



St. Xavier's College- Autonomous
Mumbai
Syllabus
For 1st Semester Courses in
Political Science
(June 2021 onwards)

Contents:

**Theory Syllabus for Courses:
APOL0101-Introduction to Politics**

FYBA

Course: APOL0101

Title -Introduction to Politics

Learning Objectives:

To understand the basic concepts.

To build a foundation for Political Science students for SYBA and TYBA.

Number of lectures: 60

Unit 1: The study of Politics

[15 Lectures]

1.1 Definitions and Nature of Political Science

1.2 Scope of Political Science

1.3 Different approaches to the study of Political Science:

- Normative Approach
- Empirical Approach
- Feminist Approach

Unit 2: The changing nature, meaning and inter-relationship of the State, Civil Society and the Market

[15 Lectures]

2.1 The State: Definition

- Constituent Elements of the State
- Distinction between the State and the Government.

2.2 The Civil Society: Definition and Meaning

- Distinction between State and Society
- Relationship between the State and Society

2.3 The Market: Meaning

- Changing role of the State
- Relationship between the State and the market

Unit 3: Power, Authority and Legitimacy

[15 Lectures]

3.1 Power

3.2 Authority

3.3 Legitimacy

Unit 4: Select Concepts

[15 Lectures]

4.1 Law

- Sources of law

4.2 Political Obligation

4.3 Resistance:

- Violent forms of resistance
- Non-Violent forms of resistance

Evaluation:

CIA-I- Test 20 Marks

CIA II- Open Book Test 20 Marks

End Semester Exam- 60 Marks

Suggested Readings:

1. Ball, Terence and Dagger. Richard: Political Ideologies and the Democratic Ideal, Fourth Edition, Longman, 2003
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3. Barry, Norman: An Introduction to Political Theory, Macmillan, London, 1981.
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6. Goodin, Robert E. and Klingemann, Hans – Dieter: A New Handbook of Political Science, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1998.
7. Heywood, Andrew: Politics, Palgrave, London.
8. Kaviraj, Sudipta and Khilnani, Sunil: Civil Society: History and Possibilities, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2001.
9. Plant, R.: Modern Political Thought, Blackwell, Oxford, 19991.