



U. G. SYLLABUS – NEP 2020

**Political Science**

TDC (NEP) 8th Semester

PLS: DSC 451: POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

Full marks- 100

(ESE- 70 Internal- 30)

Credit- 4

**Course Objectives :**

1. To introduce students to the field of political sociology, including its definition, nature, and scope, and to highlight its importance in understanding the relationship between politics and society.
2. To explore the concepts of social stratification, particularly caste and class, and their significance in shaping political processes, power dynamics, and inequalities within societies.
3. To examine the role of political culture and political socialization in influencing political attitudes, beliefs, values, and behaviors, and to analyze the foundations of political culture and the agents of political socialization.
4. To understand the concept of political development, including its meaning, attributes, and various theories proposed by scholars such as Lucian Pye and Samuel Huntington.
5. To explore the concept of political modernization, its attributes, and the agencies involved in the process, and to differentiate between political development and political modernization

<b>Units</b>	<b>Topics</b>	<b>Lectures</b>
1	Political Sociology: Definition, Nature and Scope; Importance of Political Sociology; Relations with Political Science.	
2	Social Stratification: Caste and Class.	
3	Political Culture and Political Socialization: Meaning, Types and Their Relations; Foundations of Political Culture; Agents of Political Socialization.	
4	Political Development: Meaning, Attributes, Theories of Political Development- Lucian Pye and Huntington.	

5	Political Modernization: Meaning, Attributes; Agencies of Political Modernization; Distinction between Political Development and Political Modernization.	
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### **Course Outcomes:**

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

1. Define and explain the field of political sociology, its nature, and its relationship with political science.
2. Analyze and compare the concepts of caste and class as forms of social stratification and evaluate their impact on political systems and dynamics.
3. Understand the concept of political culture, its various types, and its influence on political attitudes and behaviors, and recognize the agents of political socialization.
4. Identify and critically evaluate the theories of political development proposed by scholars like Lucian Pye and Samuel Huntington, and analyze their applicability to different political contexts.
5. Differentiate between political development and political modernization, and understand the attributes and agencies involved in the process of political modernization.
6. Develop a deeper understanding of the complex relationship between politics and society, and recognize the broader societal implications of political processes and decisions.
7. Reflect on the ethical and moral dimensions of political sociology and its potential for contributing to positive social change.

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