



**University of Madras**  
**Department of Politics and Public Administration**  
**Entrance Exam - 2023-2024**  
**M.A. Political Science**

## **Syllabus**

### **Unit 1- Introduction to Political science**

Meaning, nature, scope and significance of Political science– what is Politics?  
Politics as Art of Government, Politics as Public Affair, Politics as Power – State,  
Role of state– Civil Society and Nation

Concepts of Liberty– Equality– Justice– Democracy– Rights– Power

### **Unit 2 – Constitution of India**

Preamble– Fundamental Rights and Duties– Directive Principles of State Policy –  
Central Government – Parliament – President– Prime Minister– Council of  
Ministers– Judiciary– Supreme Court & High court– Constitutional and Non-  
Constitutional bodies– Local Self Governments– 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> Constitutional  
Amendment Act

### **Unit 3 – Political thinkers**

Plato– Aristotle– Machiavelli– John Locke– J J Rousseau– Karl Marx

### **Unit 4 – Current Affairs**

#### **Suggested Readings**

Gauba, O. P. "An introduction to political theory." Macmillan, 2013.

Basu, Durga Das, et al. *Introduction to the Constitution of India*. Wadhwa, 2001.

Jha, Shefali. *Western political thought: From plato to marx*. Pearson Education  
India, 2009.