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Department of Political Science

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### PhD in Humanities & Social Sciences: Political Science

**UNIT-I: Political Theory** – Concepts: Liberty, Equality, Justice, Rights, Democracy, and Traditions: Liberalism, Conservatism, Socialism, Marxism, Feminism, Ecologism, Multiculturalism, Postmodernism

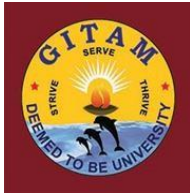
**UNIT-II: Political Thought** – Indian: Kautilya, Buddha, Barani, Kabir, Ramabai, BG Tilak, Vivekananda, Tagore, Gandhi, Aurobindo, Periyar E.V. Ramasamy, Muhammad Iqbal, M.N. Roy, V.D. Savarkar, Ambedkar, JL Nehru, Ram Manohar Lohia, Jaya Prakash Narayan and Western: Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Hegel, Mary Wollstonecraft, John Stuart Mill, Karl Marx, Gramsci, Hannah Arendt, Frantz Fanon, Mao Zedong, John Rawls.

### UNIT-III: Comparative Political Analysis Approaches:

Institutional, Political Culture, Political Economy and New Institutionalism; Comparative Methods Colonialism and decolonization, State theories, globalization and nations-states Political regimes and non-democratic regimes, Constitutions and Constitutionalism, Development, Structures of Power, Political Parties and Party System, Interest groups, Social movements, new social movements, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and civil society campaigns; Revolutions.

**International Relations** – Approaches: Idealism, Realism, Structural Marxism, Neoliberalism, Social Constructivism, Critical International Theory, Feminism, Postmodernism – Concepts: State and Non state actors, Power, Sovereignty, Security – United Nations – Political Economy: Globalization, North-South Dialogue, WTO, G-20, BRICS – Contemporary Challenges: International Terrorism, Climate Change and Environment Concerns, Human Rights, Migration and Refugees, Poverty and Development; Role of Religion, Culture and Identity Politics.

**UNIT-IV: Indian Politics and Governance** – Indian Constitution: Philosophy and Process – Identity Politics – Social Movements – Electoral Politics - Making of the Indian Constitution - Constituent Assembly - Debates Philosophy of the Constitution - Basic Structure Debate - Constitutional Amendments - Union Executive - Council of Ministers Union Parliament - Judicial Review, Judicial Activism, Judicial Reform - Executive and Legislature in the States Federalism in India - Inter-State Council, Emerging Trends - Electoral Process and Election Commission of India - Constitutional and Statutory Bodies - State, Economy and Development Process of Globalisation - Social Movements - Regionalisation of Indian Politics -Political Parties



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**UNIT-V: Public Administration** – Meaning and evolution - public and private administration  
Approaches: System Theory, Decision Making, Ecological Approach  
Public administration theories and concepts: Scientific Management Theory, Rational Choice theory, New Public Administration, Development Administration, Comparative Public Administration, New Public Management - changing nature of Public Administration in the era of liberalisation and Globalisation - Theories and Principles of Organization: Scientific Management Theory, Bureaucratic Theory, Human Relations Theory - Managing the organization: Theories of leadership and motivation - Organisational Communication: Theories and Principles, Chester Bernard - Principles of Communication, Information Management in the organization  
Managing Conflict in the Organization: Mary Parker Follett  
Management by Objectives- Peter Drucker.

#### Suggested Readings:

1. Andrew Heywood, *Political Theory: An Introduction*, Third Edition, Palgrave Macmillan, London 2005, Chapter 3.
2. Andrew Shorten, *Contemporary Political Theory*, Palgrave Macmillan, London, 2016.
3. G H Sabine, *A History of Political Theory*, Oxford and IBH, 1973.
4. J. S. McClelland, *A History of Western Political Thought*, Routledge, London and New York, 1996.
5. L.D. White, *Introduction to the study of Public Administration*, 1926.
6. Aneek Chatterjee, *International Relations Today: Concepts and Applications*, 2010
7. John Baylis and Steve Smith, *The Globalization of World Politics*, 2014
8. Niraja Gopal Jayal and Pratap Bhanu Mehta, *The Oxford Companion to Politics in India*. 2011
9. M. Laxmikanth, *Governance in India*, 2019.