



U. G. SYLLABUS – NEP 2020

**Political Science**

TDC (NEP) 6<sup>th</sup> Semester

PLS: DSM 351: COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

Full marks- 100

(ESE- 70 Internal- 30)

Credit- 4

**Course Objectives:**

1. To introduce students to the field of comparative politics and provide an understanding of its meaning, nature, scope, evolution, and significance as a subfield of political science.
2. To compare different political regimes, including authoritarian and democratic systems, as well as different forms of government such as monarchy and republic, in order to identify their characteristics, strengths, and weaknesses.
3. To explore and analyze the classifications of political systems, such as parliamentary and presidential systems, federal and unitary systems, and understand their implications for governance, representation, and decision-making.
4. To engage in contemporary debates surrounding the nature of the state, particularly focusing on the shift from state-centric security to human-centric security, and the changing dynamics of the nation-state in the context of globalization.
5. To conduct a comparative study of constitutional systems, specifically examining the political systems of Great Britain and the United States of America, and understanding their similarities, differences, and the impact of their constitutional frameworks on governance and political processes.

Units	Topics	Lectures
1	Comparative Politics: Meaning, Nature and Scope, Evolution and Significance.	
2	Comparing Regimes: Authoritarian and Democratic; Monarchy and Republic.	
3	Classifications of Political Systems: Parliamentary and Presidential; Federal and Unitary.	

4	Contemporary Debates on the Nature of State: From State Centric Security to Human Centric Security, Changing Nature of Nation-State in the Context of Globalization.	
5	A Comparative study of Constitutional Systems: The Great Britain and the United State of America.	

### **Course Outcomes:**

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

1. Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the field of comparative politics, its evolution, and its significance in studying political systems.
2. Compare and contrast different political regimes, including authoritarian and democratic systems, and analyze their key characteristics, structures, and functions.
3. Analyze and evaluate different classifications of political systems, such as parliamentary and presidential systems, federal and unitary systems, and understand their impact on governance and decision-making.
4. Critically engage with contemporary debates on the nature of the state, including the shift towards human-centric security and the challenges posed by globalization to the nation-state.
5. Conduct a comparative analysis of constitutional systems, focusing on the political systems of Great Britain and the United States, and assess the strengths and weaknesses of their constitutional frameworks.
6. Apply comparative analytical frameworks and methodologies to analyze and interpret political systems and processes across different countries.
7. Develop a deeper appreciation for the diversity of political systems and gain a broader perspective on global governance and political dynamics.

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