

Cluster University of Kashmir
Syllabus for Integrated Five-Years

Subject: Political Science

Semester-I

Course Title: Ancient and Medieval Western Political Thought

Course Code: POSC 112

Credits: 06

Aim of the Course: *To introduce the student community with the philosophical basis of politics; expose them to the development of political thought in ancient and medieval era; acquaint them with the development and creation of knowledge; explicate to them the processes in political thought for developing critical understanding; help the student community develop with the mental attitude of dissent for the growth of the discipline.*

Unit 01: Introduction

- 1.5 Greek Political Thought: Features
- 1.6 Significance of Greek Political Thought
- 1.7 Sophists' -Socrates' Dichotomy
- 1.8 Legacy of Socrates'

Unit 02: Plato

- 2.1 Introduction to Plato's Republic: Context and Content
- 2.2 Plato's Education Scheme for the (Ideal) State System
- 2.3 Theory of Justice
- 2.4 Theory of Communism

Unit 03: Aristotle

- 3.1 Aristotle's Criticism to Plato
- 3.2 Theory of State
- 3.3 Classification of Government and Views on Revolution
- 3.4 Views on Citizenship and Critical Evaluation of Justification of Slavery

Unit 04: Development of Western Thought in Medieval Era

- 4.1 Features of Medieval Political Thought
- 4.2 Theory of Two Swords
- 4.3 St. Augustine:
 - (a) Views on Human Nature
 - (b) Theory of Knowledge
 - (c) Just War Theory: Elements
- 4.4 St. Thomas Aquinas:
 - (a) Church-State Relationship
 - (b) Law, Reason and Common Good
 - (c) Functioning of Government: Influences of Aristotle and Bible