



ADIKAVI NANNAYA UNIVERSITY :: RAJAHMAHENDRAVARAM
B.A. Political Science Syllabus (w.e.f: 2020-21 A.Y)

B.A	Semester: IV	Credits: 4
Course: 5	WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT	Hrs/Wk: 5

Learning Outcomes:

On successful completion of the course the students will be able to:

- Understand the fundamental contours classical, western political philosophy, basic features of medieval political thought and shift from medieval to modern era.
- Understand the Social Contract Theory and appreciate its implications on the perception of State in terms of its purposes and role.
- Acquaint with the Liberal and Marxist philosophy and analyze some trends in Western Political Thought.
- Critically analyse the evolution of western political thought.

UNIT I:

ANCIENT GREEK POLITICAL THOUGHT:

1. Plato-Rule of Philosopher Kings-Theory of Justice-Ideal State and Education
2. Aristotle-Theory of State-Classification of Governments-Citizenship, Slavery and Theory of Revolutions.

UNIT II:

MEDIEVAL AND MODERN POLITICAL THOUGHT:

1. St. Augustine-Theory of Two Cities.
2. Niccolo Machiavelli-State and Statecraft.

UNIT III:

CONTRACTUAL POLITICAL THOUGHT:

1. Thomas Hobbes- Social Contract and Absolute Sovereignty.
2. John Locke- Human Nature, State of Nature, Social Contract, Natural Rights and Limited Government.
3. Jean Jacques Rousseau- Human Nature, State of Nature, Social Contract, General Will and Popular Sovereignty

UNIT IV:

UTILITARIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT:

1. Jermy Bentham-Theory of Utility, Law and Reforms.
2. J.S.Mill-Theory of Liberty and Representative Government.

UNIT V:

MARXIST POLITICAL THOUGHT:

1. Karl Marx-Dialectical Materialism, Theory of Surplus Value and Class Struggle.
2. Antonio Gramsci-Hegemony and Civil Society.