
Compulsory Paper Semester- II M.A. Part-I (Political Science)

PO-C6 : Comparative Politics

Objectives: The purpose of this course is to acquaint the students with the sub-discipline of Comparative Politics with the following objectives

- (i) To understand the trajectory of the sub-discipline.
- (ii) To understand the significance of the comparative methodology
- (iii) To understand the dynamics of domestic politics across the countries.

1. Approaches to the Study of Comparative Politics

- a. Systems theory and structural functionalism
- b. Institutionalism
- c. Political Economy approach

2. Organizing the state

- a. Constitutions and Constitutionalism
- b. Unitary State, Federations and Confederations
- c. Non-democratic systems

3. Governmental Structures

- a. Legislatures and Constitutionalism
- b. Bureaucracy and Military
- c. Judiciary

4. Parties and Groups

- a. Electoral Systems and Elections
- b. Parties and Party – Systems
- c. Groups in Politics

5. Political Development

- a. Modernization and Development
- b. Underdevelopment
- c. Revolutions

6. Non-state Political Process

- a. Social movements
- b. Non-governmental organizations

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