

Post-Graduation (Political Science)

Programme Outcomes

The syllabus of M.A. (Political Science) programme has been designed in such a way as to enhance the literary, analytical, theoretical and research specific pedagogical skills among the students opting to pursue their career in the subject. The Core as well as Elective courses offered have been structured keeping in mind the coveted goal of encouraging the students to comprehend, dig deep into, appreciate and reflect on the various sub fields of the subject. Political Science is a subject that is popularly chosen by candidates appearing for the UPSC examinations and this syllabus has been designed with the requirement of various competitive examinations as well. To enable the students to meet the requirements of the integrative system of the New Education Policy, a research element has been woven into the programme which, it is hoped will help the students to pursue research as well as appear for the NET examinations

Code- No- A060805T

Semester VIII Paper IV

Contemporary World and Political Issues

Course Rationale:

This paper deals with the Second World War and major events of the Cold War and their impact on world politics so students could see and understand present world politics in proper perspective. These Cold War events will help understand Arms race too. It critically analyses the factors leading to the end of the Cold War and its impact on the world politics. Social, economic, and environmental concerns have also found advocates in the relatively underdeveloped countries of the third world. The objective of this paper is to analyse these concerns being faced prominently by developing countries and its impact on the course of world politics and policy making initiatives both globally and within individual countries.

Code- No- A060903T

Semester IX, Paper III

Theory of International Relations

Course Rationale: This course is intended to introduce post graduate students to theoretical approaches, both traditional and contemporary, in the discipline of international relations. The objective is to make students aware of the major tools available to them in analyzing world affairs. One very important component of this paper is the theoretical postulates about power and actual operation of it in contemporary international politics. The Concept of non-alignment, Arms Control and Disarmament also need to be dealt in detail and analytically. It incorporates major socio, economic, political and environmental issues that have come to the forefront in the Post-Cold War period.

Code- No- A060904T

Semester IX Paper IV

Contemporary Political ideologies

Course Rationale: This paper is about the role of different political ideologies and their impact in politics on the premise that ideas exert decisive influence. Each ideology is studied in its historical and also its course of evolution and development and its various streams. It studies continuities and changes in the doctrine and its relevance to contemporary times. The close line between an idea and its actual realization in public policy needs to be critically highlighted. The philosophical basis of the ideologies is studied with special emphasis on key thinkers. The legacy of ideologies needs critical assessment too.

Code- No- A061001T

Semester X, Paper I Indian Foreign Policy

Course Rationale

India's foreign policy reflects the philosophy of India as sovereign democratic nation and the self-image and role she conceives for herself in the global policies in Cold War as well as Post-Cold War era. The focus of this paper is the theoretical perspective of the role of compulsion, constraints and conditions, which actually has framed the country's foreign policy since country's independence and on this basis considers the projections for the future. It also specifically focuses on the challenges of the contemporary times such as globalization, cross border terrorism, human rights and environmental concerns, UN Reform.

Code- No- A061002T

Semester X Paper II Comparative Politics

Course rationale: This paper aims to form the foundation for a broad theoretical knowledge of the concerns of the field of comparative politics. It analyzes in a comparative way, a fundamental grasp over the various theories and explanations regarding political development in the third world countries. These will prove vital for an understanding of how political institutions, actors and processes operate around the world and how they affect society, culture and the economy.

Code- No- A061007T

Semester X Paper IV International Organization

Course Rationale:

This paper studies the evolution and the development of international organizations from its inception till Present Times. It focuses on the problems that confront international organizations and constraints within which they function. An in-depth study of the structure and functioning of the United Nations needs to be undertaken and analyzed from perspective of whether it has lived upto the expectations, hope and aspirations of its architects. It attempts to study WTO's effort to ensure equity and rule based free trade in the world taking into account the need of both developed and developing world. In addition, it tries to understand UN's role in Post-Cold War era which has shifted more from political and security considerations to social, economic, humanitarian and environmental concerns. It focuses on UN's post Cold War challenges demand of its democratization.