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

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### PO-05 : Political Process in Maharashtra

**Objectives:** This course expects the students to study one state in an in-depth manner to understand how the political process evolves at the state level. It will also allow the students to do assignments based on field studies. The study is to be done from socio-historical as well as political economy perspectives. The course seeks to sensitize students to the changes in the political process over the period of over half a century from Congress domination to a bipolar competition and from Maratha hegemony to the crisis of hegemony.

**1. Politics before 1960:** a) Non-Brahman Movement and its impact on State politics b) Movement for the formation of Maharashtra State

**2. Regionalisms and Sub-regionalism:** a) Politics of regional and linguistic identity; b) Issue of backwardness and regional imbalances; c) Demand for separate Vidarbha State

**3. Caste and Politics:** a) Rise of Maratha hegemony; b) Dalits politics; c) Challenges to Maratha hegemony

**4. Political Economy:** a) The cooperative sector; b) Agrarian interests; c) Rise of urban interests

**5. Electoral politics:** a) Dominant party system—1957-76; b) Crisis of dominant party system—1977-1995; c) Rise of competitive coalition system—1990 to the present

**6. Politics of Local governments:** a) Rural local politics after since 1992; b) Politics in Mumbai; c) Politics of urban areas

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