.
3. C. B. Macpherson: models and problems of liberal democracy.
4. Neo-liberalism: Hayek, Rawls, Nozick.

Unit II: Marxist**Marks 25**

1. Classical: Utopian and scientific.
2. State (Marx and Lenin).
3. Revolution: Marx, Lenin, Trotsky.
4. Imperialism (Marx, Lenin and Luxemburg).

Paper 103/ Comparative Politics**Unit I: Principles and approaches****Marks 25**

1. Comparative politics: meaning, nature, evolution and utility.
2. Political systems.
3. Models: Structural-functional, statistical and case-study.
4. Utility of comparative politics.

Unit II: South Asian Politics**Marks 25**

1. The concept of South Asia as a region
2. Colonial legacy: colonial and bureaucratic.
3. Problems of state-formation in South Asia.
4. Problems of Integration: SAARC, SAPTA, SAFTA.

Paper 104/ Indian Politics**Unit I: Colonial state and the national liberation movements****Marks 25**

1. Birth of liberal politics--- Indian National Congress.
2. Swadeshi movement: Moderate and extremist politics.
3. National revolutionary movements.
4. Gandhian leadership: (a) Non-cooperation; (b) Civil disobedience; (c) Quit India.

Unit II: Politics of India since Independence**Marks 25**

1. Making of the Indian Constitution: the role of the Constituent Assembly.
2. Caste and Class.
3. Politics of coalition government.

4. Regionalism in Indian politics.

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Paper 201/ Political Thought

Unit I: Indian

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1. Jawaharlal Nehru: Political and Economic ideas.
2. Subhas Bose: Political ideas.
3. Syed Ahmed Khan and Mohammad Iqbal: nationalism.
4. Syamaprasad: Educational and political ideas.

Unit II: Western

Marks 25

1. Rousseau: General Will.
2. Hegel: Metaphysical theory of the state.
3. Green: Political obligation.
4. J. S. Mill: Utilitarianism modified, liberty.

Paper 202/ Political Theory

Unit I: Liberal and Post-liberal

Marks 25

1. Communitarianism: basic tenets; concept of civic republicanism.
2. Multiculturalism: basic tenets; multiculturalism in the non-western world.
3. Post-Colonialism and Orientalism.
4. Feminism: Concept, evolution, movements.

Unit II: Marxist

Marks 25

1. Totality: Lukacs.
2. Civil Society: Marx and Gramsci.

3. Hegemony: Gramsci.
4. Critical and Neo-Critical Theory: The Frankfurt School; Legitimation crisis (Habermas).

Paper 203/ Comparative Politics

Unit I: Levels of Comparison

Marks 25

1. From comparative government to comparative politics.
2. Parties and pressure groups.
3. Political culture.
4. Democratic Rights and Human Rights.

Unit II: South Asian Politics

Marks 25

1. Democratization in South Asia--- Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan.
2. The role of military in South Asian politics--- Pakistan and Bangladesh.
3. Role of India in the emergence of Bangladesh as a nation-state.
4. Indo-Pak relations: its different dimensions.

Paper204/ Indian Politics

Unit I: Colonial and National Liberation movements

Marks 25

1. Working class movements.
2. Peasant movements.
3. Communalist movements.
4. Dalit movements.

Unit II: Indian Politics since Independence

Marks 25

1. Federalism and the states' rights.
2. Electoral reforms and Election Commission.
3. Human Rights movements.
4. Politics of environment and the concept of alternative development.

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Paper 301/ International Relations

Unit I: Theories of International Relations

Marks 25

6. Evolution of International Relations as a Discipline--- Three Great Debates.
7. Select Major Theories:
 - A. Game Theory
 - B. The Systems
 - C. Communication Theory
 - D. Decision-making Theory
8. Critical Theory, Constructivism and Postmodernism.
9. Arms Control.

Unit II: Indian Foreign Policy

Marks 25

1. Making of Indian Foreign Policy: Determinants and Main Principles.
2. Indo-US Relations: Basic Issues after the End of Cold War.
3. Sino-India Relations in the 21st Century: Issues and Prospects.
4. India as an Emerging World Power and Her Responses to the pressing Global Issues.

Paper 302/ Indian Constitution

Unit I: Constitutional Development in Colonial Era

Marks 25

5. Government of India Act, 1919.
6. Government of India Act, 1935.
7. Attempts to Resolve Constitutional Deadlock (1942-47).

8. Constituent Assembly: Its Formation and Role.

Unit II: Constitutional Development after Independence

Marks 25

5. Philosophy of the Constitution as Ensured in the Preamble.
6. Autonomy of the State and Central Investigating Agencies and Paramilitary Forces.
7. Changing Role of the Supreme Court of India
8. Constitutional Dynamism through Amendments.

Paper 303/ Indian Administration

Unit I: Administrative Development in the Colonial Period

Marks 25

1. Emergence of District as the Basic Unit of Field Administration.
2. Land Revenue Administration.
3. Administrative Reforms after 1858.
4. Evolution of Local Government in India.

Unit II: Present Indian Administration: Structure, Process and Behaviour

Marks 25

1. Secretariat and Directorate.
2. Services: Union, State and All-India.
3. Politician-Civil Servant Relationship.
4. Local Government: Urban and Rural.

Paper 304/ State and Civil Society in India (with special emphasis on West Bengal)

Unit I: Social Movements in India

Marks 25

1. Nature and Types of Civil Movements in India.
2. Gender-Based Movements in India.
3. Ecology Movements in India.
4. Issue of Child Rights.

Unit II: Contemporary Political and Social Issues in West Bengal

Marks 25

1. Refugee Phenomenon in West Bengal Politics.
2. Left Politics in West Bengal: 1977-2011.
3. Rise and Growth of All India Trinamool Congress.
4. Student Politics in West Bengal.