



Indraprastha College for Women University of Delhi

Work Plan for ODD SEMESTER – 2026

Course Name:	B.A (Hons.) Philosophy-DSC
Paper Title:	Social and Political Philosophy
Unique Paper Code:	2102102301
Semester:	3
Faculty:	Dr. Chetna Gupta
Year:	2026-2027

Work Plan			
Unit No.	Learning Objective	Lecture No.	Topics to be Covered
Unit-I: Introduction	This course aims at introducing the students to fundamental issues, and concepts in modern Social and Political Philosophy	1	Understanding Political Philosophy
		2	Understanding Political Philosophy
		3	Understanding Political Philosophy
		4	Understanding Political Philosophy
		5	Understanding Political Philosophy
		6	Understanding Political Philosophy
		7	Basic Concepts
		8	Basic Concepts
		9	Basic Concepts
Unit-II: Modern Liberal Thought	This course will enhance the understanding of social and political structures that govern our world, and understand the underlying theoretical frameworks	10	Fundamentals of Modern Western Liberal Thought
		11	Fundamentals of Modern Western Liberal Thought
		12	Fundamentals of Modern Western Liberal Thought
		13	Enlightenment
		14	Enlightenment
		15	State of Nature
		16	State of Nature

		17	Slavery
		18	Slavery
		19	The Beginning of Political Societies
		20	The Beginning of Political Societies
		21	The Beginning of Political Societies
Unit-III: Limits of Modern Western Political Thought	The course will enable to the student to reflect on the theoretical presuppositions of our social and political structures	22	Social structures
		23	Social structures
		24	Social structures
		25	Social structures
		26	Social structures
		27	Social structures
		28	The Possibility of a classless Society
		29	The Possibility of a classless Society
		30	The Possibility of a classless Society
		31	The Possibility of a classless Society
		32	The Possibility of a classless Society
		33	The Possibility of a classless Society
Unit- IV: Indian Political Thought	This course will discuss concept like Liberty, Justice, Democracy, Dignity, Civilization, and Nationalism	34	Critique of Nationalism, Critique of Modern Western Civilization, Democracy and Annihilation of Caste and Radical Humanism
		35	Critique of Nationalism
		36	Critique of Nationalism,
		37	Critique of Nationalism,
		38	Critique of Modern Western Civilization
		39	Critique of Modern Western Civilization

		40	Critique of Modern Western Civilization
		41	Democracy and Annihilation of Caste
		42	Democracy and Annihilation of Caste
		43	Radical Humanism
		44	Radical Humanism
		45	Radical Humanism

Contents/ Syllabus		
Unit	Contents	Contact Hours of Lectures
I	Unit-I: Introduction: Understanding Political Philosophy and Basic Concepts	9
II	Unit-II: Modern Liberal Thought: Fundamentals of Modern Western Liberal Thought, Enlightenment, State of Nature, Slavery and The Beginning of Political Societies	12
III	Unit-III: Limits of Modern Western Political Thought: Social structures and The Possibility of a Classless Society	12
IV	Unit- IV: Indian Political Thought: Critique of Nationalism, Critique of Modern Western Civilization, Democracy and Annihilation of Caste and Radical Humanism	12
	Total	45

S. No.	Name of Authors/Books/Publishers	Year of Publication/ Reprint
1.	Strauss, L. What is Political Philosophy? <i>The Journal of Politics</i> , 19(3), 343–368. https://doi.org/10.2307/2126765	1957
2.	Kant, I. (2006). An Answer to the Question: What is Enlightenment? In Kleingeld, P., & Colclasure, D. L. <i>Toward Perpetual Peace and Other Writings on Politics, Peace, and History (Rethinking the Western Tradition)</i> . (pp. 17–23). Yale	2006

	University Press	
3.	Locke, J. Of the State of Nature. In Laslett, P. <i>Two Treatises of Government</i> . (sections. 4-15, 95-104) Cambridge University Press	1960
4	Locke, J. Of Slavery. In Laslett, P. <i>Two Treatises of Government</i> . (sections. 22-24, 95-104) Cambridge University Press	1960
5	Locke, J. Of the Beginning of Political Societies.. In Laslett, P. <i>Two Treatises of Government</i> . (sections. 95-104) Cambridge University Press	1960
6	Rawls, J. Fundamental Ideas. In Kelly, E. (Ed.). <i>Justice as Fairness: A Restatement</i> . (pp. 1-38). Harvard University Press.	2001
7	Arendt, H. A Classless Society. In <i>The Origins of Totalitarianism</i> . (pp. 305-340). Harvest Book.	1976
8.	Tagore, R. Nationalism in the West. In <i>Nationalism</i> . (Chapter 1) Rupa & Co.	2005
9.	Gandhi, M. K. Hind Swaraj. In Parel, A. (Ed.). (Chapter 6-13). Cambridge University Press.	1997
10.	Ambedkar, B.R. Caste, Class and Democracy. In Rodrigues, V. (Ed.). <i>The Essential Writings of B.R. Ambedkar</i> . (pp. 132-148). Oxford University Press.	2002
11.	Ambedkar, B.R. Annihilation of Caste. In Anand, S. (Ed.). <i>Annihilation of Caste: The Annotated Critical Edition</i> . (Sections 14.1-14.7). Verso.	2014
12.	Roy, M.N. A New Political Philosophy. In <i>A New Humanism: A Manifesto</i> . (Chapter 6, pp. 34-37). Ajanta Publications.	1981

Paper Components			
Credits	Lecture (L)	Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
4	3	3	NA
Assessment Scheme			
S.No.	Component	Marking Scheme	Total Marks
1	Internal Assessment		30
	Assignment- August 2026	12	

	• Class Test- September	12	
	• Attendance-	6	
2.	Continuous Assessment (Tutorial)		
	• Activity 1 (1 Literature Reviews/ Summary)- September	20	
		15	
	• Activity 2 (1 Group Discussions/Presentations)- October		
		5	
	• Attendance		
3.	Practical		
	• Continuous Assessment	NA	
	• End Term Written/Practical Exam	NA	
		NA	
	• Viva		
4.	End Semester Examination		90