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MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY (MPHLPSC) SYLLABUS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Programme Code: MPHLPSC

Duration	:	1 Year (Two Semesters)
Level	:	Post Graduation
Type	:	M. Phil
Eligibility	:	M.A. with 55%

Paper No	Paper	Core/Open	Credit	Internal Marks	External Marks
SEMESTER-I MPHLPSC 101	Research Methodology	Core	6		
				20	80
SEMESTER-I MPHLPSC 102	Political Ideas and Concepts	Core	6	20	80
SEMESTER-II MPHLPSC 20D	Dissertation	Core	9	150	
	Viva Voce		3	50	

Total Credit Requirement: 6 Credit each for two papers i.e. Paper- 1.01 & Paper-1.02. There will be 12 Credit for M. Phil dissertation divided into 9 Credits for Dissertation and 3 Credits for Viva Voce.

Question Pattern: There will be 8 questions of 1 mark (1x8), 3 questions of 2 marks (2x3), 3 questions of 4 marks (4x3), 3 questions of 6 marks (6x3), and 3 questions of 12 marks (12x3).

Internal Assessment: Mode of Internal Assessment will be done through class presentation /group discussion /tutorial examination /assignment or any other method will be notified during the course.

Paper: MPHLPSC 101**Research Methodology (20+80) 100**

Learning Objective: This is a core paper intends to familiarize students with the basics of research methodology useful for the students of social sciences. The course offers issues, concepts and themes that remain integral to the understanding research methodology, hence, enabling students conducting and formulating research proposals, synopsis, thesis or dissertations, reports etc. The course deals with emerging methods and methodologies introducing students with scientific methods and their applicability particularly in Social Sciences research. Moreover the course intends to familiarize students on various kinds of research, objectives of doing research, research process, research designs, sampling and techniques of data analysis.

Course Outcome: Upon completing this course, each student will be able to demonstrate knowledge of research processes i.e., research design, literature review, formulating hypotheses and so on. The course will enable students in identifying research methods of various kinds and prepare research proposals based on key elements of scientific research. The course will also enable students in instrumentalizing key concepts of social sciences research and their appropriate use both in contemporary and practical issues of relevance. The paper is imperative for students preparing for UGC NET-JRF or SLET and in pursuing M.Phil or Ph.D. degrees.

UNIT-I Fundamentals of Research

- Meaning, Nature and Significance
- Research Ethics
- Research Problem and Hypothesis
- Challenges of Social Science Research

UNIT-II Research Methods

- Theoretical and Empirical
- Quantitative and Qualitative
- Descriptive and Analytical

- Case Study

UNIT-III Research Design

- Significance of Research Design
- Different Research Design and their Limitations
- Sampling: Techniques and Procedures
- Collection of Data: Primary and Secondary Data

UNIT-IV Report Writing

- Literature Review
- Techniques of Data Interpretation
- Plagiarism & Legal Issues
- Referencing Styles: Bibliography, Footnote, End Note, Appendix

Reading List:

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- Bryman, Alan *Social Research Methods*, Oxford University Press, 2009
- Krishnaswamy, O.R. & Rangnatham, M. *Methodology of Research in Social Sciences*, Himalaya Publication House, 2005.
- Bleicher, J. *Contemporary Hermeneutics-Hermeneutics as Method, Philosophy and Critique*, 1980.
- David, McNabb. *Research methods for Political Science. Quantitative and Qualitative Methods*, (New Delhi: Prentice Hall, 2004).
- Giddens, Anthony. *The Consequences of Modernity*, (Stanford University Press 1991).
- Jain, Gopal. *Methods Tools and Techniques*, (Jaipur: Mangal Deep Publications, 1998).
- King, Gary, Robert O. Keohane and Sidney Verba. *Designing Social Inquiry: Scientific Inference in Qualitative Research* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1994).
- Nachmias, C., & Nachmias, D. *Research Methods in the Social Sciences* (4th ed.). (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1992). Pennings, Paul Hans Keman and Jan Kleinnijenhuis, *Doing research in Political Science*, (New Delhi: Sage, 2006).
- Spivak, Gayatri Chakravorty *A Critique of Postcolonial Reason: Toward a H*

- Pauline V. Young, *Scientific Social Survey and Research*, Prentice Hall of India Ltd, New Delhi, 1984.
- *istory of the Vanishing Present* (Harvard University Press, 1999).
- Verma, S. *Research Methodology in Political Science: Theory & Analysis*. (Jaipur: Rawat, 1989).
- Wagner, William E. *Using SPSS for Social Sciences and Research Methods*. (Sage 2006).

Paper: MPHLPSC 102

Political Ideas and Concepts

(20+80)

100

Learning Objective: It is a core paper. The course offers students in understanding basic ideas and concepts of Political Science discipline as a whole. The course shall help students in thorough understanding of basics of political ideas and theories of both ancient and modern, International politics, contemporary ideas of governance, administration and recent trends in Indian politics. The paper is a conglomeration of overall concepts and ideas related to Political Science. This will enable students in shaping their perspectives and understanding politics with a multi-disciplinary orientation and complex knowledge construction.

Course Outcome: The course is useful and intends to build a comprehensive, practical as well as theoretical knowledge of Political Science and its significance in understanding complexities of everyday politics and their influences on larger society. The course shall help students for further studies of their choice and enable them to take relevant issues for preparing M. Phil or Ph. D. proposals and synopsis.

Unit I: Ideas of State in Ancient India

- State, Kinship, Citizen, Republics
- Kautilya- Saptanga & Mandala theory
- Shanti Parbva and the Gita

- States in Ancient Assam

Unit II: Political Theory: Ideas & Concepts

- State and Civil Society
- Democracy
- Liberty, Equality and Justice,
- Citizenship and Rights

Unit III: Contemporary Political Ideas

- Behaviouralism, Post-Behaviouralism,
- Neo-Liberalism & Neo-Realism
- Marxism & Neo-Marxism
- Post-Structuralism, Post-Modernism, Feminism
- Multiculturalism, Globalisation, Identity and Politics

Unit IV: Politics in India

- Development of Indian Polity
- Trends in Electoral Process
- Secularism and National Integration
- Regionalism: Issues of Ethnicity, Identity and Autonomy

References:

- Arora, Ramesh K., *Indian public Administration: Institutions and Issues*, 3rd Edition, New Delhi, New Age International Publishers, 2013
- Behan, Robert *Rethinking Democratic Accountability*. (Washington: Brookings Institute, 2001)
- Crook, R.C. and J. Manor, *Democracy and Decentralisation in South Asia and West Africa: Participation, Accountability and Performance*, (Cambridge University Press, 1998)
- Fung, A. and Wright, E. (eds) *Deepening Democracy, Institutional Innovations in Empowered Participatory Governance*. (London: Verso, 2003)
- R. K. Sapru, *Public Policy: Formulation, Implementation and Evaluation*, New Delhi, Sterling Publishers, 1994

- Gareth Porter and Janet Brown, *Global Environmental politics*, Boulder, Western view Press, 1991
- Fuller C.J. *The Camphor Flame: Popular Hinduism and Society in India*, (Princeton: 1992).
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- R. K. Sapru, *Development Administration, 2nd edition, New Delhi, Sterling Publishers, 2002.*,
- Neera Chandhoke & Praveen Priyadarshini (edited): *Contemporary India: Economy, Society, Politics*, Pearson 2009
- Hoveyda Abbas *et al: Indian Government and Politics*, Pearson 2010
- D.D. Basu: *An Introduction to the Constitution of India*, New Delhi, Prentice Hall: 2008.
- G. Austin: *Working a Democratic Constitution – The Indian Experience*, Delhi, Oxford University Press, 2000.
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- S R Sen, “*Planning Machinery in India*”, IIPA, VII, 1961, Reprint Edition, New Delhi: IIPA, 1984.
- Government Policy available in Office websites

SEMESTER-II**Paper: MPHLPSC 20D****Research Dissertations (50+150) 200**

Learning Objective: This paper offers students to students to the issues in social science research methods. It makes students understand how to write a research proposal and undertake both quantitative as well as qualitative research. It deals with different kinds of methods, types of data and techniques of data collections as well as sampling. While introducing students to different methods employed in social science, it attempts to bring together computer applications and social science research. Field work would be an important component of evaluation in this paper.

Course Outcomes: The course is helpful for the students in preparing research proposals, synopsis, and reports in Social Sciences in General and Political Science in particular. The paper shall also provide students research orientation in both preparing for UGC NET-JRF/SLET examinations and facilitate for further studies i.e., M. Phil or Ph. D.

PROGRAMME SPECIFIC OUTCOME

The programme helps in understanding the basic concepts and perspectives of Research Methodology and other important conceptions relating to Political Theory, Political Thought (East and West), Public Administration, Human Rights, International Relations, Indian Foreign Policy, Society and Polity in North East India, Comparative Politics, Indian Political System, Peace and Conflict. It also helps in understanding social, political, economic, historical and cultural issues is useful to carry out research projects and to experience the theoretical knowledge of research method in relation to the subject. It is also helpful for students of higher studies of their choice and enables them for preparing UGC NET-JRF, SLET or pursuing Ph.D., post-doctoral programmes and also doing Minor or Major research projects.
