

# POLITICAL SCIENCE

## Course Structure

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<b>Part A</b>	<b>Contemporary World-Politics</b>	<b>50</b>
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<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>

## Course Syllabus

## **Part A: Contemporary World Politics**

### **Unit 1: Cold War Era**

- Emergence of two power blocs after the second world war
- Arenas of the cold war
- Challenges to Bipolarity:
  - Non Aligned Movement
  - Quest for new international economic order
- India and the cold war

### **Unit 2: The End of Bipolarity**

- New entities in world politics:
  - Russia
  - Balkan states
  - Central Asian states
- Introduction of democratic politics and capitalism in post-communist regimes
- India's relations with Russia and other post-communist countries

### **Unit 3: US Hegemony in World Politics**

- Growth of unilateralism:
  - Afghanistan
  - First Gulf War
  - Response to 9/11 and attack on Iraq
- Dominance and challenge to the US in economy and ideology
- India's renegotiation of its relationship with the USA

#### **Unit 4: Alternative Centers of Power**

- Rise of China as an economic power in post-Maoera, creation and expansion of European Union, ASEAN
- India's changing relations with China

#### **Unit 5: Contemporary South Asia in the Post-Cold War Era**

- Democratisation in Pakistan and Nepal
- Ethnic conflict in Sri Lanka
- Impact of economic globalization on the region
- Conflicts and efforts for peace in South Asia
- India's relations with its neighbours

#### **Unit 6: International Organizations**

- Restructuring and the future of the UN
- India's position in the restructured UN
- Rise of new international actors:
  - New international economic organisations
  - NGOs
- How democratic and accountable are the new institutions of global governance?

#### **Unit 7: Security in Contemporary World**

- Traditional concerns of security and politics of disarmament
- Non-traditional or human security:
  - Global poverty
  - Health
  - Education

- Issues of human rights and migration

## **Unit 8: Environment and Natural Resources**

- Environment movement and evolution of global environmental norms
- Conflicts over traditional and common property resources
- Rights of indigenous people
- India's stand in global environmental debates

## **Unit 9: Globalisation**

- Economic, cultural and political manifestations
- Debates on the nature of consequences of globalization
- Anti-globalisation movements
- India as an arena of globalization and struggle against it

## **Part B: Politics in India since Independence**

### **Unit 10: Challenges of Nation-Building**

- Nehru's approach to nation-building
- Legacy of partition:
  - Challenge of 'refugee' resettlement
  - The kashmir problem
- Organisation and reorganization of states:
  - Political conflicts over language

### **Unit 11: Era of One-Party Dominance**

- First three general elections:
  - Nature of Congress dominance at the national level

- Uneven dominance at the state level
  - Coalitional nature of Congress
- Major opposition parties

## **Unit 12: Politics of Planned Development**

- Five year plans, expansion of state sector and the rise of new economic interests
- Famine and suspension of five year plans
- Green revolution and its political fallouts

## **Unit 13: India's External Relations**

- Nehru's foreign policy
- Sino-Indian war of 1962
- Indo-Pak war of 1965 and 1971
- India's nuclear programme
- Shifting alliance in world politics

## **Unit 14: Challenges to the Congress System**

- Political succession after Nehru
- Non-Congressism and electoral upset of 1967
- Congress split and reconstitution
- Congress' victory in 1971 elections
- Politics of '*garibi hatao*'

## **Unit 15: Crisis of the Democratic Order**

- Search for 'committed' bureaucracy and judiciary
- Navnirman movement in Gujarat and the Bihar movement
- Emergency:
  - Context
  - Constitutional and extra-constitutional dimensions
  - Resistance to emergency
- 1977 elections and the formation of Janata Party
- Rise of civil liberties organisations

## **Unit 16: Popular Movements in India**

- Farmers' movements
- Women's movement
- Environment and Development-affected people's movements
- Implementation of Mandal Commission report and its aftermath

## **Unit 17: Regional Aspirations**

- Rise of regional parties
- Punjab crisis and the anti-Sikh riots of 1984
- The Kashmir situation
- Challenges and responses in the North East

## **Unit 18: Recent Developments in Indian Politics**

- Participatory upsurge in 1990s
- Rise of the JD and the BJP
- Increasing role of regional parties and coalition politics
- Coalition governments:

- NDA (1998 - 2004)
- UPA (2004 - 2014)
- NDA (2014 onwards)