

**P.G. DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**BERHAMPUR UNIVERSITY**

**M.PHIL/PRE-PH.D. COURSE WORK STRUCTURE AND SYLLABUS**

There shall be two semesters for M.Phil. having 32 credit points and the first semester is common for both M.Phil and Pre-Ph.D. Scholars. The Pre-Ph.D. Course Work shall consists of 16 credit points.

**Semester-I (16 credits)**

The first semester consists of four courses of four credits each as detailed below.

Core Course-1: Research Methodology (Four credits)

Core Course-2: Modern Political Theory (Four credits)

Core Course-3: (Four credits)

Core Elective-1: (Four credits) (one paper to be selected from the three below)

- a. Indian Political Process: Issues and Dynamics.
- b. Women, Power and Politics.
- c. Major Debates in Contemporary World

**Semester-II (16 Credits)**

Core Course-4 Review of Research Progress (Four credits)

Dissertation- (12 credits)

**SYLLABUS**

**SEMESTER-I**

**Core Course-1: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

Unit-1: Scientific Method: Definition, Nature and Uses of Scientific Method; Quantitative Methods.

Unit – II: Hypothesis and Research Design.

Unit- III: Techniques of Data Collection: Observation, Interview, Questionnaire, Sampling.

Unit-IV: Measures of Central Tendency: Average, Types of Average, Measure: Measures of Variability: Meaning, Dispersion, Range, Frequency.

**References:**

Ranjit Kumar, Research Methodology

C.R. Kothari, Research Methodology

S.R. Vajpayee, Research Methodology

**Core Course-2: CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL THEORY**

Unit-I Debate on Decline of Political Theory and End of Ideology.

Unit-II: Liberal Theory of Democracy, Marxist Theory of Democracy.

Unit-III: Libertarianism, Communitarianism.

Unit-IV: New Left, Decline of Communism.

**References:**

Andrew Heywood, Political Theory

Peu Ghosh, Political Theory

**Core Course-3: Seminar Presentation with a review report based on Review of 05 Important Research Papers published in reputed Journals.**

Core Elective-1

**a. Indian Political Process: Issues and Dynamics.**

Unit-I: Nation Building in India – Approaches and Challenges

Unit-II: Democracy and good governance: Issues and challenges

Unit-III: New voices of a Nation: Dalits, Tribals and Women

Unit-IV: Cultural Diversity and Regional Aspirations: Growing Demands for New Statehood

**References:**

1. Pranab Bardhan “The Political economy of India”
2. Paul Brass “Politics in India since Independence”
3. Frankel Francine (ed) “Transforming India: social and Political Dynamics of Democracy
4. Nirja Gopal Jayal – Democracy in India”

## **b. : Women, Power and Politics**

**Unit-I: Approaches to understanding Feminism:**

- The sex/gender distinction. Biologism versus social constructivism
- Understanding Patriarchy
- Liberal, Socialist, Marxist, Radical feminism, New Feminist Schools/Traditions

**Unit-II: History of Feminism**

- Origins of Feminism in the West
- Women empowerment in India
- Family in contemporary India - patrilineal and matrilineal practices.
- Gender Relations in the Family, entitlements and bargaining, Property Rights

**Unit-III: Understanding Woman’s Work and Labour**

- Sexual Division of Labour- Productive and Reproductive labour,
- Visible - invisible work – Unpaid and Paid work
- Female headed households

**Unit-IV: The Indian Experience**

- Women’s participation in anti-colonial and national liberation movements in India
- Social Reforms Movement and position of women in India
- Women Politics in India with special reference to Odisha

**References:**

Jagger, Alison. (1983) *Feminist Politics and Human Nature*. U.K.: Harvester Press, pp. 25-350.

Lerner, Gerda. (1986) *The Creation of Patriarchy*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Rowbotham, Shiela. (1993) *Women in Movements*. New York and London: Routledge,

Section I, pp. 27-74 and 178-218.

Jayawardene, Kumari. (1986) *Feminism and Nationalism in the Third World*. London: Zed Books, pp. 1-24, 71-108, and Conclusion.

### **c. : Major Debates in Contemporary World**

#### **Unit-I: Debates on role of the State**

1. Are coercive dimensions of state justified?
2. Is democracy compatible with economic growth?
3. Does affirmative action/ protective discrimination violate principles of equality and justice?
4. Should the State intervene in the institutions of the family?

#### **Unit-II Debates on changing dimensions of society-I**

5. How do we accommodate diversity in plural society? Issues of multiculturalism and toleration.
6. On what grounds is censorship justified and what are its limits?

#### **Unit-III: Debates on changing dimensions of society-II**

7. Is abolition of capital punishment justified?
8. Are all the humanitarian interventions ethical, legal and legitimate?

#### **Unit-IV: Debates on issues in contemporary world**

9. Is political irresponsibility of governments created the global environment hazards?
10. Are human rights universal in the context of cultural relativism?
11. Are global inequalities, violence, conflict, identity crisis, war and Terrorism drives the world apart?

#### **References:**

- Eckersley, R. (1992) *Environmentalism and Political Theory: Towards an Ecocentric Approach*, London: UCL Press, pp. 1-71.
- Clark, M. (1993) 'Environmentalism', in Bellamy, R. (ed.) *Theories and Concepts in Politics: An Introduction*. New York: Manchester University Press, pp. 243-264.

# SYLLABUS

## SEMESTER-II

### **Core Course- 4: Review of Research Progress**

(Four presentations based on the Dissertation carrying one credit per presentation to be presented every month during the period of writing the Dissertation)

Unit-I: Presentation on Research Proposal (Overall)

Unit-II: Presentation on Review of Literature on the Topic

Unit-III: Presentation on Methodology and Plan of Research Findings

Unit-IV: Presentation of Final Dissertation or Pre-Submission of Dissertation

**Evaluation:** The candidate has to present his/her work before the department RAC periodically and submit a report at the end of each presentation. The Dept. RAC will evaluate each report and send the overall grade secured by the candidate along with the dissertation to the Controller of Examinations, Berhampur University at the end of the Second Semester.

**DISSERTATION: 12 Credits**