

**GOVERNMENT DEGREE COLLEGE
RAVULAPALEM
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**

B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE SYLLABUS

CBCS-2020-21



SEMESTER - IV

Western Political Thought

B.A	Semester: IV	Credits: 4
Course: 5	WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT	Hrs/Wk: 5

UNIT I:

ANCIENT GREEK POLITICAL THOUGHT:

1. Plato-Rule of Philosopher Kings-Theory of Justice-Ideal State and Education
2. Aristotle-Theory of State-Classification of Governments-Citizenship, Slavery and Theory of Revolutions.

UNIT II:

MEDIEVAL AND MODERN POLITICAL THOUGHT:

1. St.Augustine-Theory of Two Cities.
2. Niccolo Machiavelli-State and Statecraft.

UNIT III:

CONTRACTUAL POLITICAL THOUGHT:

1. Thomas Hobbes- Social Contract and Absolute Sovereignty.
2. John Locke- Human Nature, State of Nature, Social Contract, Natural Rights and Limited Government.
3. Jean Jacques Rousseau- Human Nature, State of Nature, Social Contract, General Will and Popular Sovereignty

UNIT IV:

UTILITARIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT:

1. Jermy Bentham-Theory of Utility, Law and Reforms.
2. J.S.Mill-Theory of Liberty and Representative Government.

UNIT V:

MARXIST POLITICAL THOUGHT:

1. Karl Marx-Dialectical Materialism, Theory of Surplus Value and Class Struggle.
2. Antonio Gramsci-Hegemony and Civil Society.

REFERENCE BOOKS:

➤ O.P.Gauba	:	<i>Western Political Thought</i>
➤ G.H.Sabine	:	<i>A History of Political Theory</i>
➤ E.Baker	:	<i>Greek Political Theory : Plato and His Predecessors</i>
➤ Subrata Mukherjee & Sushila Ramaswamy	:	<i>A History of Political Thought-Plato to Marx</i>
➤ ShefaliJha	:	<i>Western Political Thought -From Plato to Marx</i>
➤ B.N.Ray	:	<i>Western Political Thought</i>
➤ RadheyShamChaurasia	:	<i>History of Western Political Thought</i>
➤ P.B.Rathod	:	<i>Ancient and Medieval Political Thinkers-From Plato to Padua</i>
➤ Andrew Hakes	:	<i>Political Theory :Philosophy, Ideology and Science</i>
➤ HaratiDwarakanath, Prof.G.Lalaiah, K.Saibaba, K.Ramachandra Murthy &V.Bhogendracharyulu, Prof.V.RavindraSastry (ed)	:	<i>Political Thought</i>
➤ Anil Kumar Mukopadhyay	:	<i>An Introduction to Political Theory, Western Political Thought</i>
➤ William Ebenstien	:	<i>Great Political Thinkers-Plato to the Present Modern Political Thought, The Great Issues</i>
➤ J.P.Sudha	:	<i>History of Political Thought</i>
➤ H.J.Laski	:	<i>Political Thought from Bentham to Locke</i>
➤ C.L.Wayper	:	<i>Political Thought</i>

ANNEXURE

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

➤ All Co-curricular activities recommended at Course – I & III
➤ Peers and self-assessment, out puts from individuals and collaborative work.
➤ Assignments that encourage the study of standard Reference Books available at Library
➤ Assignments of the emerging trends after Marxian Philosophy in the era of Globalisation

