



SARDAR PATEL UNIVERSITY
Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat
(Reaccredited with 'A' Grade by NAAC (CGPA 3.25)
Syllabus with effect from the Academic Year 2021-2022

BA- Political Science – Semester- I

Course Code	UA01CPOL51	Title of the Course	Understanding Political Science-I
Total Credits of the Course	04	Hours per Week	04

Course Objectives:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Helps the students to familiarize with the basic normative concepts of political theory.2. Each concept is related to a crucial political issue that requires analysis with the aid of our conceptual understanding.3. It helps to introduce the students to the important debates in the subject.
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Course Content		
Unit	Description	Weightage* (%)
1.	Basic Concepts A) Meaning and Scope of Political Science B) Significance of the study of Political Science C) Relationship of Political Science with History- Economics – Sociology –Geography	25
2.	State A) Meaning, Definition and Elements of State B) Main Function of the State C) State and Society, State and Government	25
3.	State: Origin and Development A) The Force Theory B) The Social Contract Theory C) The Evolutionary Theory	25
4.	Sovereignty (A) Meaning, Types and Main Characteristics of Sovereignty (B) Austin's Theory of Sovereignty and the Pluralist Theory of Sovereignty (C) Sovereignty: In the Context of the changing Global Scenario	25

Teaching-Learning Methodology	Lecture, Recitation, Group discussion, Guest speaker, Debate, Assignments, Field trips, Seminar, Quizzes
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Evaluation Pattern		
Sr. No.	Details of the Evaluation	Weightage
1.	Internal Written / Practical Examination (As per CBCS R.6.8.3)	15%
2.	Internal Continuous Assessment in the form of Practical, Viva-voce, Quizzes, Seminars, Assignments, Attendance (As per CBCS R.6.8.3)	15%
3.	University Examination	70%

Course Outcomes: Having completed this course, the learner will be able to	
1.	Students will learn about the legitimate function and divergent perspective of the political science and its relations with other social sciences.
2.	It promotes students to understand concepts of state and that in the light of new insights and challenges.
3.	It gives students new modes of explanation and judgment.

Suggested References:	
Sr. No.	References
1.	Pandya Hasmukh : Rajyashastra Parichaya Part 1&2 (Gujarati)
2.	Pravin Sheth : Adhunik Rajyashastra;Paribhasha and Vishleshan (Gujarati)
3.	B.K.Gokhale : Political Science (English)
4.	Agraaval : Introduction to political science (English)
5.	S.Ramaswamy : Political Theory, Ideas and Concepts (English)
6.	M Laxmikanth : Indian Polity, Tata Mc. Grawhill, Education, Chennai.

On-line Resources
https://www.polisci.washington.edu/what-political-science
https://www.bu.edu/polisci/about/why-political-science

