L. D. Arts College (Autonomous), Ahmedabad

Detailed Syllabus

Curriculum Designed for:	**Self-Finance Programme: UG**
Semester: 2	**Course Code: 121 |** **Course Title: Political Theory**
Credits: 4	**Course Category: Major Course-1**

Course Objectives:

Number	Objective
Objective 1:	To clarify the meaning, types and significance of Liberty, Equality, Rights, Duties, Law and Justice.
Objective 2:	To examine the role of these concepts in the political and civic life of the state.
Objective 3:	To develop a critical understanding of rights and duties as citizens in a constitutional democracy.
Objective 4:	To contextualise classical political concepts within contemporary Indian and global realities.
Objective 5:	To build analytical thinking essential for advanced study in Political Science and International Relations.

Course Outcomes: On successful completion of the course, the learner will be able to

CO#	Cognitive Abilities	Course Outcomes
CO1	REMEMBERING	Explain the meaning, types and relevance of Liberty and its relationship with Law.
CO2	UNDERSTANDING	Analyse the dimensions of Equality and Justice in a democratic society.
CO3	APPLYING	Distinguish between various types of Rights and Duties and their constitutional significance.
CO4	ANALYSING	Examine the sources, types and contemporary dimensions of Law.

CO5	EVALUATING	Critically evaluate the relevance of these concepts in the context of digital governance, social justice and human rights.

Course Contents:

Unit No.	Unit Contents	Sessions Allotted
1	**Unit 1: Liberty** • Meaning, Definition and Significance of Liberty • Types of Liberty (Civil, Political, Economic, National) • Liberty and Law: Their Relationship • Liberty in the Contemporary World: Freedom of Speech and Digital Rights • Liberty under Emergency Provisions (Indian context) • Surveillance, Privacy and Civil Liberties	15
2	**Unit 2: Equality and Justice** • Meaning, Types and Dimensions of Equality (Social, Political, Economic, Legal) • Relationship between Liberty and Equality • Meaning, Importance and Types of Justice • Justice in the Contemporary Era: Social Justice and Affirmative Action (Indian context) • Gender Justice and Constitutional Provisions • Distributive Justice: Rawls' Theory (introductory)	15
3	**Unit 3: Rights and Duties** • Meaning and Importance of Rights • Types of Rights: Civil, Political, Economic, Social, Cultural • Fundamental Rights under the Indian Constitution • Meaning and Types of Duties • Rights and Duties in the Digital Age: Human Rights in the 21st Century • Right to Information and Right to Privacy • Fundamental Duties (Article 51A) – Indian context	15
4	**Unit 4: Law** • Meaning, Definition and Main Characteristics of Law • Sources of Law (Custom, Legislation, Precedent, Equity) • Types of Law (Constitutional, Civil, Criminal, International) • Law in the Contemporary Context: Rule of Law and Its Relevance in India • Cyber Law and Digital Regulation (introductory) • Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Mechanisms	15

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