



U. G. SYLLABUS – NEP 2020

**Political Science**

TDC (NEP) 7<sup>th</sup> Semester

PLS: DSC 402: MODERN POLITICAL ANALYSIS

Full marks- 100

(ESE- 70 Internal- 30)

Credit- 4

**Course Objectives:**

1. To provide students with an understanding of the meaning, evolution, and characteristics of modern political analysis, including its differences from traditional political science.
2. To introduce students to different approaches in the study of political science, including normative and empirical approaches, and the philosophical, institutional, and behavioral perspectives.
3. To explore the concepts of power, authority, and legitimacy, including their meanings, types, and interrelationships in political systems.
4. To analyze political participation, including its meaning, modes, and determinants, as well as the phenomenon of political apathy and its implications.
5. To study influential approaches in modern political analysis, including the decision-making approach of Herbert Simon, system analysis as developed by David Easton, and the structural-functional approach of Gabriel Almond.
6. To develop critical thinking and analytical skills in analyzing political phenomena using various theoretical perspectives and approaches.
7. To promote effective communication skills in presenting and discussing concepts, theories, and empirical findings related to modern political analysis.

Units	Topics	Lectures
1	Modern Political Analysis: Meaning, Evolution, Characteristics, Differences with Traditional Political Science; Fact and Value Controversy.	
2	Approaches to the study of Political Science: Normative and Empirical-Philosophical, Institutional, Behavioural Approach, Post-Behavioural Revolution.	

3	Power, Authority and Legitimacy: Meaning, Types and Relationship.	
4	Political Participation: Meaning, Mode and Determinants, Political Apathy.	
5	Decision Making Approach: Herbert Simon. System Analysis: David Easton. Structural Functional Approach: Gabriel Almond.	

**Course Outcomes:**

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

1. Understand the nature and characteristics of modern political analysis and its significance in studying political phenomena.
2. Differentiate between normative and empirical approaches to political science and analyze their strengths and limitations.
3. Analyze the concepts of power, authority, and legitimacy and their implications for political systems and governance.
4. Evaluate different modes of political participation and understand the factors influencing political behavior and engagement.
5. Critically assess the contributions and limitations of influential approaches in modern political analysis, including decision-making theory, system analysis, and structural-functionalism.
6. Effectively communicate complex political concepts and theories orally and in written form.
7. Develop a deeper understanding of the interconnections between theory and practice in the field of political analysis.

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