

BACHELOR OF ARTS  
COURSE OF VSK UNIVERSITY  
Political Science Semester II

**BAPSS 201: Political Theory**

Sub Code: BAPSS 201	No of Lecture Hours per week: 04
Total Credit =04	Internal Marks : 30 and Exam Marks : 70 = 100

**Objectives:**

- This Course introduces Political Theory as a distinctive area of inquiry that is integral to the study of politics.
- It highlights contemporary normative debates and places them in a historical perspective.

<b>Module I</b>	<b>Political Theory</b>	<b>20 Hours</b>
	a) Meaning, Nature, Scope, Importance and approaches of political theory b) Contemporary approaches – 1) Behavioral, Post-Behavioral and David Easton’s Political System	
<b>Module II</b>	<b>Political Ideologies</b>	<b>15 Hours</b>
	a) Liberalism, Marxism– meaning and principles b) Key Concept of Politics – Power, Legitimacy and Authority	
<b>Module III</b>	<b>Socialism</b>	<b>15 Hours</b>
	a) Meaning, Principles of Socialism b) Kinds of Socialism - Guild Socialism, Fabian Socialism, Democratic Socialism	
<b>Module IV</b>	<b>Concept of Democracy</b>	<b>15 Hours</b>
	a) Meaning, feature, Kinds, Merits and Demerits b) Prerequisites for success of Democracy c) Challenges of Indian Democracy	

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