

(1) Course Title: **Introduction to Political Science - IMA**

Number of credits: 4

The course aims at enabling students to understand politics in theory and practice at the national and global levels in a comparative perspective. It focuses on the forms of government and political ideologies; institutional arrangements such as the legislature, executive, judiciary, and bureaucracy; political process and participation including political parties, elections, interest groups, and movements; policy process; and global politics.

Apart from the introduction, the syllabus for the course is organized into five units of uneven weight.

Unit 1: Introduction: What is politics, why should we study politics and how do we do that?

Unit 2: What are various types of state and government and how do they function?

Types of government; Political ideologies; Democracy (and its varieties)

Unit 3: How do people participate in politics and how are governments formed?

Political parties, Elections, Interest Groups, and social movements

Unit 4: How decisions are taken and implemented?

Lawmaking bodies, Political executive, judiciary, and bureaucracy

Unit 5: How policies are made?

Policy process

Unit 6: Politics at the global level

Understanding world politics; Contemporary world order; Global governance

Sourcebooks:

Andrew Heywood, *Politics*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2007

Adrian Leftwich (ed), *What Is Politics*, Polity Press, Cambridge, 2004

Bernard Crick, *In Defence of Politics*, Continuum, London, 2005

Kenneth Minogue, *Politics: A very short introduction*, OUP, New York, 1995