

Shailabala Women's Autonomous College
Department of Political Science

Course Structure of P.G. Programme
In Political Science

Duration-2 years

No. of Semesters- 04

Total Papers-22

Total credits-103

PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

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1. Educate students about normative political values, concepts and debates centered on these along with political processes, theories, governments in India and other countries and about international relations between those countries.

2. Prepare students for a variety of careers or graduate and professional degree programs in fields such as law, bureaucracy, education, politics, policy, civil society and business.

3. Offer students the analytical and research skills needed to understand, explain, describe & evaluate society, politics, governments, organized associational life and international relations.

4 MA Political Science is a postgraduate Political Science course. Political Science is the study of theory and practice and description and analysis of power relations, political systems and political behavior. The MA (Political Science) degree course involves study of both national and international political systems. It covers a very broad field which incorporates the study of normative concepts, historical and modern political systems, public administration, governmental policies and procedures, international relations and public affairs. The stipulated duration of the course is three years.

5. Political science, the systematic and rigorous study of politics and government, is becoming increasingly crucial in a complex and controversial world. Current cynicism about politics and public leadership believe a need for responsive, representative, effective, and capable public authority. Citizens still expect government to tackle such intimidating social problems, such as healthcare, community security, economic, and social justice and the balancing of conflicting rights and freedoms. Political science analyzes the ways societies use public authority to address collective problems. The Masters of Arts in Political Science program is designed to equip students with specialized research and analytical skills as well as familiarity with more generalized problem-solving skills sufficient to allow them to make valuable contributions to any vocation or enterprise they pursue and to ensure that they will be prepared to solve public problems.

6. The MA in Political Science will engage students in the study of social, economic, and political life, nationally and globally. A Master's degree in political science can lead to exciting careers in federal state and local governments; law, business, and international organizations; non-profit associations and organizations; campaign management, electoral politics, and polling; journalism; and last but certainly not the least research and teaching.

7. MA Political Science offers a strong platform to venture into diverse field like academics, research, teaching, administrative jobs, journalism, work in national and international nonprofit organizations (NGOs) and election campaign manager.

8. Along with it the graduation degree in Political Science acquaints students to inculcate various citizenship values like- empathy, cooperation, tolerance, leadership quality, make them responsible in nation- building and develop in them law abidingness.

9. It also inculcates values of debate, discussion and spirit of constitutionalism.

PROGRAM SPECIFIC OUTCOMES

1. Understanding of the institutions, processes, constitutional background, and policy outcomes of the government or other power structures and the ability to compare one country's political system with others around the world
2. Knowledge of key theories and concepts, historical developments, organizations, and modern issues in international relations
3. Understanding of government institutions, electoral processes, and policies in a variety of countries around the world and the ability to compare the effectiveness or impact of differing political arrangements across countries
4. Knowledge of some of the philosophical underpinnings of modern politics and government and the legal principles by which political disputes are often settled
5. Ability to use the comparative case study method of analysis, quantitative forms of analysis, and legal analysis in oral communication and in written research.

SEMESTER -I

SL NO	COURSE CODE	PAPER TITLE	COURSE OBJECTIVES AND LEARNING OUTCOMES
1	HARD-CORE - 101	Comparative Politics (Concepts & Models)	<p>This paper will enable the learners to understand Comparative politics, its nature and scope and different theoretical models. Also, they will know Constitutionalism, its types and states in Comparative Perspectives along with the meaning and theories of Political elites.</p> <p>This course introduces students to the different perspectives, approaches and conceptual frameworks of comparative political analysis. The course emphasizes the importance of understanding how and why comparisons are made apart from what is to be compared. It exposes students to conceptual categories and analytical frameworks which capture and explain both the similarities and differences in political experiences across the world. The purpose is to help students examine contemporary political realities with conceptual tools which enable them to see relationship among political phenomena across the world and understand the debates that have gathered around them.</p>

2	HARD-CORE-102	Administrative Theory -Principles and Approaches	<p>This paper will enable the learners to understand Public Administration, Approaches, Different theories of Organization, Administrative Management, New Public Administration, Development Administration and Citizen's Participation in Administration.</p> <p>The objective of the course is to provide superior post graduate education to the students aspiring for public service career. To that end, the course provides an academically rigorous, political science-based curriculum relevant to public policy and public management. It promotes understanding of the political, social, legal and economic environment in which public organizations operates. It provides understanding of the nature, scope of administrative process and decision making. This course introduces students to key administrative theories ranging from classical, neo-classical to contemporary theories on administration. The course also explores some of the recent trends, including feminism and ecological perspective for greater democratization in restructuring public administration.</p>
3	HARD-CORE-103	International Relations-Major Concepts and Theories	<p>This paper will enable the learners to understand different theories and Approaches to International relation, key Concepts of International relation, Structure and Agents of International relation, Conflict Resolution and Peace and Transformation in International Relations.</p> <p>This paper seeks to equip students with the basic intellectual tools for understanding International Relations. It introduced students to some of the most important theoretical approaches for studying International Relations. Towards the end of the course, the students shall have acquired a grounding in the academic debates and research literature in the field of international relations (IR), and understood how to apply key theories and concepts of IR to global and regional issues. The students would gain knowledge of significant developments in contemporary international relations, and would develop practical skills relevant to a career in international affairs, including in academia, research think-tanks, international organizations, government, media and NGOs.</p>
4	HARD-CORE-104	Contemporary Political Theory	<p>This paper will enable the learners to understand the nature of Political Theory, its Decline and Resurgence, Different theories of state, Different Models of Democracy, Justice, state and Civil Society.</p> <p>Contemporary Political theory is concerned with the systematic elaboration of the underlying structure of our moral and political activities, as well as examination and</p>

			reconstruction of the principal political values such as justice, common good, community living etc.
5	Allied-Core-101	Computer Application Course	<p>This paper will enable the learners to understand Political Culture, Political Socialization, Political Communication, Political Change, Social Movements, Political Modernization, development and Underdevelopment, Political Representation and Public Policy Making.</p> <p>This course introduces students to the different perspectives, approaches and conceptual frameworks of comparative political analysis. The course emphasizes the importance of understanding how and why comparisons are made apart from what is to be compared. It exposes students to conceptual categories and analytical frameworks which capture and explain both the similarities and differences in political experiences across the world. The purpose is to help students examine contemporary political realities with conceptual tools which enable them to see relationship among political phenomena across the world and understand the debates that have gathered around them.</p>

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1	Hard-Core-201	Comparative Political processes	<p>This paper will enable the learners to understand Political Culture, Political Socialization, Political Communication, Political Change, Social Movements, Political Modernization, development and Underdevelopment, Political Representation and Public Policy Making.</p> <p>This course introduces students to the different perspectives, approaches and conceptual frameworks of comparative political analysis. The course emphasizes the importance of understanding how and why comparisons are made apart from what is to be compared. It exposes students to conceptual categories and analytical frameworks which capture and explain both the similarities and differences in political experiences across the world.</p>

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2	Hard-Core-202	Contemporary Debates in Political Theory	<p>This paper will enable the learners to understand Marxism, Neo-Marxism, feminism, Environmentalism, Role of Ideology, Leninist, Maoist and Gandhian Theories of Change and Multiculturalism</p> <p>This paper aims at introducing the students to the recent political concepts. It also teach the students about Third World Political Theory.</p>
3	Hard-Core-203	Indian Government and Politics(Basics)	<p>This paper will enable the learners to understand making of the Indian Constitution, Distinct Feature of Indian Constitution, working of the Indian Constitution.</p> <p>The paper introduces students to the way democracy has functioned in post-independence India within a deeply divided and hierarchical society. The topics traverse through contestations over Fundamental Rights & Directive Principles between Parliament & Supreme Court, approaches to study the nature of Indian State, Institutional functioning through Prime Minister, Parliament and Judiciary. The paper also takes up the study of power structures in Indian society; caste, class and patriarchy, the interface of religion and politics, functioning of political parties and party systems, critical appraisal of economic planning, etc. The paper concludes by studying various social movements taken up by workers, peasants, environmental and women.</p>

4	Hard-Core-204	Indian Political Tradition-I	<p>This paper will enable the learners to understand Kautilya, his concept of State and Foreign Policy, Dayananda Saraswati his philosophy, Raja Ram Mohan Roy as a social reformer and Liberal, Vivekananda's concepts of Humanism and Nationalism and the Political ideas of Gokhale.</p> <p>This course introduces the specific elements of Indian Political Thought spanning over two millennia beginning with a comparison of Brahmanic & Sramanic traditions. whose ideas are however framed by specific themes. The course as a whole is meant to provide a sense of the broad streams of Indian thought while encouraging a specific knowledge of individual thinkers and texts. Based on the study of individual thinkers, the course introduces a wide span of thinkers and themes that define the modernity of Indian political thought. The objective is to study general themes that have been produced by thinkers from varied social and temporal contexts. Selected extracts from original texts form part of this course.</p>
5	Core-Elective-201	<p>State and Local Administration in India-With Special Reference to Odisha</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Administration in India</p>	<p>This paper will enable the learners to understand evolution of Indian Administration, Constitutional authorities in India, Central Administration, Budget Procedure in India, Planning and Issues in Indian Administration.</p> <p>This paper will give knowledge about the evolution and growth of Indian administration. Familiarity with constitutional frame work on which Indian Administration is based. Understanding the in-built control mechanism over constitutional bodies in particular and administration in general</p>
6	Open Elective-201	<p>Gender and Politics</p> <p>OR</p> <p>MOOCs From Swayam, NPTL etc.</p>	<p>This paper will enable the learners to understand Necessity and Rationale-Framework of State and Local Administration, Political Executive of the state, Administration of the state,</p>

			<p>urban and rural local Governance structure and Function</p> <p>The course will equip the students to understand the nuances of development as it relates to greater decentralization and democratization. It will equip the students with a theoretical understanding of decentralization and how institutional architecture and power relations affect governance outcomes</p>
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Semester-III

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1	Hard-Core-301	Research Methodology	<p>This paper will enable the learners to understand Social and Political Research, Scientific methods, Research Design, hypothesis, Survey methods, Sampling, data Analysis and basic statistical techniques and tools as research is central to social sciences the study of research methodology is of crucial importance for the learners.</p> <p>The learning Outcome of this paper will be significant in the career of the learners. he/she will have a complete understanding on research and research methodology</p> <p>This course will introduce students to understand the fundamental process of doing research in the social sciences, with special reference to tools they are likely to use in Political Science. It will position it such that a student can go from a common-sense understanding to a complex, conceptual one. The student will also have a sense of hands-on training, by undertaking some limited research idea, with an appropriate methodology and write a report on it. This will constitute the internal assessment requirement. The faculty offering the course will provide a list of ideas for a short, doable research, along with a guide to the literature and proposed methodology, from which the students may choose.</p>

2	Hard-Core-302	Political Sociology	<p>This paper will enable the learners to understand the basic ideas of Marx, Weber, Émile Durkheim, Talcott Parsons, Mosca, Pareto, C.Wright Mills along with concepts of Political Participation, Political communication, 3Political Development, Social Change and Social Conflict.</p> <p>The learner will have acquaintance with the theories as well as processes in Political Sociology. He will make him/her understand core ideas of important Philosophers in the field of Political sociology as well as important concepts involved in the study of society and social change</p>
3	Hard-Core-303	Western Political thought-I	<p>This paper will enable the learners to understand the political philosophies of Plat, Aristotle, Hobbes, Locke and Rousseau.</p> <p>Political Philosophy is not only basic to understand politics but also encourages learner to develop new questions and expand the horizon of Politics. This paper will help learners develop critical thinking on politics and political processes.</p> <p>The significant of western political thought lies in the attempt of the political philosopher to identify political issues, and provide solution, thus giving political thought a meaning and vision. The classic in political thought include the works of Plato to the Marx. The paper intends to acquaint about</p>
4	Core-Elective-301	Global Politics or Peace and Conflict	<p>This paper will enable the learners to understand Cold war, global order, Functionalist and neo functionalist approaches, Contemporary debates of global politics UNO, peace and security, Human Rights in global politics</p> <p>This will help the learners to understand dynamics of global politics today and enable them to comprehend the complexities of Global Politics.</p>

5	Core-Elective-302	Indian Government and Politics or Working of Democracy in India	<p>This paper will enable the learners to understand Dominant concept of security, Cold war, Internal and Transnational Security Issues. This course provides a conceptual foundation for studying the phenomenon of conflicts in all its varied dimensions in IR.</p> <p>The objective is to deal with some of the fundamental debates, concepts and theoretical approaches to give students an appreciation of the major intellectual tools available to them in understanding and critically analyzing international as well as internal conflicts in a historical and contemporary setting.</p> <p>This paper will enable the learners to understand democracy and its evolution in India, major Democratic institution, Political Participation Different movements in India, identity politics, Changing dynamics of Indian state, Political economy of development and civil society in India</p> <p>By reading this paper the learner will have an inclusive understanding of the democratic process in India and its challenges. This will help in understanding how democracy can be effective and successful in India</p>
6	Field Internship-202		

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1	Hard Core-401	Western Political Thought-II	<p>This paper will enable the learners to understand the philosophies of Hegel, Marx, Lenin, Mao and Gramsci.</p> <p>The significant of western political thought lies in the attempt of the political philosopher to identify political issues, and provide solution, thus giving political thought a</p>

			<p>meaning and vision. The paper intends to acquaint about different ways of reading classical text especially in the west to establish its linkage with current thought process.</p>
2	Hard Core-402	India's Foreign Policy	<p>This paper will enable the learners to understand the core areas of India's Foreign Policy, its relation with major Power, its relation with leading Regional Organization, Nuclear Policy, Economic Diplomacy and global Security.</p> <p>This course's objective is to teach students the domestic sources and the structural constraints on the genesis, evolution and practice of India's foreign policy. The endeavour is to highlight integral linkages between the 'domestic' and the 'international' aspects of India's foreign policy by stressing on the shifts in its domestic identity and the corresponding changes at the international level. Students will be instructed on India's shifting identity as a postcolonial state to the contemporary dynamics of India attempting to carve its identity as an 'aspiring power'. India's evolving relations with the superpowers during the Cold War and after, bargaining strategy and positioning in international politics facilitate an understanding of the changing positions and development of India's role as a global player since independence.</p>
3	Hard Core-403	Dissertation	<p>This paper will enable the learners to understand State as an actor, what are the challenges it is facing due to Globalization, contending images of Global Structure, major paradigmatic debates like Liberalism, Neo-Liberalism, Neo-Constructivism, Post-Structuralism and Post-Positivist debates like Critical Theory, Post-Modern Marxism, Post-Modern Feminism and alternative Perspectives on security. Political economy of International Relations.</p> <p>This paper consists of a number of relevant topics such as Globalisation, Environmental issues, political culture. As a student of political science it is very important to know the concept of power, peace and war and various nuclear agreements to establish peace.</p>

			<p>It also included human security which is one of the basic ideas of every student. The course is further designed to provide basic understanding of important concepts of international relation and how it is conceptualized, understood and judged, bearing in mind their geo-cultural specificities.</p>
4	Core Elective-401	<p>Contemporary International Studies</p> <p>Or</p> <p>International Security</p>	<p>This paper will enable the learners to understand International Security, Critical Security Studies, Feminist Conception and The Copenhagen School, Major perspectives of Security.</p> <p>This course introduces Masters Student to diverse traditions of theoretical endeavors in International Relations theory including explanatory as well as normative paradigms. The course is further designed to provide basic understanding of important concepts of International Relations and how it is conceptualized, understood and judged, bearing in mind their geo-cultural specificities.</p>
5	Allied Elective-401	<p>Women and Society for all PG subjects and Programme</p>	<p>The Programme provides the student with the capacity to identify issues and problems relating to the realization of human rights and strengthens the ability to contribute to the resolution of human rights issues and problems. It also develops investigative and analytical skills.</p> <p>The paper aims at elaborating the context leading to evolution of human right especially in the west. It will help the students realise the importance of political values needed for holistic growth of individual. It will focus upon the role of various international organization and of redressal mechanism in India in defending rights of various group. It also include various methods of inequalities in the society.</p>