



NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY AND JUDICIAL ACADEMY, ASSAM

PROGRAMME: B.A., LL.B. (HONS.)FYIC

DETAILS OF COURSE OFFERED

ODD SEMESTER (I) – ACADEMIC YEAR:

SL. NO	COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	L	T/P	CR	CH
1	BL103.3 POLITICAL SCIENCE MINOR I/I)	FORMS OF GOVERNMENT	4 PER WEEK	1 PER WEEK	4	

- A. CODE AND TITLE OF THE COURSE: BL103.3 (POLITICAL SCIENCE MINOR I/I), FORMS OF GOVERNMENT**
- B. COURSE CREDIT: 4 (TOTAL MARKS 200)**
- C. MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION: ENGLISH**
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- E. COURSE INSTRUCTOR: DR MAYENGBAM NANDAKISHWOR SINGH**

1. COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The relationship between Political Science and the legal studies is very close. Both political Science and the science of law influence each other. Legal studies will remain incomplete unless the study of its superstructure is done in proper perspective. Laws are influenced by its political environment and prevailing form of government. To understand the process and jurisprudential developments in any legal system, the fundamental knowledge of the particular political system is necessary. The present course has been incorporated for the law students to study various forms of government functioning around the world. There is no single homogenous form of government. There are several forms of government working in different countries. Each form of government possesses its unique nature, history, merits and demerits. The objective of this course is to acquaint students with the nature and functioning of the forms of governments. This course is designed to enable law students to acquire a proper knowledge about various forms of government. National Law and Judicial Academy, Assam has introduced this course to provide a comprehensive understanding of the forms of government for students.

2. TEACHING METHODOLOGY:

National Law University, Assam has framed its own teaching methodology to train its students in learning and understanding of political aspects and issues. The teaching methodology is not just confined to a traditional lecture method but a participatory teaching method with an aim to discuss on various current political aspects. The pedagogy followed is the combination of lectures and intense discussions in the class.

This course requires students to engage in seminars or group discussions for which topics and themes will be assigned well in advance. Assignments will be also assigned to the students as a part of the course. The students are also encouraged to do independent research on their respective assignments. Every student is required to present their topics and clear their doubts through discussion.

3. EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF THE COURSE:

On completion of the course, the students are expected to understand the nuances of each module and thereby they shall be in a position to undertake political issues with confidence in the society. Moreover, the course will also help students to have a clear understanding of the nature and functioning of various forms of government. Students will be in the position to nuance various living political concepts. Students will be able to grasp the working nature of various forms of government around the world.

4. COURSE EVALUATION METHOD:

The course will be evaluated for 200 marks. The Evaluation process will be as follows:

Internal Assessment: 70% (140 marks)

Semester End Examination: 30% (60 marks)

Sl. No.	Marks Distribution	
1	Project Work	40 marks
2	Seminar/Group Discussion	20 marks
3	Assignment/Assessment	30 marks
4	Mid-Semester Test	40 marks
5	Attendance in class	10 marks
6	Semester End Examination	60 marks

5. DETAILED STRUCTURE OF THE COURSE (SPECIFYING COURSE MODULES AND SUB-MODULES)

MODULE I

- Government and State
- Models of Government I:
 - Federal Form of Government: Nature and Challenges
 - Unitary Form of Government: Merits and Demerits
- Models of Government II:
 - Parliamentary Form of Government: Nature and Challenges
 - Presidential Form of Government: Advantages and Disadvantages

MODULE II

- Models of Government III:
 - Autocratic Form of Government: Advantages and Disadvantages
 - Dictatorship Form of Government: Merits and Demerits
 - Communist Form of Government: Merits and Demerits
 - Monarchy: Nature and Forms
 - Aristocracy: Merits and Demerits

MODULE III

- Democracy: Meaning, Nature and Challenges
- Forms of Democracy:
 - Direct: Meaning, Nature and Tools
 - Indirect Democracy: Meaning and Nature
 - Deliberative and Participatory Democracy
 - Constitutional and Electoral Democracy
 - Liberal Democracy

MODULE IV

- Nation and State
- Nation; Nationalism, Nationality
- Nationalism and Imperialism
- Constitution: Kinds and Importance

6. PRESCRIBED READINGS:

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