

Introduction to Political Science

Faculty	Course Type	Credits	Prerequisites	Semester
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Brief Overview

This first paper of the Political Science and Public Policy major / minor will introduce students to the fundamental principles of the discipline. It has been designed to provide students with the tools necessary for the study of Political Science as an academic discipline and an applied field. Units in this course will cover fundamental concepts such as the State, Sovereignty, Liberty, Equality, Democracy, Rights and Political Obligation, Power and Legitimacy, National Interest, Civil Society, Civil Disobedience and Revolution.

Course Objectives

Students in this course will be able to –

- Demonstrate an understanding of the fundamental concepts of Political Science, to aid them in their further study of the discipline.
- Understand and relate the current political affairs to the theories learnt in class.

Teaching Methodology

The course is conducted mostly through interaction based lecture method, with regular Teach-A-Class by the students, where a group of students take that particular lecture in the manner in which they desire. Moreover, the course includes film screenings and analyses, case studies, etc.

Requirements

Students are expected to –

- Complete all required reading for each scheduled class as per the course outline,
- Actively participate in class activities and discussions, and
- Complete all evaluative processes for successful course completion!