



## North South University

### Academic Calendar for Interession Semester 23-24

**Department of Political Science and Sociology (PSS)**

**Course Name : Introduction to Political Science**

**Course ID POL 101**

**Section: 2**

**Course Instructor : Professor Dr. Abul Kalam Azad (Klm)**

**Time 02:30 PM to 05:30 PM (ST)**

#### COURSE CONTENTS

Date	Class	Chapters and Topics	Exam Schedules and Submission Deadlines
		<p>Definition of <b>state</b> and its origin. Why people live in the state? Duties and functions of the state.</p> <p><b>Sovereignty</b>, definition and types, characteristics.</p> <p><b>Non-state actors</b> in domestic and international politics.</p> <p>Definition of <b>Political Science</b>. Why study political science? Approaches to the study of political science. Is political Science a science?.</p>	<p><b>PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO PRESENT UNCERTAIN POLITICAL SITUATION, NO DATE FOR EXAM IS FIXED. THE FACULTY WILL FIX THE DATES LATER ON IN CONSULTATION WITH THE STUDENTS OF THE CLASS</b></p>

		<p><b>Political system</b>, characteristics, functions.  <b>Political power</b>, features, bases, power wielders in the society.</p> <p><b>Political culture</b>, types, determinants, political culture of Bangladesh.</p> <p><b>Political party</b>, functions, bases, political parties in Bangladesh.</p> <p><b>Theory of Separation of Powers</b>, Legislature, Executive and Judiciary.</p>		
		<p><b>Nature of government</b>, democracy, dictatorship, authoritarianism, monarchy.</p> <p><b>Civil society</b>, definition, characteristics, CS in Bangladesh.</p> <p><b>Constitution</b>, definition, types, prerequisites for a good constitution, Bangladesh constitution at a glance.</p> <p><b>Forms of government</b> -Unitary and Federal, characteristics, merits and demerits.</p> <p><b>Elections, public opinion</b>, agencies for the formation of public opinion, the case of Bangladesh, overall review of the course for the final examination.</p>		

## **Group Project**

Please note that all group projects need to be submitted with the following considerations in mind: (i) The theme chosen should have relation, direct or indirect, with the course 101; (ii) The course teacher will display before you the sample of a group project; (iii) The theme chosen for the group project should be approved by the course teacher before any group begins to work on it; (iii) The deadline for the submission of group project in hard copy is the last ST class date. The presentation will also take place on the same date. Report 5 + Presentation 5. The presentation will be power point in nature; (iv) No plagiarism (I have software to detect it) will be tolerated in case of the group project; (v) The choice of selecting a particular group will depend solely on the students.

## **Course Introduction**

Political Science is a vast, complex and diverse subject. In view of the fact that the students in the course come from diverse disciplines and that political science is not their mother subject, the course has been designed in such a way that it will enable each student to acquaint himself/herself with the core concepts, processes and issues of political science. The course will cover the major concepts and theories in the field of Political Science. After taking this course, the students are expected to develop better grasping and analytical capability over developments in national and global settings and no less important, Bangladesh's politics.

It may be mentioned that the topics selected for the students are very relevant in present day political science studies. Once a student comes to grasp the mentioned concepts and processes, he/she will be able to understand many of the strands of current political society in the world.

## **Learning Objectives**

- (1) To help the students with an understanding and knowledge of different concepts and approaches to the study of political science.
- (2) To generate arguments for clarifying the basic terms and concepts of political science and develop the skill for their application in case of Bangladesh.

## **Learning Outcomes**

- (1) To be able to demonstrate a working knowledge of key approaches and concepts of political science.
- (2) To be able to examine how political science in theory conforms to the real life political situation in other countries in general, and in Bangladesh in particular.

## **Reading Materials**

Reading materials will be given through Canvas Module. It will be the responsibility of the students to get the materials copied by themselves. The students are supposed to read the materials at home and then answer the questions asked in the class. This, in other words, means that one theme taught will again be repeated in the class to see if the students are particular about reading concerning the subject already taught. A constructive and meaningful interaction in the class is desired by the course teacher. For this purpose, last 10 to 15 minutes will be allotted for a teacher-students interaction in the class. **PLEASE BEAR IN MIND THAT THIS PARTICIPATION CARRIES 5 MARKS.**

The 3-credit course carries 100 marks which will be distributed into the following segments:

<b>QUIZ I</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>QUIZ II</b>	<b>20 (The best 1 will be counted)</b>
<b>MIDTERM</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>GROUP PROJECT</b>	<b>10 (5+5)</b>
<b>AND PRESENTATION</b>	
<b>ATTENDANCE AND CLASS PARTICIPATION</b>	<b>10 (5+5)</b>
<b>FINAL</b>	<b>35</b>
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

The following grading scale will be applied in converting numerical score into letter grade and grade points:

<b>Numerical Scores</b>	<b>Letter Grade</b>	<b>Grade Points (Per credit)</b>
<b>93 and above</b>	<b>A Excellent</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>90-92</b>	<b>A-</b>	<b>3.7</b>
<b>87-89</b>	<b>B+</b>	<b>3.3</b>
<b>83-86</b>	<b>B Good</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<b>80-82</b>	<b>B-</b>	<b>2.7</b>
<b>77-79</b>	<b>C+</b>	<b>2.3</b>
<b>73-76</b>	<b>C Average</b>	<b>2.0</b>
<b>70-72</b>	<b>C-</b>	<b>1.7</b>
<b>67-69</b>	<b>D+</b>	<b>1.3</b>
<b>60-66</b>	<b>D Poor</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>Below 60</b>	<b>Fail</b>	<b>0.0</b>
	<b>'I' Incomplete</b>	<b>0.0</b>
	<b>'W'Withdrawal</b>	<b>0.0</b>

## **‘ R’ Re-taken**

It should also be borne in mind that the marks once obtained are the final ones. There is no provision for upgrading the marks already obtained by the students. Any request to upgrade mark will be considered an illegal claim. The students are also requested not to compare GED courses with the other mother courses they take, in particular, subjects like, **Marketing, CSE, EEE, BA, Accounting, Finance etc.** Curving, de-curving or increase in marks for no reason is not allowed in the course that I take. The student should inform the course teacher beforehand in case of her inability to appear in any examination. Unless, the case is serious, no change in examination date or holding of special examination for the absentee will take place. If the course teacher is not informed beforehand about anyone's absence in the examination (of whatever nature), the absentee will score 0 in the examination. There will not be no Make-up- Examination

### **IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS**

Please be informed that (i) attendance carries 5 marks. Any absence in the class for three (3) consecutive days will make a student liable to security scrutiny ;(ii) swipe your ID card after the same has been done by the course teacher; (iii) the students are advised to behave properly and strictly abide by the NUS Code of Discipline; (iv) Excepting water, no drink or food is allowed in the class; (v) the students are also strictly advised to keep their respective mobiles off or on silent mode during the class hour; (vi) finally and perhaps, the most important point to bear in mind is the issue of cheating in the examination. Remember, in this respect, NSU pursues a policy of ZERO TOLERANCE. Anyone found cheating in the examination of whatever kind (Quiz, Mid or Final) will be immediately expelled from the examination. In this case, the student (he/she) will just score 0. In case of the final examination, any student found cheating in any form (talking, side looking, writing on the wall or desk, copying from small chits etc.) will be seriously dealt with by the NSU authority.

The academic schedule for the Intersession Semester 2023-24 has been prepared in conformity with the synchronized syllabus of POL 101. The decision with respect to syllabus was taken in an online meeting held on 02 July 2020 under the supervision of Professor **Dr. Mahbubur Rahman, Department of PSS, NSU.**

Concerning any problem, academic/non-academic, please visit me in my office in the following hours at your convenience. I shall be happy to render you the fullest cooperation within my capacity.

**My office hours: ST 12 PM to 01:30 PM, OFFICE NAC 1111**

**WISHING YOU ALL A VERY CONSTRUCTIVE AND FRUITFUL INTERSESSION SEMESTER  
2023-2024**

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**Please do not telephone me or send me email unless the case is very urgent or serious in nature.**

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