

**Learning Outcomes-based Curriculum Framework
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for

M.A. (Political Science)

Post Graduate Programme



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1. About the Department

The Department of Political Science in the Faculty of Social Science was established in the year 2023. It offers Masters and Ph.D. level academic programmes to the students graduated in different streams of education available in the country. Presently one faculty member having wide experience of teaching and guiding students for research degree in diverse field of Political Science and Public Administration is fulfilling the intellectual needs of the students and in near future some more faculty members will join the Department.

2. Learning Outcome based Curriculum Framework

The Choice Based Credit System evolved into learning outcome based curriculum framework and provides an opportunity for the students to choose courses from the prescribed courses comprising core, elective/minor or skill-based courses. The courses can be evaluated following the grading system, which is considered to be better than the conventional marks system. Grading system provides uniformity in the evaluation and computation of the Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) based on student's performance in examinations which enables the student to move across institutions of higher learning. The uniformity in evaluation system also enables the potential employers in assessing the performance of the candidates.

2.1 Objectives of the Programme

The M.A. in Political Science Programme aims to acquaint the students with conceptual and practical understanding of the discipline. The Core Courses equip the students with a robust foundation of Political Science, the Discipline-Specific Electives courses enhance their knowledge about emerging areas of the discipline and the Skill-Enhancement Courses acquaint them with the applied aspects of the discipline. The offered courses, equip the students to pursue higher studies, and also broaden their horizon outside academics – whether in the International Relations, Public Sector, Local Government, Development and welfare Policies and Programmes etc. The course curriculum enhances proficiency skills of the students, not only specific to the discipline of the Political Science but also in certain interdisciplinary areas. A variety of medium of instruction shall be deployed to impart classrooms teaching, and practical knowledge of real-world interactions and field experiences. The focus shall be on blending learning- Classroom teaching comprising through lecture methods conventional modes of blackboard and chalk, charts, quiz, surprise tests, assignments, and online teaching-learning modes. Besides, theoretical analysis, the students will learn the

practical hands-on training, especially under the Project Report. For sharpening their understanding, they will be given multiple opportunities, such as: workshops, Seminars, interaction with subject experts, screening movies and documentaries etc.

2.2 Programme Outcomes

PO 1	Knowledge: Demonstrate knowledge of historical emergence, questions asked, and distinctive contributions of the social science disciplines to analysis human behavior and social issues
PO 2	Problem Solving: Visualize, conceptualize, articulate, and solve complex problems through experimentation and observation using theoretical framework of social science disciplines
PO 3	Critical Thinking: Critically analyze everyday problems faced by the society, evaluate specific policy proposals, compare arguments with different conclusions to a specific societal issue, and assess the role played by assumptions in such arguments.
PO 4	Scientific Enquiry and Usage of Analytical Tools: Develop the capability to define problems, formulate hypothesis, collect relevant data, develop empirical evidence and interpret the results of such analyses. Develop the ability to apply appropriate quantitative/qualitative techniques used in social science disciplines along with ICT, softwares etc.
PO 5	Specialization and Employability: Develop deeper understanding, creativity, originality, analytical and critical skills in chosen specialized areas of Social Science disciplines leading to employability.
PO 6	Interdisciplinary Knowledge & Adaptation: Enhance the ability to integrate as well as synthesize the acquired knowledge within the social sciences and beyond.
PO 7	Self Directed Learning: Develop the ability to work independently as well as effectively in the changing environment.
PO 8	Ethics and Leadership: Articulate and apply ethics, values and ideals that demonstrate awareness of current societal challenges. Build skills to work as part of a team and lead others, setting directions and formulating inspiring vision.

2.3 Programme Specific Outcomes

After completing the programme the student will get

PSO 1	Acquainted with the conceptual understanding of the discipline of Political Science and its locus in Social Sciences context.
PSO 2	Theoretical knowledge of theories, ideologies, paradigms in their intellectual growth perspective.
PSO 3	Comprehensive information about constitutional, Politico-administrative and legal frameworks of the government and administrative system of India in particular.
PSO 4	Informed about the public policies in their different theoretical and applied perspective.

3. Programme Structure:

Two year M.A. programme is divided into four semesters. The students is required to complete 100 credits consisting of Core Courses (CC), Discipline Specific Elective Courses (DSC), Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC) and Open Elective Courses (OEC) for the completion of programme and award of degree.

Table 1: Courses and Credit Scheme

Semester	Core Courses (CC)		Discipline Specific Elective Courses (DSC)		Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC)		Open Elective Courses (OEC)		Grand Total Credits
	No. of Courses	Total Credits	No. of Courses	Total Credits	No. of Courses	Total Credits	A total of 8 credit are to be earned from other Departments or from MOOCs students have to opt open elective course in consultation with chairperson and Director, University Centre for Outreach Programmes and Extension		
I	04	16	02	08	---	---			24
II	03	12	02	08	1	04			24
III	04	16	1	04	1	04			24
IV	03	12	02	08	----	----			20
Total	Core Courses Credits	56	Discipline Specific Elective Courses Credits	28	Skill Enhancement Courses Credits	08	Open Elective Courses Credits	8	92+8= 100
%age	Core Courses Credits	56%	Discipline Specific Elective Courses Credits	28%	Skill Enhancement Courses Credits	8%	Open Elective Courses Credits	8%	100%

Table 2: Detailed break-up of Credit Courses

	Core Courses	Discipline Specific Elective Courses	Skill Enhancement Courses	Open Elective Courses	Total Courses
	CC	DSC	SEC	OEC	
Semester I	CC1 CC2 CC3 CC4	(Any two of the following) DSC 1 DSC 2 DSC 3 DSC 4 DSC 5 DSC 6		OECs offered by other departments or MOOCs (May be enrolled in any of the four semesters)	06
Semester II	CC5 CC6 CC7	(Any two of the following) DSC 7 DSC 8 DSC 9 DSC 10 DSC 11 DSC 12	(Any one of the following) SEC 1 SEC 2 SEC 3	Students have to opt open elective course in consultation with Chairperson and Director, University Centre for Outreach Programmes and Extension	06
Semester III	CC8 CC9 CC10 CC11	(Any one of the following) DSC 13 DSC 14 DSC 15 DSC 16	(Any one of the following) SEC 4 SEC 5 SEC 6		06
Semester IV	CC12 CC13 CC14	(Any two of the following) DSC 17 DSC 18 DSC 19 DSC 20 DSC 21 DSC 22			05

Table 3: Course Code and Title alongwith Credits details:

Course Code	Course Title	Credits/Hrs of Teaching	
		Theory	Credit
	Semester-1st		
MA/PS/1/CC1	Political Theory-I	4	4
MA/PS/1/CC2	Western Political Thought-I	4	4
MA/PS/1/CC3	Comparative Politics-1	4	4
MA/PS/1/CC4	Public Administration	4	4
	(Any two of the following)		
MA/PS/1/DSC1	Indian Constitution	4	4
MA/PS/1/DSC2	International Law	4	4
MA/PS/1/DSC3	Governance in India		
MA/PS/1/DSC4	International Politics		
MA/PS/1/DSC5	Democracy and Development		
MA/PS/1/DSC6	Public Policy Formulation		
	Semester-2nd		
MA/PS/2/CC5	Political Theory-II	4	4
MA/PS/2/CC6	Western Political Thought-II	4	4
MA/PS/2/CC7	Comparative Politics-II	4	4
	(Any two of the following)		
MS/PS/2/DSC7	Contemporary Issues in Indian Politics		
	International Organizations	4	4
MS/PS/2/DSC8	Governance: Issues and Challenges	4	4
MS/PS/2/DSC9	Politics and Administration		
MS/PS/2/DSC10	Administrative Thinkers		
MS/PS/2/DSC11	MOOC from SWAYAM portal		
MS/PS/2/DSC12			
	(Any one of the following)		
MA/PS/2/SEC1	Disaster Management Techniques		
MA/PS/2/SEC2	Administration of Non-Governmental Organizations	4	4

MA/PS/2/SEC3	Digital Governance		
	Semester-3rd		
MA/PS/3/CC8	Research Methodology - I	4	4
MA/PS/3/CC9	International Relations	4	4
MA/PS/3/CC10	Cardinal Principles of Academic Integrity	2	2
MA/PS/3/CC11	Project Report	6	6
	(Any one of the following)		
MA/PS/3/DSC13	Indian Administration		
MA/PS/3/DSC14	Local Self-Government in	4	4
MA/PS/3/DSC15	IndiaContemporary Socio-Economic Issues in India		
MA/PS/3/DSC16	MOOC from SWAYAM portal		
	(Student has to choose any one SEC)		
MA/PS/3/SEC4	Computer Application in Political Science	4	4
MA/PS/3/SEC5	Rigth to Information and Right to Service		
MA/PS/3/SEC6	Social Audit and Accountability		
	Semester-4th		
MA/PS/4/CC12	Research Methodology - II	4	4
MA/PS/4/CC13	Indian Political Thinkers	4	4
MA/PS/4/CC14	ForeignPolicyofIndia	4	4
	(Any two of the following)		
MA/PS/4/DSC17	Indian Political System	4	4
MA/PS/4/DSC18	Contemporary Issues In World Politics	4	4
MA/PS/4/DSC19	Comparative Federalism		
MA/PS/4/DSC20	Political Ideologies		
MA/PS/4/DSC21	Administrative Law		
MA/PS/4/DSC22	Modern Indian Political Philosophy		

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Note:

- (I) For Project Report, the students will be divided into groups. Each group shall comprise around 8 students. The students of each group shall be taught by one teacher. The workload of each group would be of 6 hours per week. However, the workload of each teacher will be counted 2 hours per week as per ordinance.
- (II) For a course of 4 credits, there will be one hour of tutorial class. Teaching hours of tutorials will be counted towards the workload.
- (III) Any DSC /SEC will be started with the strength of at least 10 students.

Table 4: Core Courses Offered by the Department

Course Code	Course Title	Credits
	Core Courses	
MA/PS/1/CC1	Political Theory-I	4
MA/PS/1/CC2	Western Political Thought-I	4
MA/PS/1/CC3	Comparative Politics-1	4
MA/PS/1/CC4	Public Administration	4
MA/PS/2/CC5	Political Theory-II	4
MA/PS/2/CC6	Western Political Thought-II	4
MA/PS/2/CC7	Comparative Politics-II	4
MA/PS/3/CC8	Research Methodology - I	4
MA/PS/3/CC9	International Relations	4
MA/PS/3/CC10	Cardinal Principles of Academic Integrity	02
MA/PS/3/CC11	Project Report	06
MA/PS/4/CC12	Research Methodology - II	4
MA/PS/4/CC13	Indian Political Thinkers	4
MA/PS/4/CC14	ForeignPolicyofIndia	4

Table 5: Discipline Specific Elective Courses offered by the Department

	(Any two of the following)	
MA/PS/1/DSC1	Indian Constitution	8
MA/PS/1/DSC2	International Law	
MA/PS/1/DSC3	Governance in India	
MA/PS/1/DSC4	International Politics	
MA/PS/1/DSC5	Democracy and Development	
MA/PS/1/DSC6	Public Policy Formulation	
	(Any two of the following)	
MA/PS/2/DSC7	Contemporary Issues in Indian Politics	8
MA/PS/2/DSC8	International Organizations	
MA/PS/2/DSC9	Governance : Issues and Challenges	
MA/PS/2/DSC10	Politics and Administration	

MA/PS/2/DSC11	Administrative Thinkers	
MA/PS/2/DSC12	MOOC from SWAYAM portal	
MA/PS/3/DSC13	(Any one of the following) Indian Administration	4
MA/PS/3/DSC14	Local Self-Government in India Contemporary	
MA/PS/3/DSC15	Socio-Economic Issues in India	
MA/PS/3/DSC16	MOOC from SWAYAM portal	
MA/PS/4/DSC17	(Student has to choose any two DSCs) Indian Political System	8
MA/PS/4/DSC18	Contemporary Issues In World Politics	
MA/PS/4/DSC19	Comparative Federalism	
MA/PS/4/DSC20	Political Ideologies	
MA/PS/4/DSC21	Administrative Law	
MA/PS/4/DSC22	Modern Indian Political Philosophy	

Table 6: Skill Enhancement Courses Offered by the Department

MA/PS/2/SEC1	(Any one of the following) Studies on Right to Information And Right to Service	4
MA/PS/2/SEC2	Studies on Election And Electoral Behaviour	
MA/PS/2/SEC3	Digital Governance	
MA/PS/3/SEC4	(Any one of the following) Computer Application in Political Science	4
MA/PS/3/SEC5	Local Self Governance	
MA/PS/3/SEC6	Governance: Accountability & Social Audit	

Table 7: Open Electives Courses offered by the Department

	Odd Semester	
MA/PS/9/OEC1	Indian National Movement	4
MA/PS/9/OEC2	Key concepts of Political Science	4
MA/PS/9/OEC3	Exclusion and Inclusive Policy in India	4
	Even Semester	
MA/PS/9/OEC4	Basics of International Politics	4
MA/PS/9/OEC5	Politics in India	4
MA/PS/9/OEC6	Introduction to National Security	4