

**B. A. Political Science
Level 7 (Fifth Semester)
Comparative Politics**

Discipline Specific Elective

Course Code: POL7103T

Contact hours per week: 6

Course Credits: 6

Maximum Marks: 100

Examination Duration: 3 hours

Internal: 20 External: 80

Course Objective:

The course is to be studied with reference to concepts, theories and the historical experiments of developing countries as well as advanced developed countries. A central concern of the course is to discern the Eurocentric bias in the field of comparative politics, and to identify the processes of de-centring which have reconfigured the field in significant ways.

Course Outcome:

At the end of the course the students should have acquired a basic understanding of the basic concepts and approaches to the study of comparative politics. More specifically the course will try and turn students' focus on examining politics in a historical framework while engaging with various themes of comparative analysis in developed and developing countries. They should also be able to comprehend the Eurocentric bias to the study and be able to analyze the process of decentering.

Course Contents

- Unit 1 Comparative Politics : Meaning, Scope and Nature
- Unit 2 Evolution of Comparative Politics
- Unit 3 Executive : British King and the Crown; British Prime Minister and Cabinet; President of France
- Unit 4 Legislature : U.S. Congress; Swiss Federal Assembly
- Unit 5 Role of Communist Party in China

तुलनात्मक राजनीति

- इकाई 1 तुलनात्मक राजनीति : अर्थ, क्षेत्र एवं प्रकृति
- इकाई 2 तुलनात्मक राजनीति का विकास;
- इकाई 3 कार्यपालिका : ब्रिटिश सम्राट और राजमुकुट, ब्रिटिश प्रधानमंत्री और मन्त्रिमण्डल, फ्रांस के राष्ट्रपति
- इकाई 4 व्यवस्थापिका : संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका की कांग्रेस; स्विस् संघीय व्यवस्थापिका;
- इकाई 5 चीन में साम्यवादी दल की भूमिका

Recommended Readings

1. G.Almond et. al., Comparative Politics Today : A World View, 7th edn., New York, London, Harper/Collins, 2000.
2. A.H.Brich, British System of Government, 4th edn., London, George Allen and Unwin, 1980.
3. J.Blondel, An Introduction to Comparative Government, London, Weidenfeld and Nicolson, 1969.
4. H.Finer, Theory and Practice of Modern Government, London, Methuen, 1969.
5. S.E.Finer, Comparative Government, Harmondsworth, Penguin, 1974.
6. H.C.Huiton, An Introduction to Chinese Politics, London, David and Charles, 1973.
7. H.J.Laski, American Democracy: A Commentary and An Interpretation, London, Unwin, 1948.
8. A.Lijphart, (ed.), Parliamentary Versus Presidential Government, Oxford and New York, Oxford University Press, 1992.
9. H.G.Nicolas, The Nature of American Politics, 2nd edn., Oxford, The Clarendon Press, 1996.
10. V.Wright, Government and Politics of France, 3rd edn., London, Unwin Hyman, 1989.
11. W.Zhang, Transforming China: Economic Reforms and its Political Implications, New York, St. Martin's Press, 2000.

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