

PHI-002: Introduction to Political Philosophy

Course Objectives:

This course paper is designed as a general introduction to a sub-discipline of Philosophy called Political Philosophy. It is a common course in the Departments of Philosophy and Political Science, with difference in focus owing to the disciplinary distinctions. It will serve a guide to the major concepts encountered in day-to-day politics, citizenry and political life of the people as collective. It will make students familiar with the *key concepts* of Political Philosophy with a purpose that they recognize their relevance of to their lives and are able to demonstrate the interrelationship of these theoretical concepts and practical politics around these issues to the visions of public citizenship in constitutional democracies.

Course Outcomes

- a) To provide an introduction to, and critical appraisal of, *basic concepts* of Political Philosophy.
- b) To grow familiar with the historical evolution and refinements in the debates of liberty, equality, community, social justice and democracy.
- c) To critically analyze the response of political philosophers/ thinkers to the questions of principles of collective life.
- d) To understand the functioning of the *State* and locate the scope of social justice within the framework of secured liberty-equality-fraternity.

Unit I: Key Concepts I

- Liberty

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- Equality
- Fraternity

Unit II: Key Concepts II

- State
- Democracy
- Justice