ST. JOSEPH’S COLLEGE FOR WOMEN (AUTONOMOUS) VISAKHAPATNAM

III SEMESTER   **POLITICAL SCIENCE** TIME:3HRS/WEEK

POL-Ma3-3501(4) **WESTERNPOLITICALTHOUGHT:ANCIENT&MEDIEVAL**

w.e.f 2023-2024 (24AL Batch) **SYLLABUS**  MARKS:100

**Course Objectives:** The student will

1. Examine the historical context of Western political thought and analyze Plato's theories on politics and governance.
2. Analyze Aristotle's theories regarding the state, citizenship, revolutions, and slavery, and evaluate their relevance to political theory.
3. Explore Cicero’s concepts of law and justice and analyze St. Augustine’s theory of the Two Cities, including their contributions to political philosophy.
4. Analyze the political theories of St. Thomas Aquinas and William of Ockham, focusing on their views on law, governance, and the nature of political authority.
5. Examine and critique Niccole Machiavelli’s theories on power, statecraft, and political ethics, including their relevance to modern political thought.

**Course Outcomes:** On successful completion of the course the students will be able to:

CO-1: Explain the historical context of Western political thought and interpret Plato's

Contributions to political theory.

CO-2: Analyse and critique Aristotle’s theories and their impact on the understanding

of political organization and social structures.

CO-3: Evaluate the contributions of Cicero and St. Augustine to political theory and their

implications for law and justice.

CO-4: Analyze and compare the theories of Aquinas and Ockham, assessing their impact on medieval political thought.

CO-5: Evaluate Machiavelli’s ideas on power and governance and discuss their

relevance and impact on both historical and modern political thought.

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# UNIT – I:

1. History of Western Political Thought
2. Plato:RuleofPhilosopherKings
3. Theory of Justice and Law
4. IdealStateandEducation

# UNIT – II:

1. Aristotle:TheoryofState
2. ClassificationofGovernments
3. CitizenshipandSlavery
4. TheoryofRevolutions

# UNIT – III:

1. Cicero:OnLawandJustice
2. Cicero:InfluenceonWesternPoliticalThought
3. St.AugustineofHippo:ReligiousandPoliticalconditionsinEurope&Africa
4. St.AugustineofHippo:TheoryofTwoCities

# UNIT – IV:

1. St.ThomasAquinas:PoliticalPhilosophy
2. St.ThomasAquinas:FourCardinalPrinciples
3. WilliamofOckham:PoliticalPhilosophy
4. WilliamofOckham: Influenceandlegacy

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# UNIT – V:

1. NiccoloMachiavelli:ConditionsofEuropeandItaly
2. NiccoloMachiavelli:HumanNature
3. NiccoloMachiavelli:SuggestionstoPrince
4. NiccoloMachiavelli: State and Statecraft

# UNIT-WISEPROPOSEDACTIVITIES&EVALUATION:

1. **Assignment**:Marks obtained.
2. **Discussion**:Facultyevaluation.
3. **Essaywriting**:Basedon understandingandscores.
4. **ClassroomSeminar**:Peerevaluation.
5. **Debate:** Evaluation by faculty.

# REFERENCES:

1. AHistoryofPoliticalTheory:GeorgeH. Sabine
2. AHistoryofPoliticalThought-PlatotoMarx:S.Mukherjee&SushilaRamaswamy
3. AncientandMedievalPoliticalThinkers-FromPlatotoPadua:P.B.Rathod
4. PoliticalThought:C.L. Way per
5. WesternPoliticalThought**:**B.N.Ray

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