



# South Calcutta Girls' College

## DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

### Four-Year (Honours and Honours with Research) Programme

### PROGRAMME OUTCOME (PO) 2023-2024

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> SEMESTER (CCF, 2022)

- Educate students about normative political values, concepts, and debates centered on these along with political processes, theories, governments in India and other countries, and about international relations between those countries.
- Prepare students for a variety of careers or graduate and professional degree programs in fields such as law, bureaucracy, education, politics, policy, civil society, and business.
- Open up the window of the United Nations career before our students. The opportunities in the United Nations are like being a part of any UN programme, internship, or volunteer programme.
- It also inculcates values of debate, discussion, and the spirit of constitutionalism.
- Students are prepared to aspire to administrative services
- Students are made capable of opting for academic research in contemporary and dynamic fields
- Data analysis for Voting behavior and survey work are prospective areas where students can get job opportunities.
- Creates job opportunities for various official posts in the parliament or Bidhan Sabha or local bodies i.e. corporations, municipalities, and panchayats.
- Students are prepared for legal studies.
- So, in a nutshell by pursuing this programme students not only have a great chance to update and enhance their skills and employability quotient but also they can look forward to hiring early career so that they can use their knowledge, skills, and ambition to make significant changes in our societies.



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### PROGRAMME SPECIFIC OUTCOME (PSO) 2023-2024

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#### DSC/CC 1/ Political Theory: Foundational Concepts

This course trains the students in several different critical skills that will help them succeed in almost any career. This political theory course train them in analytical thinking, an essential skill for almost all attractive careers. The study helps the students in planning further for appearing for government or administrative services exams. The PSO of different topics of the above-mentioned paper are as follows:

- Understand the basic concepts and ideological orientations of political science.
- Understand the entry points through which the political is interpreted
- Understand the core concepts that guide the theorization of politics
- Understand how theory relates to practice.
- Understand the basic concept of Politics, the meaning and implication of the term 'political are to be properly comprehended.
- It helps in developing political awareness and enhancing informed decision-making power.
- Understanding politics and defining political allows students to actively participate in democracy. This can range from voting in elections to participating in peaceful protests or even running for office.
- Analyse the important elements of the state, nation and sovereignty.
- Discuss concepts like law, liberty, equality and their interrelationships.
- It enhances critical thinking skills. It encourages us to question information, consider different perspectives, and make reasoned arguments regarding events and issues having political connotations.
- Political science, the systematic and rigorous study of politics and government, is becoming increasingly crucial in a complex and controversial world. The Bachelor of Arts in Political Science program is designed to equip students with specialized research and analytical skills as well as familiarity with more generalized problem-solving skills sufficient to allow them to

make valuable contributions to any vocation or enterprise they pursue and to ensure that they will be prepared to solve public problems.

- A bachelor's degree in Political Science can lead to exciting careers in federal state and local governments; law, business, and international organizations; non-profit associations and organizations; campaign management, electoral politics, and polling; journalism; and last but certainly not least research and teaching.
- Along with it the graduation degree in Political Science acquaints students to inculcate various citizenship values like- empathy, cooperation, tolerance, and leadership quality, gender sensitization making them responsible for nation-building and developing in them law-abidingness.
- Students will have an overall conception of law, justice, freedom, political obligation and citizenship, commensurate for those aspiring careers in Law, Civil Services, including Police service, Political analysis, academics, and journalism.
- Building overall consciousness regarding democracy and its relevance in the contemporary world.

### **SEC-1 Democratic Awareness through Legal Literacy**

- The SEC course generates a basic understanding of legal terms and creates democratic awareness by making citizens legally literate.
- Students acquire knowledge regarding some specific legal acts.
- For students aspiring for careers in Law, Police services, journalism, corporate law, academics, NGO, business, and entrepreneurship, as well as students interested in studying or researching on IKS, pertinent in the context of Nyay Sanhita, Manu scripts etc.
- Use legal skills to understand various domestic, civic, social, and environmental challenges.
- Compare and contrast between preservation of human rights and anti-terrorism laws
- Acquire knowledge of laws related to the right to information, consumer protection and cybercrimes.

### **IDC Understanding Governance**

- Students find interest in the methods, models and implications of the dynamism of governance
- The opportunities pertaining to transparent electronic governance are grasped by the students
- India's transformation in the sustainable development era helps students understand the need to attain SDGs and as part of it green governance is mandatory.
- Students of Political Science, Economics, Sociology, Environmental Studies, Law and Public Administration in addition to any other discipline are suited for this course. They can pursue

careers in Civil Services, political, market and economic analysts, and NGOs as well as be involved in participatory work as interns at different levels of governance as part of the civil society.



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COURSE OUTCOME (CO) 2023-2024

1<sup>ST</sup> SEMESTER (CCF, 2022)

**DSC/CC 1/ Political Theory: Foundational Concepts**

## **Module I**

### **Topic 1: Conceptualising the *Political*. Power and Authority**

- To understand the basic concept of Politics, the meaning and implication of the term 'political' are to be properly comprehended. Learning this topic following outcomes may be recorded:
- It helps in developing political awareness and enhancing informed decision-making power.
- Understanding politics and defining *political* allows students to actively participate in democracy. This can range from voting in elections to participating in peaceful protests or even running for office.
- It enhances critical thinking skills. It encourages us to question information, consider different perspectives, and make reasoned arguments regarding events and issues having political connotations.
- The concept of power and the power struggle is the basis of Politics. To know how power becomes legitimized, one must understand the difference between power to and power over as well as the concept of dominance and authority. This topic helps in building the consciousness of the students about how domination can be ended or questioned and to become aware of one's duty to respect legitimized authority.

### **Topic 2: State, Nation, Sovereignty**

- Concepts attempts to familiarize the students with the most significant aspects related to the discipline of Political Science.
- These vital aspects are intended to build the intellectual foundation of the students of Political Science.
- Develop the skills required to understand and assess the critical concepts in Political Theory.

### **Topic 3: Law, Liberty and Equality (Interrelationships)**

- Understand the contemporary approaches to the study of politics.
- Develop critical and reflective analysis and interpretation of social practices.
- Assess the critical and contemporary debates in Political Theory.
- Understand the relationship between law, liberty and equality.

## **Module II**

### **Topic 4: Rights; Justice (main focus on Rawls); Freedom.**

- This topic enables the students to learn the basic tenets of justice, principles of Rawlsian justice and their impact on the holistic corpus of justice.
- Students will also learn the principles and types of freedom, implications and relevance for citizens.

### **Topic 5: Democracy (including classifications of David Held); Authoritarianism**

- Democracy (including classifications of David Held); Authoritarianism.
- Analyze the notion of democracy with its relevance to politics.
- Classify different models of democracy from ancient types to contemporary ones.
- Assess the concept of dictatorship and compare democracy and dictatorship.

### **Topic 6: Political obligation. Citizenship**

- This topic enables students to learn the obligations of citizens towards the political system.
- This topic will also teach them the concept of citizenship, the process of acquisition of citizenship as well as the methods by which citizenship can be revoked.

## **SEC-1 Democratic Awareness through Legal Literacy**

### **Module I**

#### **Topic 1: Basic understanding: Legal provisions of FIR, General Diary, Arrest, Bail, Search, and Seizure. Evidence and Criminal Procedure Code.**

- This topic will generate general awareness among students regarding the fundamental legal provisions like FIR, General Diary, Arrest, Bail, Search, Seizure, evidence, and criminal procedure court as well as their applications.

## **Topic 2: Laws on offences against women, children and adolescents, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes**

- This topic helps undergraduate students acquire knowledge about different legal provisions about the weaker sections of society like women, children and adolescents, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and to make them aware of duties to explore opportunities and challenges.
- Female students are often unaware of the legal consequences of different crimes that are committed against them. This topic makes them understand in detail the nature of such various gender-based offences and the rooms for their redressal.
- It helps the children and backward classes in the same way when different crimes are committed which threaten their existence.

## **Topic 3: Personal laws and customary law in India (overview)**

- Understand deeply rooted in the socio-cultural fabric of Indian communities, has evolved over centuries, shaping and being shaped by the lives of the people it governs.
- Delves into the essence, significance and contemporary relevance of customary law in India, illuminating its role in the legal system and the challenges it faces in the modern era.

## **Topic 4: Labour Laws (Overview); Environmental Laws (Overview)**

- Describe fundamental concepts and nature of Industrial Relations.
- To understand the nature and role of trade unions for workers and industries.
- To study the relevance of collective bargaining and its impact on employee-management relations.
- This topic also seeks to introduce to students the fundamental features of the legal regime governing labour rights in India.
- It provides a nuanced understanding of the fundamental paradox of the discipline of Labour Law in India in as much as it is over-legislated and workers are under-protected.
- This topic has been designed to underscore the interconnectedness of different elements of labour protection.
- Environmental degradation is the pressing problem of our age. Studying environmental laws not only fulfils the need to understand our surroundings but also its protection.
- It generates environmental consciousness among students as well.

## **Module II**

### **Topic 5: Laws related to contract and consumer rights**

- This topic educates students about the basic legal concepts related to contract law and provisions of consumer rights.

### **Topic 6: Laws on cybercrime:**

- In the present digital world, people are very vulnerable to the threats of cybercrime. This topic helps in understanding what is considered as cyber crimes, and what are the laws associated with them; How undergraduate students can become soft targets and how to get rid of such problems.
- A digitally empowered citizen having legal consciousness regarding its pitfalls is the most challenging outcome of this topic.

### **Topic 7: Anti-Terrorist Laws: Implications for security and human rights**

- Develop an understanding of Human Rights from a comparative perspective.
- To understand the anti-terrorist laws which will protect security and human rights.
- To understand the areas in which terrorism and counter-terrorism strategies threaten human security.
- These laws develop an understanding of a legal framework to strengthen administrative, operational, and judicial means to fight terrorism.

### **Topic 8: Laws related to the Right to information:**

- The learning outcome of this topic is to make students aware of their rights to know the information concerning their interests and to know its importance in endorsing the transparency of governance.

## **IDC: Understanding Governance**

### **Module I**

#### **Topic 1. Governance: meaning, genesis, evolution and importance. ‘Government’ and ‘Governance’**

- Understand the idea of governance in the context of the present Indian scenario.
- Develop an understanding of the recent development of Public Administration.
- Delves into the paradigm shift from government to governance.
- Able to differentiate between government and governance.
- Understand the genesis, and evolution of the concept of governance.

#### **Topic 2: Idea of ‘Good Governance’. Relations with development and democracy:**

- Interdisciplinary courses are designed to address students of different disciplines while bridging the gaps between and among courses.
- Understanding governance is a prerequisite for participating in the governance process as well as for demanding responsiveness from the mechanisms associated with governance.



- This topic facilitates an understanding of the importance of the concept of good governance and its practice, which is essential for students across disciplines.

### **Topic 3: Role of State, Market & Civil Society since 1990s (with some focus on India)**

- This topic will enrich students across a variety of disciplines, both inter-disciplinary and multidisciplinary, by facilitating the understanding of governance in India in theory and practice, particularly in the context of globalization, liberalization, and privatization.
- The focus on state, market, and civil society since the 1990s (post-globalization phase ) in India also provides a comparative approach to the study of governance.

## **Module II**

### **Topic 4: Major issues in Governance I: People's Participation. Public Service Delivery**

- Understand the importance of accountability and responsiveness of the government.
- It makes students better appreciate that hard choices need to be made. Such awareness promotes the maturing of democracy.
- Analyze the role of people's participation in governance with special reference to India.
- Comprehends the changing image of citizens from mere recipients of development into active participants in the process of development.

### **Topic 5: Major issues in governance II : Citizen's Charter; RTI**

- This topic will enrich students across a variety of disciplines, both inter-disciplinary and multidisciplinary, by facilitating the understanding of governance In theory and practice.
- It will make the students aware of citizen's rights, duties, and obligations and how to exercise their Right to Information. They can pursue careers in Civil Services, political analysts, Law, and NGOs as well as be involved in participatory work as interns at different levels of governance.

### **Topic 6: E-Governance. Green Governance. [Major features, Case Studies and challenges]**

- Studying E-governance helps in understanding the concept and significance of e-governance; its various stages, models and challenges. E-governance in the Indian context helps students to understand its various advantages and opportunities.
- Green governance helps in building green consciousness among students. This approach explores governance modes that achieve the goal of sustainable development in India. Young minds can best serve in this direction. An initial knowledge development by studying this topic contributes towards endorsing green governance in the country too.

