

**HIMACHAL PRADESH UNIVERSITY**  
**(NAAC ACCREDITED 'A' GRADE UNIVERSITY)**  
**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**



**Syllabus**

**M.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE**  
**CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM (CBCS)**

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Department of Political Science

## M.A. in Political Science

### Guidelines for the Students of M.A. in Political Science

M.A. in Political Science consists of sixteen Courses ((DSC-12; DSE -2; GE -2). The students have to qualify all the papers to complete the degree in Political Science.

#### Scheme of the Course Division

Semester	Subject Code	Type
Semester I	DSC-POLS 101 to 104	All Compulsory
Semester II	DSC-POLS 201 to 203	All Compulsory
	GE-POLS 204	Compulsory (Inter-departmental)
Semester III	DSC-POLS 301 to 303	Compulsory
	DSE I-POLS304 to 306	Optional (students have to opt any one out of the three courses)
	* AEC-POLS-307	Environment and Politics
Semester IV	DSC-POLS 401to 402	Compulsory
	DSE II-POLS 403 to 405 / 406 Dissertation or Project Work	Optional (students have to opt any one out of the three courses or for dissertation or project work)
	GE-POLS- 407	Compulsory (Inter-departmental)

#### Note:

- ▶ MA in Political Science comprises of 92 credits (DSC-72 credits; DSE-12 credits; GE- 8 credits).
- ▶ The DSE courses 304to 306 (Semester III) and 403 to 405 (Semester IV) are internal choice based. The students have the choice to select any one of them respectively or opt for a dissertation or project work. The course 305 (Research Methods and Research Ethics) is essential for the students who wish to opt for dissertation or Project work in Semester IV. Supervisor for the dissertation or project work will be internal. The course adds to the values of research ethics, value neutrality, intellectual property, skills of data collection and interpretation, publication ethics and researcher's responsibilities. The IA part of the courses helps in developing among students the communication and writing skills, leadership quality and debating. The courses 101 to 103 and 401help the students to have conceptual clarity, develop individual perspectives, analytical approach, communication, debating and negotiating skills. Courses 104 and 203 inform the students about institutional roles, performances, and train them how to access and utilise the legal, constitutional and power processes. Courses 302 and 401 develop among the students the policy analysis and application skills and increase their knowledge about the international legal institutions, processes and the order. The dissertation part and IA based on assignments and presentations add to the data organisation, analysis, reporting, writing, communication and presentation skills among the students.
- ▶ The Students are required to qualify two courses across four semesters (during two years of degree) offered by other Departments under the Scheme of Generic Elective (Interdisciplinary Choice Based Courses for other Departments). These courses shall be of 4 credits each.
- ▶ The **Marks Scheme** for each course is as follows: Total Marks- 100 (Theory 80, Internal Assessment 20). The Internal Assessment shall comprise of Assignment- 10marks; Presentation- 05 marks and Attendance – 05 marks. For the students of ICDEOL IA will comprise of Assignments- 20 marks and for private students the course shall comprise of 100 marks.
- ▶ A student shall have to secure at least 40 percent marks in each paper (theory as well as internal assessment) to qualify the examination (In theory 32 out of 80 and in IA 8 out of 20). For private students the pass marks are 40.
- \* **AEC-POLS-307 is a qualifying paper which will be conducted by the Department itself. It will be mandatory for all the students to pass this course for the award of the degree of M.A. in Political Science. The marks of this paper will not be counted in the overall CGPA of the students. Question paper setting for AEC (Ability Enhancement Course) will be external under the aegis of the COE. However the evaluation will be internal to be carried out at departmental level.**