

Subject: Political Science

Semester: V

**Course Title: Western Political Thought: Thinkers & Themes
(DSE)**

Credits: 06

Unit-I: Introduction to Political Thought (08 Lectures)

- a) Political thought: Meaning and Significance
- b) Features of Western Political Thought

Unit-II Ancient Political Thinkers (12 Lectures)

- a) Plato- Ideal state and 'Theory of Justice'
- b) Aristotle: Citizenship and Classification of Governments

Unit-III: Modern Political Thought-I (12 Lectures)

- a) Machiavelli (State Craft)
- b) Hobbies: Sovereignty
- c) Locke- Natural Rights
- d) Rousseau –General Will

Unit-IV: Modern Political Thought- II (08 Lectures)

- a) Bentham – Utilitarianism
- b) J.S. Mill- Liberty
- c) Karl Marx-Class Struggle and State

Readings:

1. Leon P. Baradat, Political Ideologies: Origin and Impact, Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs, 1979.
2. William Ebenstein, Today's Isms, Prentice hall of India, Englewood Cliffs, 1980.
3. G.H. Sabine, A History of Political Theory, Oxford and IBH, New Delhi, 1973.
4. W. A. Dunning, History of Political Theories, Central Publishing House, Allahabad,.
5. J. Hampton, Political Philosophy, West View, USA, 1997.
6. M.G. Gupta, History of Political Thought, Chaitanya, Publishing House, Allahabad, 1991.