

Programme: M.A Political Science

Course Code: POL-603

**Title of the Course: Critical Perspectives in Politics**

Number of Credits: 4

Effective from Academic Year: 2023-2024

<b><u>Prerequisites for the course</u></b>	Basic understanding of Political Theory	
<b><u>Objectives</u></b>	This course introduces the students to the methodologies of critical perspectives. It covers Utilitarian, Libertarian, Communitarian, Marxist, Feminist and Ambedkarite perspectives to help students develop a theoretical understanding to strengthen their critical aptitude.	
<b><u>Contents</u></b>	<b>Unit 1: Utilitarian Perspective - Jeremy Bentham, J.S. Mill</b>	10 hours
	<b>Unit 2: Libertarian and Communitarian Perspective - Robert Nozick, John Rawls, Alasdair MacIntyre, Michael Sandel</b>	10 hours
	<b>Unit 3: Marxist Perspective- Karl Marx, Antonio Gramsci, Hannah Arendt</b>	10 hours
	<b>Unit 4: Feminist Perspective - Betty Friedan, Simone de Beauvoir, Anne Philips</b>	10 hours
	<b>Unit 5: Biopolitics - Michael Foucault</b>	10 hours
	<b>Unit 6: Ambedkarite Perspective - John Dewey's Pragmatism and Ambedkar, Concept of Dhamma</b>	10 hours
<b><u>Pedagogy</u></b>	Lectures, Debates, Group Discussion Assignment based on self study	
<b><u>References/ Reading</u></b>	<b>Single Author Books</b> Hannah, A. (1964). <i>Eichmann in Jerusalem: A Report on the Banality of Evil</i> . New York: Viking Press. MacIntyre, A. (1981). <i>After Virtue: A Study in Moral Theory</i> . London: Gerald Duckworth & Co. Ltd. Michael, S. (2012). <i>What Money Can't Buy The Moral Limits of Market</i> . London: Penguin. Mill, J. S. (1863). <i>Utilitarianism</i> . London: Parker, Son, And, Bourn, West, Stand. Millett, K. (1970). <i>Sexual politics</i> . UK: Rupert Hart-Davis. Nozick, R. (1974). <i>Anarchy, State and Utopia</i> . New York: Basic Books.	

	<p>Phillips, A. (1991). <i>Engendering Democracy</i>. Cambridge: Polity Press.</p> <p>Rawls, J. (1971). <i>Theory of Justice</i>. United States of America: President and Fellows of Harvard College.</p> <p>Rawls, J. (1993). <i>Political Liberalism</i>. New York: Columbia University Press.</p> <p>Rawls, J. (2001). <i>Justice As Fairness A Restatement</i>. Cambridge: The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press.</p> <p>Russell, B. (1917). <i>Principles of Social Reconstruction</i>. London: G. Allen &amp; Unwin Limited.</p> <p>Sandel, M. (1998). <i>Democracy's Discontent America in Search of a Public Philosophy</i>. Cambridge: The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press.</p> <p>Sandel, M. (2009). <i>Justice What's the Right Thing To Do?</i>. London: Penguin Books.</p> <p>Simone, B. d. (1949). <i>The Second Sex</i>. Paris: Editions Gallimard.</p> <p><b>Edited Books</b></p> <p>Gramsci, A. (1994). <i>Gramsci: Pre-Prison Writings</i>. (R. Bellamy, Ed., &amp; V. Cox, Trans.) New York: Cambridge University Press.</p>	
<b><u>Learning Outcomes</u></b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Students will be able to develop a broad understanding of the critical perspectives in politics.</li> <li>2. The Students are familiarised to various methodologies of the critical perspectives which will enable them to solve the difficult debates of the public policy.</li> <li>3. Students will be able to conduct critical inquiry in their subject of study using the approaches discussed in this course.</li> <li>4. Students will develop contextual reasoning.</li> </ol>	