



**Royal College of Arts
Science and Commerce
(Autonomous)**

Affiliated to University of Mumbai

Program: Bachelor of Arts

Political Science

Syllabus for Semester I and II

(As per National Education Policy (NEP-2020) with effect from
the academic year 2024-2025)

UG Credit Structures from 2024 - 2027 BA													
Level	SEM	Socio./Pol. Sci./Eco./ Psy	Socio./ Hindi /Eco./Pol. Sci.	Elective (DSE)	Inter.Dis (Adv.)	Skill (Mass Com/Comm unication skills)		FC/language/EVS			OJT, FP, RP, CEP, CC	Cum Credit	Degree/Cu m Credit
		Major Subject 1 (DSC)	Major Subject 2 (DSC)		OE	VSC	SEC	IKS Generic	AEC	VEC			
4.5 (2024 - 2025)	I	4	4	0	2 RK +2	2	2	2 TS	2 TS	2 RK	0	22	44 UG = Certificate
	II	4	4	0	2 RK +2	0	2	0	2 TS	2 RK	4	22	
Sem I & II		8	8	0	8	6		10			4	44	
A major subject shall be decided by the student between subject 1 and 2 at the end of semester two													
5 (2025 2026)	III	8 (4+4)	4	0	2 SD	2	2 TS	0	2TK	0	2	22	88 UG = Diploma
	IV	8 (4+4)	4	0	2 SD	0	2 TS	0	2TK	0	4	22	
		24	16	0	12	12		14			10	88	
Exit option with a UG Diploma in Major and Minor with an additional 4 credits core NSQF course/internship OR continue with Major and													
5.5 (2026 - 2027)	V	12 (4 + 4 + 4)	2	4 (2 + 2)	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	22	132 UG = Degree
	VI	12 (4 + 4 + 4)	2	4 (2 + 2)	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	22	
		48	20	8	12	16		14			14	132	

List of All Courses offered from Semesters I – VI in Political Science

Level	Sem	Major subject Course titles	Minor subject Course titles	Elective s Course titles	OE Course titles	VSC Course title/s	SEC Course title/s
4.5 100-199	I	RCUGAPSMJ101 Indian Political System	--	--	RCUGAPSOE 101 Know Your Society	RCUGAPSVS C101 Introduction to Social Work	RCUGAPSSEC 101 Legal Literacy- Rights & Awareness
	II	RCUGAPSMJ201 Indian Political Process	--	--	RCUGAPSOE 201 Welfare State & Society	--	RCUGAPSSEC 201 Prevention of Domestic Violence Act 2005
5 200-299	III	RCUGAPSMJ301 Principles & Concepts of Political Theory	RCUGAPSMN 301 Politics of Development	--	--	--	--
		RCUGAPSMJ302 Public Administration	--	--	--	--	--
	IV	RCUGAPSMJ401 Political Values & Ideologies	RCUGAPSMN 401 Introduction to Political Sociology	--	--	--	--
		RCUGAPSMJ402 Indian Administration	--	--	--	--	--
5.5 300-399	V	RCUGAPSMJ501 Political Process in Maharashtra I	RCUGAPSMN 501 Political Journalism	RCUGAPSEL 501 Electoral Politics in India I	--	RCUGAPSVS C501 Legislative Practice & Procedure	--
		RCUGAPSMJ502 Western Political Thought	--	RCUGAPSEL 502 Understanding Politics through Films	--	--	--
		RCUGAPSMJ503 Social Movements in India	--	--	--	--	--
	VI	RCUGAPSMJ601 Political Process in Maharashtra II	RCUGAPSMN 601 Awareness of Rights & Laws	RCUGAPSEL 601 Electoral Politics in India II	--	RCUGAPSVS C601 Political Communication	--
		RCUGAPSMJ602 Indian Political Thinkers	--	RCUGAPSEL 602 Environmental Laws & Issues	--	--	--
		RCUGAPSMJ603 International Politics	--	--	--	--	--

Programme Outcomes (POs) for Bachelor of Arts

Sr. No.	On completing BA. the students will be able to:
PO1	Manifest comprehensive understanding of concepts of the major and elective paper.
PO2	Demonstrate scientific temperament when faced with varied world views.
PO3	Develop professional skills and an ability to apply theory into practice in real life situation.
PO4	Demonstrate integrity, tolerance and sensitivity in social interactions in a multicultural, digital world.
PO5	Demonstrate ethical ideals and academic responsibility.

Programme Specific Outcomes (PSOs) for Political Science

Sr. No.	On completing BA Political Science, the students will be able to:
PSO1	Able to classify and compare specific characteristics of Indian politics using social science and political science theories and concepts.
PSO2	Able to think critically about their own political values, positions and informed political choices of citizens, advocates and leaders.
PSO3	Able to analyze and evaluate claims made about Indian politics using theoretical and empirical knowledge from the social sciences.
PSO4	Able to evaluate changing social and political situation in India and in the world.
PSO5	Develop interdisciplinary and comprehensive understanding among the students about political reality.
PSO6	Pursue higher education and employment.

Major Course MJ: Semester I

Course/ Paper Title	Indian Political System
Course offered as	Major
Course Code	RCUGAPSMJ101
Semester	I
No. of Credits	04
No. of lecture Hours/week	04

Sr. No.	Course Objectives:
1	To understand the significance and purpose of a constitution.
2	To introduce the students to the basic concepts in Indian Political System.
3	To familiarize students with the Legislative and Executive process followed in India.
4	To acquaint students with the judicial system in India.

Course Outcome

	On completing the course, the student will be able to:
CO1	Understand the significance and purpose of a constitution.
CO2	Comprehend the basic concepts in Indian Political System.
CO3	Understand the Legislative and Executive process followed in India.
CO4	Demonstrate knowledge of the judicial system in India

Detailed Syllabus Sem I

Module	Title with content	No. of lectures
I	Introduction to the Constitution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief History of the Making of Constitution Preamble and Philosophy of Indian Constitution Amendment Procedure and Basic Structure 	15
II	Citizens and the Constitution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fundamental Rights Fundamental Duties Directive Principles of State Policy 	15
III	Legislative and Executive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parliament of India President and Prime Minister Supreme Court, High Court and Subordinate Court 	15
IV	Federal Structure and Decentralization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constitutional Provisions- Legislative, Administrative and Financial Changing nature and issues in the Centre-State relations 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendment 	15

(Two units for a two-credit course and four units for a four-credit course.

1 credit = 1 lecture hour/week

1 credit = 2 practical hours/week)

Major Course MJ: Semester II

Course/ Paper Title	Indian Political Process
Course offered as	Major
Course Code	RCUGAPSMJ201
Semester	II
No. of Credits	04
No. of lecture Hours/week	04

Sr. No.	Course Objectives:
1	To analyse the changing centre-state relationship.
2	To introduce the students to the Party System in India.
3	To familiarize students with the social dynamics of the Indian Political System.
4	To acquaint students with challenges to national security.

Course Outcome

	On completing the course, the student will be able to:
CO1	Understand the changing centre-state relationship
CO2	Comprehend the Party System in India.
CO3	Understand the social dynamics of the Indian Political System.
CO4	Understand the challenges to national security.

Detailed Syllabus Sem II

Module	Title with content	No. of lectures
I	Changing Nature of Federal System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reorganization of States ● Regional Disparities and Sub regionalism ● Demand for Greater Autonomy 	15
II	Party Politics and Elections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● National Parties-features ● Regional Parties and Coalition Politics ● Analysis of electoral performance of National and Regional Parties since 1989 	15
III	Social Dynamics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Caste (with reference to reservation) ● Religion (with reference to Communalism) ● Gender (with reference to Political Participation) 	15

IV	Electoral Politics and Processes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election Commission of India and Electoral System • Model Code of conduct for election in India • Voting Behaviour and Emerging Trends 	15
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(Two units for a two credit course and four units for a four credit course.

1 credit = 1 lecture hour/week

1 credit = 2 practical hours/week)

References:

1. Laxmikanth, M. (2018). Indian Polity. McGraw Hill Education.
2. Basu, D. D. (2014). Introduction to the Constitution of India. Lexis Nexis.
3. Kashyap, S. C. (2012). Our Constitution: An Introduction to India's Constitution and Constitutional Law. National Book Trust, India.
4. Bakshi, P. M. (2019). Constitution of India. Universal Law Publishing.
5. Venkataraman, G. C. (2017). Indian Constitution: Text, Context, and Interpretation. Lexis Nexis.
6. Harihara, D. (2003). Principles of Indian Constitution and Government. Himalaya Publishing House, Mumbai.
7. Hasan, Z. (2003). Politics and the State in India. Sage Publisher, New Delhi.
8. Kothari, R. (2012). Politics in India. Orient Blackswan Private Limited, New Delhi.
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Theory Examination Pattern for Major Course

Political Science Sem I & II

RCUGAPSMJ101 & RCUGAPSMJ201

I		Internal Assessment	
a	One class test (Short answers/Objectives/ Multiple Choice)		20 marks (30 minutes)
b	Assignment/ Project/ Presentation/Book or research paper Review/ Open Book Essay/Educational Visit/Guest Lectures/Movie Review		20 marks
		Total	40 marks
II		Semester End Examination	60 Marks
		Duration	2 hours

Question Paper Pattern

Question No	Description	Question Options	Question From	Marks	Total Marks
Q. I. 01 to 08	Essay	Any 4/8 (2 questions from each unit)	Unit 1, 2, 3, 4	10 marks each	40
Q.II. 01 to 08	Short Notes	Any 4/8 2 questions from each unit	Unit 1, 2, 3, 4	5 marks each	20

Vocational Skills Course: Semester I

Course/ Paper Title	Introduction to Social Work
Course offered as	VSC
Course Code	RCUGAPSVSC101
Semester	I
No. of Credits	2
No. of lecture Hours/week	2

Sr No.	Course Objectives
1	To help develop understanding of Social Work
2	To familiarize students with various aspects of Social Work
3	To understand history of Social Work
4	To develop skills to understand contemporary social reality

Course Outcome:

	On completing the course, the students will be able to:
CO1	Comprehend the meaning, nature, scope and functions of social work
CO2	Understand various aspects of Social Work
CO3	Demonstrate understanding of historiography of social work in India
CO4	Identify contemporary social issues

Detailed Syllabus

Module	Title with content	No. of lectures
I	Social Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meaning, nature, scope and functions ● Goals of social work ● Social Work Ethics ● Spirituality and Social Work ● Approaches of Social Work 	15
II	History of Social Work in India <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● State Initiatives ● Individual Initiatives ● Social Movements ● NGOs 	15

(Two units for a two credit course and four units for a four credit course.

1 credit = 1 lecture hour/week

1 credit = 2 practical hours/week)

References:

1. Compton, B. R. (1980). Introduction to Social Welfare and Social Work. Illinois: The Dorsey Press.
2. Desai, Murli, (2006). Ideologies and social Work: Historical and Contemporary Analyses, Rawat Publication, New Delhi
3. Devi, Rameshwari & Ravi, Prakash, (2008), Social work practice, Mangal Deep
4. Govt. of India: Encyclopaedia of Social work in India.
5. Singh, D. K. and Bhartiya, A.K. (2010). Social Work: Concept and Methods. Lucknow: New Royal Book Company.
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9. <https://www.hzu.edu.in/uploads/2020/9/Comprehensive%20Handbook%20of%20Social%20Work%20and%20Social%20Welfare.pdf>

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Theory Examination Pattern for

VSC

Introduction to Social Work (RCUGAPSVSC101)

I	Internal Assessment	
a	Survey/Interview/Observation in an NGO	20 marks
b	01 Essay/04 Short Notes/ Class Presentation/ MCQ	25 marks
c	Attendance	05 marks
	Total	50 marks
II	Semester End Examination	Nil

Skill Enhancement Course SEC: Semester I

Course/ Paper Title	Legal Literacy-Rights & Awareness
Course offered as	SEC
Course Code	RCUGAPSSEC101
Semester	I
No. of Credits	2
No. of lecture Hours/week	2

Sem I

Sr. No.	Course Objectives:
1	To explore legal literacy as given in the Indian Constitution.
2	To introduce students with Human rights, consumer rights and issues related to cybercrime.

Course Outcome

	On completing the course, the students will be able to:
CO1	To apprise students with structure and method of functioning of the legal system in India.
CO2	To understand laws related to current issues affecting the citizens.

Detailed Syllabus Sem I

Module	Title with content	No. of lectures
I	Understanding of legal literacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rights and Duties of the Citizens ● Fundamental Rights and other constitutional rights in Indian Constitution ● Understanding the concept of justice and equity 	15
II	Anti-terrorist laws and its implications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Implication of security and protection of Human Rights violations ● Laws relating to consumer rights ● Cybercrimes and issues 	15

(Two units for a two credit course and four units for a four credit course.

1 credit = 1 lecture hour/week

1 credit = 2 practical hours/week)

- References:**
1. Hegde, K. S. (1995). Crisis in Indian Judiciary. Sindhu Publication, Bombay.
 2. Deshta, S. & Deshta, K. (2003) Fundamental human rights : Right to life and personal liberty. Deep and Deep Publication
 3. Seervali, H.M. (2008), Constitutional law of India : a critical commentary with supplement .-1st edition. N.M. Tripathi Pvt Ltd., Bombay
 4. Kashyap, S.C. (2011). Our Constitution: An Introduction to India's Constitution and Constitutional Law.

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Theory Examination Pattern for

SEC

Legal Literacy- Rights & Awareness (RCUGAPSSEC101)

I	Internal Assessment	
a	Review of Literature/Essay	25 marks
b	Case Study/Debate/Observation/Interview	20 marks
d	Attendance	05 marks
	Total	50 marks
I	Internal Assessment	
II	Semester End Examination	Nil

Skill Enhancement Course SEC: Semester II

Course/ Paper Title	Prevention of Domestic Violence Act 2005
Course offered as	SEC
Course Code	RCUGAPSSEC201
Semester	II
No. of Credits	2
No. of lecture Hours/week	2

Sem II

Sr. No.	Course Objectives:
1	Students should develop a comprehensive understanding of the legal framework of the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act (DV Act) 2005.
2	Students should learn about the rights and protections provided to victims under the DV Act 2005.

Course Outcome

	On completing the course, the students will be able to:
CO1	Analysis of Legal Procedures
CO2	Gender Sensitization, Equality, Prevention and Intervention Strategies

Detailed Syllabus Sem II

Module	Title with content	No. of Lectures
I	Domestic Violence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meaning and definition ● Forms of Domestic Violence ● Evolution of laws addressing domestic violence ● Key provisions of the act 	
II	Procedure for Obtaining Orders of Reliefs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Types of protection ● Procedures for obtaining protection under the act ● Support services and legal remedies ● Barriers to effective implementation 	

(Two units for a two credit course and four units for a four credit course. 1 credit = 1 lecture hour/week
1 credit = 2 practical hours/week)

References:

1. The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act,2005,
2. <http://wcd.nic.in/acts/protection-women-domestic-violence-act-2005>.
3. Indu Bhan, Domestic Violence: Law and Practice
4. Vasudha Dhagamwar, "The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act: An Overview"
5. Raghavender Tiwari, "The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act: A Critical Analysis"
6. Kirti Singh and Hema Raghavan, "Domestic Violence in India: A Review".

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Theory Examination Pattern for

SEC

Prevention of Domestic Violence Act 2005 (RCUGAPSSEC201)

I	Internal Assessment	
a	Review of Literature/Essay	25 marks
b	Case Study/Debate/Observation/Interview	20 marks
d	Attendance	05 marks
	Total	50 marks
I	Internal Assessment	
II	Semester End Examination	Nil

OPEN ELECTIVE SEMESTER I

Course/ Paper Title	Know Your Society
Course offered as	OE
Course Code	RCUGAPSOE101
Semester	I
No. of Credits	2
No. of lecture Hours/week	2

Sr No.	Course Objectives:
1	To familiarize students with basic composition of Indian Society
2	To acquaint students with Village and Tribal Society in India
3	To develop understanding of the concepts-caste and tribe
4	To understand the concept of national integration and threats

Course Outcome

	On completing the course, the student will be able to:
CO1	Present comprehensive profile of Indian Society
CO2	Understand the village and tribal society in India
CO3	Identify the difference between the concepts caste and tribe
CO4	Appreciate unity and diversity in Indian society

Detailed Syllabus

Module	Title with content	No. of lectures
I	Introduction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Composition of India Society ● Unity in diversity debate ● National Integration- concept and threats- Communalism, linguism and regionalism 	15
II	Village Communities and Tribes in India: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Village as a social unit and changes in village communities ● Tribes in India: meaning, features and problems ● Caste and Tribes 	15

(Two units for a two credit course and four units for a four credit course.

1 credit = 1 lecture hour/week

1 credit = 2 practical hours/week)

References:

1. Das, Veena; Gupta, Dipankar & Uberoi, Patricia, (1999), Tradition, pluralism & identity, Sage
2. Jha, Makhan, Introduction to Social Anthropology, (1994), Vikas Publishing House
3. Majumdar, D.N. and T.N.Madan, (2010), An Introduction To Social Anthropology, Asia Pub. House
4. Mohanty,P.K, (2003), Development of Primitive Tribal Groups in India, Kalpaz Publications
5. Munshi, Indra, (2018), The Adivasi Question, Orient Blackswan Private Limited
6. Ram Ahuja, (1993), Indian Social System, Rawat Publications
7. Sarap, Kailash & Motkuri, Venkatanarayana (ed), (2016) Adivasis in India : resources, livelihoods and institutions , Bloombury
8. Sharma, KL, (2008), Indian Social Structure and Change, Rawat Publication

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Theory Examination Pattern for

OE

Know Your Society (RCUGAPSOE101)

I	Internal Assessment	
a	One class test (Short answers/Objectives/ Multiple Choice)	25 marks (45 Minutes)
b	Survey/ Interview/ Observation/ Group Discussion/ Community Awareness	20 marks
c	Attendance	05 Marks
	Total	50 marks
II	Semester End Examination	Nil

OPEN ELECTIVE SEMESTER II

Course/ Paper Title	Welfare State and Society
Course offered as	OE
Course Code	RCUGAPSOE201
Semester	II
No. of Credits	2
No. of lecture Hours/week	2

Sr No.	Course Objectives:
1	To familiarize students to the concepts of Welfare State and Social Welfare
2	To acquaint students with the history of development of Welfare State in India
3	To develop critical understanding of Welfare Scheme and Programmes
4	To develop understanding of social policy within Welfare State

Course Outcome:

	On completing the course, the student will be able to:
CO1	Demonstrate understanding of Welfare State and Social Welfare
CO2	Exhibit understanding of history of development of Welfare State in India
CO3	Critically analyze various welfare schemes and programmes
CO4	Understand social policy within Welfare State

Detailed Syllabus

Module	Title with content	No. of lectures
I	Welfare State: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meaning, origin and functions ● Factors responsible for the growth of Welfare State ● Concept of Welfare State in India 	15
II	Social Welfare and Development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Concept of Social Welfare, difference between social welfare and social work ● Approaches to Social Welfare ● Social Welfare programmes and Schemes for marginalized and vulnerable sections of Society 	15

(Two units for a two credit course and four units for a four credit course.

1 credit = 1 lecture hour/week

1 credit = 2 practical hours/week)

References:

1. Abraham, Anita, (2003), Formation & Management of Non-Govt. Organizations, Universal Law Publishing Co. N. Delhi
2. Anand Kumar, (2005), The Welfare System in India, in Vivekanandan et al edited Welfare States and the Future, Palgrave Macmillan.
3. Government of India websites (Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment)
4. Nagendra, Shilaja, (2007), Voluntary organizations & Social Work., Oxford Book Co.
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7. [https://policydialogue.org/files/publications/papers/The Welfare State in the Twenty-First Century.pdf](https://policydialogue.org/files/publications/papers/The_Welfare_State_in_the_Twenty-First_Century.pdf)
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Theory Examination Pattern for

OE

Welfare State and Society (RCUGAPSOE201)

I	Internal Assessment	
a	Survey/ Interview/ Observation/ Group Discussion/ Community Awareness	20 marks
b	01 Essay/04 Short Notes/ MCQ	25 marks
c	Attendance	05 marks
	Total	50 marks
II	Semester End Examination	Nil

Board of studies in Political Science

	Category	Name and Designation	Affiliation
1	Chairperson (Head of Department)	Dr. Momina Sirguroh Associate Professor	University of Mumbai
2	Full time teachers of the Department	Prof. Zara Khan Assistant Professor	University of Mumbai
3	Two subject experts from outside the Parent University nominated by the Academic Council.	Dr. Dattatraya Shivaji Thorat- Professor	Sholapur University
4	One expert nominated by the Vice-Chancellor from a panel of six recommended by the College Principal.	Dr. Harshad K. Bhosle	Kirti College, Mumbai Univesity
5	One representative from industry/corporate sector/allied area relating to placement.	Mumtaz Shaikh Author, Global Speaker, Growth Coach	Freelancer
6	One postgraduate meritorious alumnus nominated by the Principal. (Please give three to four names of your alumnus)	1. Dr. Urmila Chauhan Assistant Professor 2. Advt. Mayur Sonawne Assistant Government Pleader & Additional Public Prosecutor 3.Mavis Tak IPS	1. University of Mumbai 2. Bombay High Court 3. IPS