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To  
The Principals/T.I.C.  
of all the Undergraduate Colleges  
offering Political Science (Honours)  
affiliated to the University of Calcutta

Sir/Madam,

The undersigned is directed to forward you the “**Guidelines**” for the **Revised Syllabus of B.A.(Honours) in Political Science** (vide University notification no.CSR/47/17, dt.27.6.17) which has come into effect from the Academic session 2017-2018, as prepared by the U.G.B.O.S. in Political Science, C.U. for the benefit of teachers and students.

This is for your kind information and necessary action.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

  
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As proposed by the UG B.O.S in Political Science, C.U., the following guidelines are provided for the benefit of the teachers teaching the revised syllabus in Political Science.

The guidelines contain indicative points

Paper I

**What is political:** No univocal meaning--- defined variously as science and interpretation. 'Common thread': management, if not resolution, of conflicts through institutions and practices. Structure-Agency approach and Process approach. (The following reference is useful: E.F. Miller, "What Does ""Political"" Mean?", *The Review of Politics*, 42:1, January, 1980, pp. 56-72). A brief exposition of the transition from state-centrism to 'state and beyond' may be made to facilitate understanding.

Key political concepts:

**State---** Definition, evolution. Nature: Idealist view; Liberal view; Authoritarian view; Post-Liberal view. Nation--- definition; elements of nationhood; International, post-national dimensions.

**Rights---** Definition, nature, theories of rights. Justice--- definition, nature. Freedom--- definition, nature (including evolution). Democracy--- definition, types, nature (Liberal, Socialist, Social).

**Citizenship---** Evolution, basic components/dimensions of political citizenship (Rights, membership and participation), theories (liberal, communitarian, republican), dilemmas (universal versus differentiated; Gendered citizenship), - citizenship in postnational, globalized world. [Along with references provided teachers may also see "Citizenship" in *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (available online), and A. Roy, 2013, *Gendered Citizenship: Historical and Conceptual Explorations*, Orient Blackswan.

**Cultural Marxism, Frankfurt School---** Brief introduction.

**Post-Marxism---** Emergence and basic contentions.

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