

HS204 Introduction to Political Science

Credit: 3-0-0-3

Prerequisite: Consent of the faculty member

Students intended for: B.Tech

Elective or Core: Elective

Semester: Even/Odd

Course objective: The course examines the intricate maze of relationships that obtain between the individual and society, their mutual rights, duties and obligations, and how these are configured broadly in a system of political order. The course focusses thus in the main on political institutions, and on issues of law and governance.

Course Content:

- Rational Optimism; the scope of decision-making and social action; types of social power; types of associations; forms of government; constitutions and the legal framework; order and change; distributive justice.
- **Current Issues:** Tolerance and Pluralism; Race, Gender & Politics of Identity, Challenges to the Liberal-Democratic Paradigm.

Method of Evaluation

Term Paper and End of Semester

Prescribed Reading

Paul F. de Lepinasse: Basic Political Concepts. Global Text Project.Jacobs Foundation. Zurich 2008.

Roskin/Cord/Madeiras/Jones: Political Science. An Introduction. (Pearson) London 2011.

Kenneth Minogue: A Very Short Introduction to Politics. (OUP) Oxford 1994.

Recommended Reading:

Gabriel Almond and Sidney Verba: *The Civic Culture Revisited* (Sage) London1989.

Aristotle: Politics. Ed. Stephen Everson. (CUP)Cambridge 1989.

Ernest Barker: Principles of Social & Political Theory. (Oxford Paperbacks)Oxford 1961.

Bernard Crick: *In Defence of Politics* (Penguin). Harmondsworth1993.

Christopher Hood: The Art of the State: Culture, Rhetoric, and Public Management(OUP) Oxford1998.

Dorothy M. Pickles: Introduction to Politics. (Methuen) London 1964.

George H. Sabine: A History of Political Theory. (Holt, Reinhart) New York 1937.

Roger Scruton: A Dictionary of Political Thought. (Macmillan) London 1982.

Anthony D. Smith: Nationalism. Theory, Ideology & History. London 2001.