

KLE Society's  
**Lingaraj College, Belagavi**  
(Autonomous)

Department of Political Science

**B.A.: I Semester**

**Optional: 127-Introductions to Political Theory**  
**(W.e.f. 2019-20 and onwards)**

<b>Teaching hours per week – 05 :</b>	<b>Maximum Marks</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>100 Marks</b>
	<b>Semester End Examination</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>70 Marks</b>
	<b>Internal Assessment</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>30 Marks</b>

**Course Outcome:**

**At the end of this course students will be able to:**

1. To understand the political concepts, Ideas and political theories developed by philosophers from time to time.
2. To analyze the ideological standpoints of various theories and their relevance.
3. To critically examine the highlights of various theories and their applicability in the contemporary world.

**Syllabus**

UNITS	Syllabus	HOURS
Unit I	<b>Introduction to Political Science</b> A. Meaning and importance of Politics and Political Science. B. Meaning , Nature and Relevance of Political theory	<b>8 Hours</b>
Unit II	<b>Basic Concepts</b> A. Democracy, Liberty, Equality and Justice B. Rights, Gender, Citizenship, Civil Society and state	<b>10 Hours</b>
Unit III	A. <b>State and its Theories</b> B. Meaning and Elements of State C. Theories of State <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Divine Theory</li><li>2. Social Contract Theory (Hobbles, Locke, Rousseau)</li></ol>	<b>12 Hours</b>
Unit IV	<b>Understanding Sovereignty</b> A. Meaning and Nature of Sovereignty B. Theories of Sovereignty <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Austin's Theory</li><li>2. Pluralist Theory</li></ol> C. Sovereignty in the era of Globalization	<b>12 Hours</b>
Unit V	<b>Political Ideologies</b> A. Socialism Meaning Importance and Types (Communism) B. Capitalism- Meaning, Importance and Types (Liberalism and Neo-liberalism)	<b>8 Hours</b>

**TEXT BOOKS:**

1. Appadorai – Substance of Politics (Oxford University Press, India, 2010)
2. Gokhale B.K.- Political Science : Theory and Government Machinery (New Delhi, Himalaya Publishing House, 2001)
3. Johari J.C. – Contemporary Political Theory (New Delhi, Sterling Publishers Pvt. Ltd., 2006)

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1. Agarwal R C – Political Theory: Principles of Political Science (New Delhi, S Chand and Co., Ltd., 1994)
2. Ashirwatham E and K.K. Mishra - Political Theory (New Delhi, S.Chand and Co., Ltd., 2003)
3. Gauba, O.P. –An Introduction to Political Theory (New Delhi, MacMillan India Pvt. Ltd., 2004)
4. Hey wood Andrew- Political Theory II Edition, (New York, Palgrave Foundations, 2005)
5. Hey wood Andrew - Key Concepts in Politics, (New York, Palgrave Foundations, 2006)