

BACHELOR OF ARTS
3rd SEMESTER
DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE (DSC)
PS320C: POLITICAL SCIENCE: COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT & POLITICS
Theory (4 CREDITS: 60 MARKS)
Minimum Marks: 24

Objectives: In this course we shall focus on the nature, scope and utility of the comparative study of politics. The Comparative study of political processes, institutions and procedures across political systems should help students to appreciate the scope of comparative method in political science.

Theory: (4-Credits: 60 Hrs.)

Unit: I (Comparative Politics: Nature and Approaches)

- 1.1. Comparative politics: Nature, Significance and Development
- 1.2. Understanding Comparative Method
- 1.3. Systems Approach: David Eason
- 1.4. Structural-Functional Approach: Gabriel Almond

Unit: II (Politics and Society)

- 2.1. Political Culture
- 2.2. Political Socialization
- 2.3. Political Communication
- 2.4. Political Participation

Unit: III (Governance and Institutional Structure)

- 3.1. Constitution as a framework for Governance
- 3.2. Legislature-Structure and Functions
- 3.3. Political Executive-Structure and Functions
- 3.4. Judiciary: Structure and Functions

UNIT: IV (Comparing Electoral and Party Systems)

- 4.1. United States of America (USA)
- 4.2. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (UK) 4.3. India
- 4.4. Peoples Republic of China

Tutorials (2-Credits: 30 Hrs.)

[Assignments, Presentations, Viva-voce]

Maximum Marks: 30

Unit: I (Debates-I)

- 1.1. Authoritarian and Democratic Regimes
- 1.2. Significance of Constitutionalism

Unit: II (Debates-II)

- 2.1. The first-past-the-post (FPTP) system: Merits & Demerits
- 2.2. Proportional Representation (PR) system: A Case Study of Germany

Suggested Readings:

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- Webb, E. (2011) 'Totalitarianism and Authoritarianism', in Ishiyama, J. T. and Breuning, M. (eds.) *21st Century Political Science: A Reference Book*. Los Angeles: Sage, pp. 249D257.
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- Landman, Todd, and Edzia Carvalho. *Issues and methods in comparative politics: an introduction*. Taylor & Francis, 2016.
- Lijphart, Arend, and Bernard Grofman. "Choosing an electoral system." *Choosing an electoral system: issues and alternatives* (1984): 3-12.
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