

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science and Technology University, Gopalganj
Department of Political Science
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First Year: **Semester II**

Course No.	Course Title	Marks	Credits
PS113	Western Political Thought (Modern)	100	3.0
PS121	Oriental Political Thought (Ancient and Medieval)	100	3.0
PAD 115	Public Administration in Bangladesh	100	3.0
PS123	Approaches to the study of Political Science	100	3.0
PS 131	Political Sociology	100	3.0
ENG 117	Fundamentals of English	100	3.0
PS 139	Viva-Voce	50	2.0
	Total	650	20

The Department

The Department of Political Science notes that the subject of rationality and its relationship to socio-political order is one of the major concern of western political theory as may readily seen in the works of Marx, Dhurkheim and Weber and their modern heirs. The progressive accumulation of reason evidenced in material practice and its evolution into higher forms of cognitive and social integration have often caused us to overlook its sinister aspect. The emancipatory potential of reason so strongly stressed by some thinkers has to be balanced by Weber's pessimism. Many recent theoretical debates in social science are concerned explicitly or implicitly with the concept of culture, with the nature and organization of societies as system of publicly sustained meaning and with the processes where by socio-political life is rendered coherent and intelligible. In the developing countries has not been an uninterrupted one in the history of modern political thought. The concepts of political structure and political system, the subject of Political Science has for the most part been unconcerned with the question of culture. However, recently such a concern did emerge towards the elaboration of theories concerning the cultural character and dimensions of contemporary socio-political life. The Department of Political Science will consider the critiques of western political theories and examines the relationship between mood of thought and socio-political structure. It will also explore the relationship of rationality to both power and ideology and examine the power of ideology as well as ideology of power. Thus the Department of Political Science considers the possibility of a search for knowledge.

The students of B.S.S (Honours) of Political Science Department will be acquainted with the state of such knowledge and will interact with the people through research and field work for relevant courses. Thus students will be able to share people's thinking, belief, perceptions and experiences as well.

The department of Political Science is established in 2017. Currently department offers B.S.S (Honours) program. Each year about 95 students enroll in the B.S.S (Honours) program. The medium of instruction is both Bengali and English.

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PS113 Western Political Thought (Modern)

Topics

Introduction: Socio-economic background of Modern Political Thought

Rise of modern nation state: Machiavelli, Hobbes; Industrial Capitalism and Growth of Modern Bourgeoisie; John Locke, Montesquieu, Rousseau

1789: French Revolution.

Liberalism and Utilitarianism: Bentham; John Stuart Mill; and Thomas Green

Socialist Thoughts: Utopian Socialism, St Simon, Robert Owen, Fabian Socialism and Hegelian Idealism

Marxism: Marx, Lenin, Stalin and Mao-Tse-Tung

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PS121 Oriental Political Thought (Ancient and Medieval)

Topics

Ancient Indian Political Thought – Background; Sources.

Brahmanic, Buddhist and Jain Traditions: Sacred Law.

Concept of State and Government.

Kautilya and Arthashastra.

Ancient Chinese Political Thought: Confucianism, Taoism.

Mediaeval Sub-Continental Political Thought: Atish Dipinkar, Abul Fazal- Ain-E-Akbari, Akbar the Great – Din-E-Elahi.

Arab Political Thought: Sources and Background – Al-Farabi, Ibne-Rushd, Ibne Sina, Ibne Khaldun, Imam Gazzali, Nizamul Mulk-Tusi, Imam Abu Zar Ghafari, Iman Ibn Tayamia.

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PAD 115 Public Administration in Bangladesh

Topics

Philosophy of the Constitution: Constitution of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and its Provisions Relating to Public Administration.

Historical Background of Public Administration in Bangladesh: (i) The Structure and Organization of Public Administration in British India (ii) State of Public Administration in United Pakistan (ii) Government Organs and their interrelationship (iv) Secretariat Set-up, Ministries, Divisions, Departments, Autonomous and Semi-Autonomous Bodies/Agencies- Structure, Functions and Relationship (v) Field Administration in Bangladesh: District and Upazilla Administration- Structure, Functions, Control and Coordination (vi) Public Administration System in Bangladesh.

Bangladesh Civil Service: (i) Inter-cadre Conflict (ii) Accountability and Transparency (ii) Administrative Corruption.

Politics-Administration Interface: Role of Bureaucracy in Public Policy Formulation and Implementation.

Role of the Central Personnel Agencies: The Ministry of Establishment and Bangladesh Public Service Commission.

Public Corporation: Problems and Prospects.

Field of Public Administration in Bangladesh: Problems and Issues, BPATC.

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PS123 Approaches to the study of Political Science

Topics

Politics: Meaning, Nature and Scope, Traditional and Behavioral Perspectives, Post-Behaviouralism and its limitations.

Approaches to the study of politics: System Analysis, Structural-Functional Analysis, Elite Theory, Rational Choice Theory, Group Theory, Role Theory, Decision-Making Theory, Conflict Theory, Game Theory, Communication Theory, Psychological Approaches. Marxist and Neo-Marxist Approaches.

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PS 131 Political Sociology

Topics

Political Sociology: meaning, scope and growth, Its relation with Social Sciences.

Basic Concepts: Politics, Political System, Society, Community, Association, Institution. Groups- primary and secondary; Reference Groups, In-Groups and Out Groups; Culture and Civilization. The mass society.

Social Structure: Social Stratification – Social conflict – Social Mobilization.

Influence and Power.

Political Leadership: Elite Theories-Classical and Modern. Criticisms against Elite Theory.

Authority, Bureaucracy: dysfunction's of Bureaucracy.

Political Culture: Political socialization and participation.

Political Violence and Terrorism, Drug Trade.

Political Party and Pressure Group.

Ideology and Change: Political Beliefs and Values- Fanaticism, Communalism, Secularism.

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ENG 117 Fundamentals of English

Topics

1. Reading and Understanding: Comprehension (From an unseen Passage)
2. Grammar: Questions to be answered
 - a) Use of Right form of Verbs
 - b) Use of Articles
 - c) Use of Appropriate Preposition
 - d) Transformation of Sentences
 - e) Idioms and Phrases
 - f) Framing WH Question
 - h) Communicating English (Notions/functions)
 - i) Voice Change
 - j) Structure

Writing Skill:

1. Paragraph Writing (Principles and types)
2. Letter Writing: (Personal, Social, Official, Commercial and Resume Diplomatic)
3. Translation: English to Bengali Bengali to English
4. Essay Writing
5. English for the professional purpose

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