Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science and Technology University, Gopalganj

Department of Political Science
1st Year, 2nd Semester-2018

First Year:  **Semester II**

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**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, Durkheim 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.
First Year: Semester II
PS113  Western Political Thought (Modern)
Topics
Introduction: Socio-economic background of Modern Political Thought
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
Book Reference
• Arnold Brecht, Political Theory: The Foundation of Twentieth Century Political Thought, Bombay: Times of India Press, 1970.
• Karl Marks, Das Kapital, India: Atlantic Books, 13 July 2006.
• John H Halloweal, Main Currents in Modern political Thought, London, 1963.

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.
Kantilya and Arthashastra.
Ancient Chinese Political Thought: Confucianism, Taoism.
Arab Political Thought: Sources and Background – Al-Farabi, Ibne-Rushd, Ibne Sina, Ibne Khaldun, Imam Gazzali, Nizamul Mulk-Tusi, Imam Abu Zar Ghafari, Imam Ibn Tayamia.
Book Reference
• Bhasker Anand Selatore, Ancient Indian Political Thought and Institutions, Asia Pub. House, 1963.

PAD 115  Public Administration in Bangladesh  
**Topics**


**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 (iii) 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 (iii) 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.  

**Book Reference**

• E. Ahmed (Ed.), *Bureaucratic elites in segmented economic growth- Pakistan and Bangladesh*. Dhaka: University Press.
• ড. মকসুদুর রহমান (২০১৩) রাষ্ট্রীয় সংগঠনের রূপরেখা। ঢাকা: আলেয়া প্রকাশ।

**PS123** Approaches to the study of Political Science

**Topics**

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


**Book Reference**

• এমাজউদ্দীন আহমদ (১৯৯৫) তুলনামূলক রাজনীতি: রাজনৈতিক বিশ্লেষণ, ঢাকা: বাংলাদেশ বুক কর্পোরেশন লিঃ।

**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.

**Book Reference**

• মুহাম্মদ ইয়াহিয়া আখতার, রাজনৈতিক সংস্কৃতি ও সামাজিককরণের প্রস্তুতি বাংলাদেশ, ঢাকা: নিবেদন পাবলিকেশন, ১৯৮৯।

**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

**Reference**
01. Ahammed, Sadruddin: *Learning English, the Easy Way*
02. A. J. Thomson and A Martinet: *A Practical English Grammar*
03. Murphy, R: *Intermediate English Grammar*
04. A.S. Hornby: *Guide to Patterns and Usage of English*
05. Barnet Stubbs: *Practical Guide to Writing*
06. A.S. Hornby: *Oxford Advance Learner’s Dictionary*
07. Imhoop, M: *From Paragraph to Essay*