

POL101 Introduction to Political Science

Level: 1

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY REGULAR SEMESTER

Synopsis:

This course provides students of Political Science with the basic knowledge and concepts of the discipline. It orients students with regard to how political scientists understand the world around them. On completing the course, they should be able to differentiate between the variations in political behaviour, institutions and outcomes. They will also be introduced to the various subdisciplines within Political Science – political theory, comparative politics, international relations as well as public administration and policy.

Topics:

- Knowing the Political World: Politics and Knowledge
- Political Theory and Political Beliefs
- Political Actions
- Influence on Beliefs and Actions
- Political System, States, and Nations
- Institutional Structures and Arrangements
- Understanding Political Economy
- Public Policy, Power and Decision
- Change and Political Development
- Politics across Borders
- Political Violence
- Politics among States

Textbooks:

Understanding the Political World: A Comparative Introduction to Political Science 13th James N. Danziger, Lindsey Lupo Pearson
ISBN-13: 9780135256732

POL101 Specimen Exam Paper and Solution
ISBN-13: OT-4644

POL101 Study Guide (UDC - SUSS) SUSS
ISBN-13: SG-1433

Learning Outcome:

- Identify the key concepts fundamental to Political Science.
- Describe social phenomenon using concepts from Political Science.
- Demonstrate how politics connects with the social world around them.
- Show how the concepts and theories taught apply to their personal and professional experiences.
- Develop a nuanced understanding of the processes of the social world from the Political Science perspective.
- Apply key concepts from political science to real-world political events.

Assessment Strategies - Regular Semester (Evening Class):

Components	Description	Weightage Allocation (%)
Overall Continuous Assessment	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 1	15
	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 2	25
	PARTICIPATION 1	10
Overall Examinable Components	Written Exam	50
Total		100

*The information listed is subject to review and change.