


Course Plan 2024-25 (Odd Semester)

Sl. No	Semester	Name of the Paper	Paper Code	Credit	Unit	Topics Taught	Name of the Faculty	Instructional hours per week	Duration of Class	Methodology Applied	Class Work	Assessment Methods
1	First Sem.	Understanding Pol. Theory	PSCC1	4	I	Political Theory: concepts, meaning and evolution What is Political Theory? Why do we need Political Theory? Evolution of political theory;ApproachestoPoliticalTheoryNormative, HistoricalandEmpirical; Behaviouralismand Post Behaviouralism; Decline and Resurgence	Robijit Dutta	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quize	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
					II	Traditions of Political Theory Liberal Tradition: Meaning, history of liberalism, Phases of liberalism and their features-Classical-contractarianism, individual autonomy and Utilitarianism, Modern-welfare state and distributive justice. Marxist tradition: Introducing Marxism, historical materialism, concept of class, dictatorship of the proletariat	Dr. Pranjal Borah	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quize	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
					III	Contemporary Perspectives in Political Theory: Feminism: Meaning, Types- Liberal, Marxist, Radical and Third World Feminisms Multiculturalism: Meaning and evolution, models of multiculturalism-hybridity, constitutional diversity, right to cultural membership Postmodernism- Meaning, Development, Difference between postmodernism and modernism	Mousumi Borah	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quize	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
					IV	Political Theory and Practice-I: Citizenship-meaning, types-active and passive, liberal and universal citizenship, feminism and citizenship, Marxist critique of citizenship; Types of State-Liberal and Marxist State and Civil Society	Raju Saikia	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quize	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment

				V	Democracy-Direct, Liberal	Raju Saikia	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quize	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment	
				V	Procedural, Deliberative;		12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quize	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment	
				V	Debates- Democracy and Difference,	Mousumi Borah	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quize	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment	
				V	Representation and Participation,	Dr. Pranjal Borah	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quize	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment	
				V	Democracy and Development	Robijt Dutta	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quize	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment	
2		Concepts and Debates in Pol. Theory	MINPSC1	4	I	Political Theory Basics: What is Politics? What is Political? Relevance and Decline of Political Theory	Raju Saikia	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quize	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
					II	Concepts in Political Theory-I: Liberty- Negative and Positive Liberty, Liberty and Equality, Liberty and Rights Equality-Equality of Welfare, Equality of Oppportunity, Equality of Resources Justice-Distributive Justice; Procedural Justice, Justice as Fairness; Capabilities and Freedom	Robijit Dutta	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quize	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment

III	Concepts in Political Theory -II: Rights-Negative and Positive Rights; Civil, Political and Social Rights; Legal Rights; Moral Rights; Human Rights; Communitarians and Rights; Multiculturalism and Rights Democracy- Direct Democracy, Liberal Democracy; Procedural Democracy -Elitist, Pluralist, Egalitarian, Communist, Participatory, Deliberative Democracy	Mousumi Borah	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
IV	Concepts in Political Theory- III: Equal and Universal Citizenship, Globalization and Citizenship, Dilemma of Liberal Citizenship- Uniformity and Generality	Dr. Pranjal Borah	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
V	-Marxist and Liberal;	Raju Saikia	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
V	Challenges to State;	Robijit Dutta	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
V	Evolution of Civil Society,	Mousumi Borah	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
V	Relationship between State and Civil Society	Dr. Pranjal Borah	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment

3		Human Rights	GECPC1	3	I	Meaning, nature, and scope of Human Rights: Universalism and Cultural Relativism, Generations of Human Rights	Robijit Dutta	9	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
					II	Institutional Frameworks:UDHR, ICCPR, ICESCR and Optional Protocols, CEDAW	Dr. Pranjal Borah	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
					III	Human Rights in Indian Context: Human Rights and the Indian Constitution Human Rights Laws and Institutions in India	Mousumi Borah	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
					IV	Human Rights Movements in India: Environmental movements, Dalit movement, Women's movement	Raju Saikia	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
4	Third Sem	Perspectives on International Relations and World History	PSCC3	4	I	Emergence of the International State System– Pre-Westphalia; Post-Westphalia Understanding International Relations: Levels of Analysis (Domestic, Regional and Systemic)	Mousumi Borah	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
					II	Theoretical Perspectives Classical Realism & Neo-Realism Liberalism & Neo-liberalism	Robijit Dutta	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
					III	Critical Perspectives Marxist Approaches Feminist Perspectives Perspectives from the Global South Green Theory in International Relations	Dr. Pranjal Borah	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment

IV	An Overview of Twentieth-Century IR History World War I: Causes and Consequences Significance of the Bolshevik Revolution, Rise of Fascism / Nazism World War II: Causes and Consequences	Raju Saikia	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quize	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
V	Cold War: Different Phases	Robijit Dutta	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quize	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
V	Decolonization and the Emergence of the	Raju Saikia	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quize	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
	Third World		12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quize	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
V	the End of the Cold War	Mousumi Borah	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quize	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
	Post-Cold War Developments	Dr. Pranjal Borah	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quize	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
	and Emergence of Other Centers of power		12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quize	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment

5	Classical Political Theory	PSCC4	4	I	Text and Interpretation – Approaches to the interpretation of text -Marxian, Totalitarian, Psychoanalytic, Feminist, Straussian, postmodernist interpretations	Raju Saikia	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
				II	Ancient Political Thought: Plato-Philosophy and Politics, Theory of Forms, Justice, Philosopher King/Queen, Communism; Aristotle-Citizenship, Justice, State and Revolution	Dr. Pranjal Borah	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
				III	Machiavelli- Virtue, Religion, Republicanism, morality and statecraft	Mousumi Borah	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
				IV	Hobbes: Human nature, State of Nature, Social Contract, State; atomistic individuals	Robijit Dutta	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
				V	Locke- Introduction Speech	Robijit Dutta	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
				V	Laws of Nature	Dr. Pranjal Borah	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
				V	Natural Rights	Mousumi Borah	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment

				V	Property	Raju Saikia	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quize	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
6	Development Processes and Social movement in contemporary India	MINPSC3	4	I	Development Process Since Independence a. State and planning b. Liberalization and reforms	Mousumi Borah	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quize	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
				II	Industrial Development Strategy and its Impact on the Social Structure a. Mixed economy, privatization, the impact on organized and unorganized labour b. Emergence of the new middle class	Robijit Dutta	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quize	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
				III	Agrarian Development Strategy and its Impact on the Social Structure a. Land Reforms, Green Revolution b. Agrarian crisis since the 1990s and its impact on farmers	Raju Saikia	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quize	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
				IV	Social Movements-I a. Tribal, Peasant, Dalit b. Maoist challenge	Dr. Pranjal Borah	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quize	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
				V	Civil rights movements	Mousumi Borah	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quize	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
				V	Women's movements	Robijit Dutta	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quize	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment

					V	Environmental and Ecological Movements	Raju Saikia	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
7		Public Policy in India	GECPSC3	3	I	Public Policy and Analysis: Meaning and Concept, Models and Approaches	Mousumi Borah	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
					II	State and Public Policy in India: Nature of State and Public Policy, State-Directed Policy in India: Pre and Post Economic Reform (1991) periods	Raju Saikia	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
					III	Political Economy and Public Policy in India- Interest Groups and Social Movements: Global Financial Institutions and Public Policy; Interest Groups, Peoples' Movements and Public Policy	Robijit Dutta	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
					IV	Policy Making Process in India: Legislative and Executive Processes; Issues and Challenges in Policy Making; Nehruvian Vision; Economic Liberalisation; Recent Developments: UPA and NDA Regimes	Dr. Pranjal Borah	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
8	Fifth Semest	Classical Pol. Philosophy	C5.1		I	Text and Interpretation – Approaches to the interpretation of text -Marxian, Totalitarian, Psychoanalytic, Feminist, Straussian, postmodernist interpretations and pluralistic and problem driven interpretations	Raju Saikia	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
					II	Ancient Political Thought: Plato-Philosophy and Politics, Theory of Forms, Justice, Philosopher King/Queen, Communism; Aristotle- Citizenship, Justice, State and Revolution	Robijit Dutta	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment

				III	Machiavelli- Virtue, Religion, Republicanism, morality and statecraft	Mousumi Borah	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
				IV	Possessive Individualism-Hobbes: Human nature, State of Nature, Social Contract, State; atomistic individuals.	Dr. Pranjal Borah	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
				V	Lock -Laws of Nature	Dr. Pranjal Borah	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
				V	Natural Rights	Raju Saikia	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
				V	Property	Mousumi Borah	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
9	Indian Political Thought_I	C5.2		I	Traditions of Pre-colonial Indian Political Thought – Emergence of Brahmanic and Shramanic (Buddhist and Jainism Philosophies) traditions and their basic tenets; Emergence of Islamic Traditions in India and the development of Hindu-Muslim Syncretism.	Dr. Pranjal Borah	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
				II	Rajadharma- Origin, Relation between Kinship and the State, Duties of the King; Kautilya-views on Statecraft, Elements of the State (The Saptanga Theory)	Mousumi Borah	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment

				III	Manu: Social Laws –Sources, Dharma of the four Classes and governance, Rules relating to Law, Rules of Action in Terms of Adversity.	Robijit Dutta	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
				IV	Aggannasutta (Digha Nikaya)- Theory of kingship-Origin, Social Classes, Notion of Sovereignty, Views on State and Ideal State.	Raju Saikia	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
				V	Barani: Ideal Polity	Raju Saikia	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
				V	Abul Fazal: Monarchy	Robijit Dutta	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
				V	Kabir: Syncretism	Dr. Pranjal Borah	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
10		Contemporary Politics in Assam	DSC-1A	I	Composite state of Assam and its Dismemberment- Geo-political features, Colonial Legacy, Social Heterogeneity, Assamese Nationality Question	Mousumi Borah	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
				II	Politics of Autonomy in Assam: Regionalism and sub-regionalism – Demand for	Raju Saikia	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment

					Autonomous state, Demand for Separate State, Demand for Sixth Schedule		12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
				III	Politics of Ethnicity in Assam: Politics of migration and its impact on identity	Dr. Pranjal Borah	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
					Movements – Language movements - Foreign national movement – Insurgency ...		12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
				IV	Inter-State border disputes (Assam-Nagaland, Assam-Meghalaya,	Robijit Dutta	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
					Assam-Arunachal Pradesh)		12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
				V	Politics of Development-	Dr. Pranjal Borah	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
				V	Development induced Displacement	Robijit Dutta	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment

				V	Environment-Large dams	Mousumi Borah	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
11	Human Rights in Comparative Perspective	DSC-2A		I	Human Rights: Theory and Institutionalization: Understanding Human Rights, Philosophical Foundations of Human Rights- Utilitarian Rights, Natural Rights, Positivist School, Asian Values, Three Generations of Rights	Robijit Dutta	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
				II	Institutional Arrangements-United Nations, Universal Declaration of Human Rights, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), International Covenant on Economic Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), Optional Protocols	Mousumi Borah	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
				III	Rights in National Constitutions: South Africa and India	Dr. Pranjal Borah	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
				IV	Issues of Human Rights: Torture: USA and India, Surveillance and Censorship: China and India, Terrorism and Insecurity of Minorities: USA and India	Raju Saikia	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
				V	Structural Violence: Caste and Race	Raju Saikia	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
				V	South Africa and India,	Robijit Dutta	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quiz	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment

				V	Gender and Violence: India and Pakistan, Adivasi	Mousumi Borah	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quize	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment
				V	the Land Question: Australia and India	Dr. Pranjal Borah	12	One hour Per Class	Lecture, Traditional Chalk and Talk, Discussion	Group Discussion, Quize	Home Assignment and Internal Assessment

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