



**MANGALORE UNIVERSITY**  
**Department of Sociology**

**SYS 454 Political Sociology**

**Course Outcome:**

- CO1. Awareness of role as citizens of the state.
- CO2. Understand the contemporary socio-political challenges in India
- CO3. Nature and functioning of political system(s), and political processes.
- CO4. Prerequisites of sound democratic political system and its vulnerability.
- CO5. Learn relationship between society and polity
- CO6. Approaches to study the State

**Objectives:**

The major objectives of teaching this course are:

1. To acquaint the students with the nature and functioning of political system(s), and the political processes.
2. To generate in the minds of students an awareness of their status and role as citizens of the state.
3. To make the students aware of the prerequisites of sound democratic political system and its vulnerability.
4. To study the relationship between society and polity
5. To study the various approaches to study the State and understand the contemporary socio-political challenges in India

**UNIT – I : Introduction:**

**Hrs - 12**

- a. Nature and scope of political sociology
- b. Relationship between society and polity
- c. Ideology and types of political system

**UNIT – II : Basic Concepts:**

**Hrs - 14**

- a. Bureaucracy, authority and its bases
- b. Power elites, political parties and pressure groups
- c. Political socialisation and political participation

**UNIT – III : Theoretical Approaches:**

**Hrs - 12**

- a. Pluralist
- b. Power - elite

- c. Marxian

**UNIT –IV : Political Party System:**

**Hrs - 14**

- a. National level parties and their ideology
- b. State and regional parties
- c. Rise of backward classes in politics in India

**UNIT – V : Society and Polity in India:**

**Hrs - 12**

- a. Language, ethnicity and region
- b. Caste politics in India
- c. Religious Nationalism

**Reference Books**

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