

Core IX

Social and Political Philosophy

This course on social and political philosophy would explore the fundamental concepts, theories, and debates concerning social theories and the exercise of political power. It introduces central questions, such as the nature of justice, the legitimacy of political authority, and the relationship between individuals and society, etc. It also examines theories of the state of nature, which propose hypothetical scenarios to explain the origin and legitimacy of political authority.

The course contains readings of texts, contemporary articles, case studies, and class discussions, which will help students critically engage with social and political issues and develop their informed perspectives on matters of justice, power, and governance. Assignments and projects can encourage students to apply theoretical concepts to real-world contexts and develop practical solutions to social and political problems.

Course Outcomes :

- Understanding and justification of the relationship between an individual and society
- Understanding of the various political ideals, doctrines, and ideologies.
- Ability to compare and evaluate the ideologies and apply them under appropriate contexts.

Learning Outcome:

Unit I Students will be equipped to handle social issues affecting individual and collective levels.

Unit II Students will be able to identify different Political Ideals and inculcate them for protection of rights

Unit III Students can contribute as better citizens by understanding the notion of democracy.

Unit IV the student will be able to describe the Political ideologies of Marxism, Anarchism, and Sarvodaya and can identify the distinct features between them.

Course Components:

Unit- I: Sociality, Social science & Social laws, Philosophy of Social Science: Relation Between Individual & Society (Mechanical, Organic & Idealistic view)

Unit- II: Political Ideals and Systems- Justice, Liberty, Equality; Anarchy, Monarchy, Democracy and forms of governance systems.

Introduction to Political Doctrines- Humanism, Secularism, Feminism, Philosophy of Ecology.

Unit- III: Democratic Ideals- Democratic Government, Conditions for Successful Functioning of Democracy, Current Electoral Systems, Human Rights

Unit-IV: Political Ideologies- (a) Socialism and Marxism (b) Kautilya on political ideology- Ruler (*Rājā*) and the Ruled (*Prajā*), (c) Sarvodaya (Gandhi and Vinoba), (d) Vasudhaiva kutumbakam.

Prescribed Books: -

- ✓ Mackenzie: *Social & Political Philosophy*, Surjeet Publication.
- ✓ Sukhbir Singh- *A History of Political Thought*, Rastogi Publication.
- ✓ O.P. Gauba - *An Introduction to Political Philosophy*

Reference Books: -

- ✓ Sushila Ramaswamy- *Political Theories: Ideas & Concepts*
- ✓ D.D. Raphael, *Problems of Political Philosophy*, Humanities Press International.
- ✓ J. P. Suda, *History of Political Philosophy*, K. Nath and Co.

E-Resource:

- ✓ <https://iep.utm.edu/soc-sci/>
- ✓ <https://egyankosh.ac.in/bitstream/123456789/53951/1/Block-2.pdf>
- ✓ <https://youtu.be/asdOwSul8Io?si=1l0IGppZipEiXgQL>
- ✓ <https://nios.ac.in/media/documents/srsec317newE/317EL4.pdf>
- ✓ <https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL4YBp90QwimiN7x3zWNLVsg2yG7ZTFAVq&si=Pi rZq6Rbi2RPWuIV>

Sample Questions: 1 for Part- I Objective; Part- II Very Short Type (in 50 Words); Part- III Short Type (in 250 Words); Part-IV Long Type (in 800 Words);

Unit – I

1. _____ Is the Founder of Social Science.
2. What Is Social Science?
3. Explain the Social Law.
4. Explain the philosophy of Social Science & the relationship between individual and society.

Unit – II

1. The word 'Feminism' Is Derived From _____.
2. What Is Justice?
3. What Is Equality? Explain the Types of Equality.
4. Write A Short Essay on Feminism.

Unit – III

Democracy Derives from the Word _____ & _____.

2. What Is Democracy?
3. Explain the Conditions for the Successful Functioning of Democracy.
4. Describe the Human Rights.

Unit – IV

1. The Word Sarvodaya Means _____
2. What Is Socialism?
3. Examine the salient features of Marxism.
4. According to Gandhi, What Is Sarvodaya? Explain.