

**B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE
SYLLABUS
(CBSC Common Core Syllabus under CBCS)**

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**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
KAKATIYA UNIVERSITY
WARANGAL-506009, TELANGANA**

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I St Semester Paper – I

Understanding Political Theory

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- » Debates on Political Theory.
- a) Normative b) Empirical

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- » Authoritative Allocation of Values.
- » Sovereign State: Challenges.
- » Policy Analysis and Governance.

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- » Equality: - A) Liberal B) Marxist C) Feminist
- » Justice: - A) Liberal B) Marxist C) Feminist
- » Political Decision Making.

Unit-IV: Political Ideologies.

- » Liberalism.
- » Nationalism.
- » Multiculturalism.
- » Identity Politics.

Unit- V: Political Institutions and Functions.

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- » Role of Bureaucracy.
- » Political Parties, Pressure Groups.
- » Media and Cyber Security.

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- » Plato: - Concept of Justice, Ideal State, Education and Communism.
- » Aristotle: - Forms of Governments, On Revolutions, Slavery, Best state.

Unit- II: Medieval and Early Modern Thought.

- » Thomas Aquinas: - Christianized Aristotle.
- » Church – State Controversy, Secularism.
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Unit-III: Social Contractualists.

- » Thomas Hobbes: - Individualism and Absolute (State) Sovereignty.
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- » Jeremy Bentham: - Utilitarian Principals, Hedonism.
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Unit- V: Marxism and Feminist Thought.

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Annexure – I (Credits)

Proposed CBCS Structure from 2025-26 for Under Graduate Courses

Courses		Paper s	Total Credits	Credits for each paper / Semester						Credits for each paper / Semester						Credits for each paper / Semester					
				BA						B.Com.						B.Sc.					
				I	II	III	IV	V	VI	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Core Courses DSC	Major-1	6	30	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
	Major - 2	6	30	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
	Minor-1	4	20	5	5	5	5	-	-	5	5	5	5	-	-	5	5	5	5	-	-
MIL/AEC (First Language)	English	4	20	5	5	5	5	-	-	5	5	5	5	-	-	5	5	5	5	-	-
Second Language (Telugu, Hindi, Urdu, etc.)		4	20	5	5	5	5	-	-	5	5	5	5	-	-	5	5	5	5	-	-
Multi-Disciplinary Course	MDC 1	1	4	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
Sec 1, 2		2	4					2	2					2	2					2	2
Sec 3, 4		2	4					2	2					2	2					2	2
Value added course (VAC)	VAC 1, 2	2	6	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	3	3
Internships	Internship / Project	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4
Total Credits in each semester			142	25	25	25	25	21	21	25	25	25	25	21	21	25	25	25	25	21	21
Total Credits in UG				142						142						142					
Credits under Non-CGPA (Community engagement and service)		NSS /NCC /sports / Extra curricular	6	Upto 6 (2 in each year)						Upto 6 (2 in each year)						Upto 6 (2 in each year)					
		IKS	4	Upto 4 (2 in each, after I & II years)						Upto 4 (2 in each, after I & II years)						Upto 4 (2 in each, after I & II years)					

