

Programme Outcome

The Department is dedicated to promote teaching and research in diverse fields of political science including Indian politics, comparative politics, international relations and human rights while maintaining the scholarship in some of the conventional fields like political theory and political philosophy. Presently, the department is offering Master's and PhD programmes in Political Science. The learning outcomes of the programmes are as follows:

- To develop comprehensive understanding of the subject by teaching both conventional and new areas of relevance in the domain of political theory and philosophy, Indian politics, comparative politics, public administration and international politics.
- To develop comprehensive and interdisciplinary knowledge by emphasizing inter-linkages between various political, economic and social issues and challenges.
- To generate socially-informed knowledge and cater to the educational upliftment of marginalized communities through papers like Human Rights, Political Ideas in Modern India and Women and Politics in India
- To develop theoretically rich and empirically grounded knowledge
- To motivate and inform students about the opportunities and future prospects in the field.
- To develop the overall personality of students and prepare them to compete and succeed in their endeavours.
- To provide a progressive, healthy and vibrant environment to its students as well as teachers for the purpose of developing a department known for its academic and intellectual pursuit.
- To inculcate the values of tolerance, progressiveness and fraternity that contributes towards the making of a healthy and prosperous society.
- An M.A Dissertation and its viva-voce was also introduced in 2019 to train the students in writing research papers.

Course Outcome
M.A Political Science

First Semester

Course title: Key Concepts in Politics

Course code: PS 101

Credits: 6

Course Outcome: This Course enables students to develop an understanding of the basic concepts in political theory and engage in critical analysis of the subject. It also gives an opportunity to the students to dwell upon contemporary theories and views of scholars creating a deeper understanding and gain knowledge.

Course Title: Constitution and Polity in India (CBCS Open Elective)

Course Code- PS 102

Credits: 4

Course Outcome: One of the important aims of this course is to equip students of various disciplines with a basic understanding of the political system in India through the study of Constitution and government at different levels. Upon completion of this paper, students will develop an understanding of Constitution of India and the political system that exists in India. Further the student will have a general understanding about the relation of Constitution as a guiding document with the functioning of various governance institutions at central, state and local level.

Course Title: Comparative Politics

Course Code- PS103

Credits: 6

Course Outcome: After completing the course students will develop a detailed understanding of theory and methods of comparative politics. They will be familiar with different models of political system and the way political dynamics have changed and shaped societies from time to time.

Course Name: Theories of International Relations

Course Code: PS 104

Credits: 6

Course Outcome: By doing this course, students will have develop theoretical insights on international relations and global politics. This will help them undertaking academic assignments and research projects related with international issues which are becoming very salient in today's globalized world.

Second Semester

Course Title: Western Political Philosophy

Course Code-PS 201

Credits: 6

Course Outcome: Upon its completion, the students will be able to know the importance of political philosophy in shaping and influencing the state and society at large. Students are expected to appreciate the ideas and thoughts which are rich and insightful.

Course Title: Indian Politics: Institutions and Processes (Core Paper)

Course Code- PS 202

Credits: 6 credits

Course Outcome: Course Outcome: Upon completion of this paper, students will develop a comprehensive understanding of political institutions and their functions in India. Additionally, they will also be familiarized with the evolution and working of Political parties and the way party politics in India has taken shape under diverse social settings.

Course Title: Global Institutions and Politics in Post-Cold War Period

Course Code: PS203

Credits: 6

Course Outcome: The course provides a comprehensive understanding of contemporary issues in global politics. By doing this course, students will be able to learn the dynamics of larger issues in global politics like state, human rights, nuclear security, human security and environment and the way the global institutions are responding to these different social and economic concerns.

Course Title: Theories and Principles of Public Administration (CBCS/Open Elective)

Course Code- PS204

Credits: 4

Course Outcome: After completing this course, the students will have a clear understanding of traditional and emerging theories and principles of public administration. This would also acquaint them with changing management practices in the light of expanding public works and the need for greater collaboration with non-state agencies.

Third Semester

Course Title: Political Ideas in Modern India

Course Code- PS 301

Credits: 6

Course Outcome: After completing this course students will be familiar with India's rich intellectual tradition and its relevance in today's time. It also helps us compare the perspectives of the prominent Indian political thinkers.

Course Title: Political Economy of Development in India

Course Code: PS302

Credits: 6

Course Outcome: After completing this course students will develop a clear and comprehensive understanding of fundamental theories and dynamics of political economy in India. The paper serves to familiarize students with the contemporary issues and trends of political economy that could be further researched within an interdisciplinary conceptual framework.

Course Title: India's Foreign Policy

Course Code- PS303

Credits: 6

Course Outcome:

Upon successful completion, students will have the knowledge and skills to:

- A sound grasp of the key elements of Indian traditions of thought about international relations and foreign policy;
- An understanding of the fundamentals of foreign policy-making in India;
- An understanding of the foreign policy challenges facing India;
- A developed capacity to present strong arguments in their written and oral work and to deploy relevant key facts, concepts and theories (as developed through written assessments, in-class discussions and tutorial-based activities).

Course title-Readings in Contemporary Political Philosophy

Course Code-PS 304

Credits: 6

Course Outcome: After completion of paper, the students will be able to grasp the various aspects and perspectives related to contemporary political philosophy. The students will also be able to reflect the issues and problems that they confront in their day to day life. The paper will enrich and deepen their understanding of the subject with more rigor and clarity.

Fourth Semester

Course Title: Research Methodology in Social Sciences

Course Code: PS 401

Credits: 6

Course Outcome: This paper trains the students to undertake research by familiarizing them with the basic and advance tools and techniques of field studies. So after competing it the students will be able to design research projects and programmes in diverse areas of political science.

Course Title: Human Rights: Theory and Practice

Course Code: PS402

Credits: 6

Course Outcome: This course enables students to develop a theoretical understanding of the concept of Human Rights. It gives a historical and global perspective on human rights. The course outline also contains a detailed institutional framework set up to deal with human rights violations. The inclusion of an understanding of rights of various vulnerable sections of society gives within the human rights perspective provides a global testimony to importance of rights to all.

Course Title: Peace and Conflict Studies Course

Course Code- PS403

Credits: 6

Course Outcome: Upon successful completion, students will have the knowledge and skills to:

- A developed capacity to understand how difficult and fragile the negotiation process is and how conflict can form.
- An understanding of the design and management methods of negotiation, mediation practice and students will be able to bring their improved negotiation skills to bear and

support others in negotiation and resolving conflicts peacefully.

- The course defines and explains the role of mediators who are involved as a third party to assist the parties when they have failed to reach an agreement. After doing this simulation, students will be able to apply their negotiation skills to assist others in the mediation process and resolve conflicts peacefully and students will be able to compare the local approaches with the modern conflict resolution approaches.

Course Title: State Politics in India

Course Code- PS 404

Credits: 6 credits

Course Outcome: This course on the state politics in India will develop an understanding in the students about the historical and emerging trends in political process in the India states. The students will understand the federal process in India, the issues underlying political dynamics of regions, the changing power relations between centre and states over a period of time and the nature of party system and electoral politics at the state level.

PhD Political Science Coursework

Course Name: Research Methodology (PhD)

Course Code: DPH101

Credits: 4

Course Outcome: This paper trains the students to undertake research by familiarizing them with the basic and advance tools and techniques of field studies. It would also familiarize them with the philosophical foundation of research methods in social sciences. Upon completion of this paper, students will be able to design research projects, conduct field investigations and carry out experimental plus qualitative research.

Course Title: Issues in Political Theory (Subject-base optional paper)

Course Code: DPH102

Credits: 4

Course Outcome: At the end of the paper, the students would familiarize with the subject and relate the world outside class room. The paper would bring out the best of the student to comprehend the day to day society critically.

Course Title: Issues in Contemporary Global Politics (Advance paper I)

Course Code: DPH103

Contact Hours: 40 hours (08 hours per unit)

Credits: 4 credits

Course Outcome: After completing this course, PhD students will be familiar with the emerging research areas of international politics and the theoretical developments in the field. This will help them develop both empirical and theoretical insights on diverse issues of global politics.

Course name: Women and Politics in India (Advance Paper II)

Course Code: DPH104

Credits: 4

Course Outcome: Upon successful completion, students will have the knowledge and skills to:

- A developed capacity to present strong theoretical arguments in their written work and to deploy relevant key facts, concepts and theories (as developed through written assessments, in-class discussions and tutorial-based activities).
- Reflect on the importance of gender and feminist perspectives to understand political phenomenon.
- Explain the key concepts and themes in the study of women and politics.
- Apply these concepts and themes to current cases and/or countries.
- Research and argue about a specific topic concerning gender issues.

Programme Specific Outcome

The Department is running two programmes namely M.A and PhD. Courses in the master's programme have been designed in a manner so as provide a holistic approach to the study of political science. The core of the discipline is maintained with courses on political philosophy both western and Indian and key concepts of politics. These courses provide a solid grounding to the learners on the history of ideas and the larger issues of epistemology in social sciences. They also try to integrate the concepts with the practices of politics and government and to understand their relevance in totality. The second set of papers on Indian politics including study of constitution, institutions, processes and political economy entail a detailed study and analysis of morphology and anatomy of politics in India. While familiarizing the students with legal framework of government institutions, the courses tend to engage them with the undercurrents of political practice and developmental process. By learning the evolution of concepts and theories of Indian politics, the students are able to critically reflect on the contemporary developments. Courses on comparative politics and international relations provide an overview of political developments at the global level. Comparative analysis not only helps in understanding the patterns of institutionalism, democratization and development in various polities

but also provide a framework for explaining variations. In addition, specialized courses like human rights, peace and conflict studies and state politics introduces the students to certain new dimensions of politics. By doing these courses, students develop a solid footing over the vast field of knowledge in the discipline that also in a way encourages them to undertake future research in these unconventional areas of political science. Through them they also tend to develop an interdisciplinary focus without deviating from the core of the discipline.

Research methodology is taught both in M.A and PhD programmes. While providing an epistemological and philosophical grounding on the subject, the course familiarizes the students with specialized techniques of qualitative and quantitative research in social sciences. The field work component of the course further trains the students to undertake field research and write research reports. Advance papers in PhD on political theory, global politics and women and politics further enhances the knowledge of students in these areas and also help them identify their areas of research.