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BA Political Science Program Learning Outcomes

Students completing the requirements for a B.A. degree in Political Science will be able to:

1. Write clearly and with reason on issues of international and domestic politics and public policy;
2. Play a part as a civic member of the society;
3. Explore political and policy problems and formulate policy options;
4. Use electronic and traditional library resources to research key local, state, national and international policy issues and present results;
5. Demonstrate competency with basic tools underlying modern social science research including competency in statistics and qualitative analysis
6. Express critical thinking, including the ability to form an argument about major issues of public policy and politics;
7. Discuss the major theories and concepts of political science and its subfields; and
8. Deliver thoughtful and well articulated presentations of research findings.

Course Learning Outcomes

Core Course I - POL1BO1 Foundations of Political Science

This course introduces fundamentals of Political Science, its history and approaches, and an assessment of its critical and contemporary trends. This course aims to introduce certain key aspects of conceptual analysis in Political Science and the skills required to engage in debates surrounding the application of the concepts.

POL2BO2 - Concepts of Political Science

This course introduces basic concepts and ideas in Political Science. At end of the course students will develop clear understanding of some of the important ideas in the discipline. This would enable the students to understand and analyse the polity and society in which they live.

Core Course III - POL3BO1 –

Indian Government and Politics Major Objective of this course is to help students to understand the constitutional development in India and evolution of modern governmental structures. The other focus is to introduce salient features of Indian Constitution, Union Government, State governments, and Local Self Governments. Study of Indian judicial system, its functioning and recent trends is also included in this course.

Core Course IV- POL3BO2 - World Constitutions: Comparative Analysis

The main objective this course is to develop awareness and familiarize students about various types of political system and constitution of different countries. To enable them to have knowledge on constitutionalism, federal and parliamentary form of government and role of executive, legislature, and judiciary in major states in the world.

Core Course V- POL4BO1- Ancient and Medieval Political Thought

The main objective of this course is to create in-depth knowledge about modern and medieval political thought among students. The course also discusses key concepts - state, government, law, justice, etc ... of western and Indian political tradition.

CORE COURSE VI - POL4BO2 - ISSUES IN INDIAN POLITICS

This paper introduces socio-economic factors like caste, religion and class in Indian Politics. Apart from that the focus is to analyse trends in Indian electoral politics, various party systems, role and support base of national and regional parties and their policies and programmes. The discussion of secularism, communalism and role of marginalised sections is another focus of this course.

Core Course VII - POL5BO1- Research Methodology

Through this course the students are introduced to various research methods used in social science research. The course is expected to develop comprehensive knowledge and necessary skills for conducting research.

Core Course VIII– POL5BO2 - Modern Western Political Thought

This course introduces important streams in modern western political thought. It provides a fairly comprehensive overview of the major western political thinkers and their ideas. The course as a whole is meant to provide a sense of the broad streams of modern western political tradition while encouraging a specific knowledge of individual thinkers.

Core Course IX - POL5BO3 — State, Society and Political Process in Kerala

The course intends to create an in-depth understanding of modern Kerala, its society, polity and economy. It has been structured to provide a detailed account of the evolution of socio-political processes, social and political movements, governmental actions, etc. that led to the formation of present day Kerala. The course also gives a comprehensive analysis of Kerala economy, its contemporary challenges and the problems faced by some of the important sections of the state.

Core Course X - POL5 BO4 - Introduction to International Politics

This paper aims to equip students with the basic intellectual tools for understanding International Relations. It introduces some of the most important theoretical approaches in international relations. The Course also contains different concepts in International Relations such as power diplomacy and foreign policy

Core Courses XI - POL6BO1 - Modern Indian Political Thought

The course intends to provide insights into the different traditions of Indian political thinking. It attempts to equip students to familiarise with ideas of modern political thinkers in India and develop their own notions of socio-political issues.

Core Course XII - POL6BO2- India's Foreign Policy

The course tries to build clear idea about the fundamentals of India's foreign policy. It strives to familiarise students with the basic principles, objectives, structures and processes of India's foreign policy formulation. It also discusses India's engagements with international institutions, regions and states, as well as some of the major issues and challenges of foreign policy.

Core Course XIII - POL6BO3 - Issues in International Politics

The course intends to familiarize students with the main issues and concerns of the contemporary international order. It discusses a range of themes in international politics with a view to developing critical insights on contemporary questions.

Core Course XIV - POL6BO4 Introduction to Public Administration

In this course the students are provided an introduction to the discipline of Public Administration with a special focus on contemporary administrative developments. The course explores some of the systems and structures in public administration. The paper contains certain classical and contemporary administrative theories. The course also provides the students a comprehensive understanding on major elements of public administration.

Elective Course I - POL6 B05 – Human Rights

The course aims to develop in-depth understanding of the concept of human rights and the different approaches to it. The course also discusses major international instruments and institutions for the protection of human rights. Students are expected to know about major challenges to human rights and important laws for its protection in India by the end of the course.

Open Course II - POL5 D02 Human Rights in India

The course aims to develop in-depth understanding of the concept of human rights and the different approaches to it. The course also discusses major international instruments and institutions for the protection of human rights. Students are expected to know about major challenges to human rights and important laws for its protection in India by the end of the course.

Complementary Course – Model II Semester 1/2 (ICP1 (2) CO1) Indian Constitution and Politics: Basic Features and Governmental Structures

At the end of the course, the students will be able to understand the process through which the constitution of India came into existence, its salient features, its philosophical base, fundamental rights, fundamental duties and directive principles of state policy. This course also help students to understand the structure and functions of different organs of governments in India; legislature, executive and judiciary

Semester: 3/4 (ICP4 (3) CO2) Indian Constitution and Politics: Federalism, Decentralization and Political Dynamics

This course would help students to critically evaluate the main features of Indian federal system, centre state relations and three tier system of decentralization. The process of constitutional amendments and major amendments is another important discussion in this paper. Students also develop fairly good idea about party system, regionalism, minority rights, etc., by the end of the course.