

# **POL101e Introduction to Political Science**

**Level:** 1

**Credit Units:** 5 Credit Units

**Language:** ENGLISH

**Presentation Pattern:** EVERY SEMESTER

**E-Learning:** BLENDED - Learning is done MAINLY online using interactive study materials in Canvas. Students receive guidance and support from online instructors via discussion forums and emails. This is supplemented with SOME face-to-face sessions. If the course has an exam component, this will be administered on-campus.

## **Synopsis:**

This course provides students of Political Science with the basic knowledge and concepts of the discipline. It orients students with regard to how political scientists understand the world around them. On completing the course, they should be able to differentiate between the variations in political behaviour, institutions and outcomes. They will also be introduced to the various subdisciplines within Political Science – political theory, comparative politics, international relations as well as public administration and policy.

## **Topics:**

- Knowing the Political World: Politics and Knowledge
- Political Theory and Political Beliefs
- Political Actions
- Influence on Beliefs and Actions
- Political System, States, and Nations
- Institutional Structures and Arrangements
- Understanding Political Economy
- Public Policy, Power and Decision
- Change and Political Development
- Politics across Borders
- Political Violence
- Politics among States

## **Textbooks:**

James N. Danziger: Understanding the Political World (Pearson New International Edition) 11th edition (2012) Pearson

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**Learning Outcome:**

- Identify the key concepts fundamental to Political Science.
- Describe social phenomenon using concepts from Political Science.
- Demonstrate how politics connects with the social world around them.
- Show how the concepts and theories taught apply to their personal and professional experiences.
- Develop a nuanced understanding of the processes of the social world from the Political Science perspective.
- Apply key concepts from political science to real-world political events.

**Assessment Strategies:**

<b>Continuous Assessment Component</b>	<b>Weightage (%)</b>
PRE-CLASS QUIZ	5
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Wiki	15
TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT	25
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>50</b>

<b>Examinable Component</b>	<b>Weightage (%)</b>
Written Exam	50
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>50</b>

**Weightage Total** **100**