

**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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# Himachal Pradesh University

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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.**

### Course Divisions (L+T)

Sr.No.	Divisions (L+T)	Credits
1.	Theory (5 hours per week per course)	5
2.	Tutorials (1 hour per week) (Seminars/Presentations/Group Discussions/Quiz/Assignments)	1
3.	Total Credits	6

### Instructions for the Question Paper Setters

- (i) The question paper will consist of eight descriptive questions, two questions from every unit based on internal choice system. Each question will carry 20 (twenty) marks.
- (ii) Evaluation of the course will be done through two stages. The first stage evaluation shall comprise of 20 marks (Internal Assessment) to be completed at the department level. At the second stage there will be annual examination of 80 marks. The theory paper shall consist of 80 marks. Syllabus wise each paper has been divided into four units. Evaluation of Dissertation or project work will be done by internal faculty members excluding the supervisor. 80 marks will be for the dissertation or project work and 20 marks will be for viva-voce.

### Scheme of Maximum Marks

	Credits
<b>Theory</b> Total Marks = 80 (Pass Marks = 32)	5
<b>Tutorial</b>	1
<b>Total</b>	6
<b>Internal Assessment</b> Submission of Assignment = 10 Class Room Presentation = 05 Attendance = 05 Total = 20 Marks <b>For ICDEOL Students</b> Submission of Assignment = 20 Marks <b>Pass Marks</b> in IA = 08	

**Regular & ICDEOL Students:** Q. 4 x 20 = 80 marks + IA 20 = 100

**Private Students:** Q. 4 x 25 = 100 marks

### Instructions for the Students

The question paper will be divided into four units and will comprise of two questions from each unit based on internal choice system. The students are required to attempt one question from each unit. Each question will carry 20 (twenty) marks. The students shall have to attempt four questions in all.

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SEMESTER I**

Sr. No	Course Code	Title of the Paper	Credits	Theory Contact Hours (L-5hrs./Tut.-1hr. per week)		Marks Scheme	
				Lectures (Credits)	Tutorial	Theory	Internal Assessment
	<b>DSCs</b>						
1	POLS 101	Western Political Thinkers	6	5	1	80	20
2	POLS 102	Comparative Politics: Approaches & Processes	6	5	1	80	20
3	POLS 103	Theories & Concepts of International Relations	6	5	1	80	20
4	POLS 104	Indian Politics I: Political Institutions	6	5	1	80	20
	Total		24	20	4	Total Marks- 100	

**SEMESTER II**

Sr. No	Course Code	Title of the Paper	Credits	Theory Contact Hours (L-5hrs./Tut.-1hr. per week)		Marks Scheme	
				Credits Lectures	Tutorials	Theory	Internal Assessment
	<b>DSCs</b>						
1	POLS 201	Contemporary Debate in Political Theory	6	5	1	80	20
2	POLS 202	Comparative Political Analysis: Concepts & Recent Theories	6	5	1	80	20
3	POLS 203	Indian Politics II: Political Processes	6	5	1	80	20
4	POLS 204 <b>(GE)</b>	India and the World	4	3	1	80	20
	Total		22	18	4	Total Marks- 100	

### SEMESTER III

Sr. No.	Course Code	Title of the Paper	Credits	Theory <b>Contact Hours</b> (L-5hrs./Tut.-1hr.per week)		Marks Scheme	
	<b>DSCs</b>			Credits Lecture s	Tutorial Credit	Theory	Internal Assessm ent
1	POLS 301	Indian Political Thinkers	6	5	1	80	20
2	POLS 302	India's Foreign Policy	6	5	1	80	20
3	POLS 303	Recent Trends in the Politics of South Asia (SAARC countries)	6	5	1	80	20
4	POLS 304-306Any one from given three options <b>(DSE-I)</b>	304. International Organization 305. Research Methods and Research Ethics 306. Social Movements in India	6	5	1	80	20
	<b>TOTAL</b>		24	20	4	<b>Total Marks- 100</b>	
5.	<b>AEC (Non-CGPA)</b>	307: Environment and Politics	4	3	1	80	20

### SEMESTER IV

Sr. N o.	Course Code	Title of the Paper	Credits	Theory <b>Contact Hours</b> (L-5hrs./Tut.-1hr. per week)		Marks Scheme	
	<b>DSCs</b>			Credits Lecture s	Tutorial	Theory	IA
1	POLS 401	Public International Law	6	5	1	80	20
2	POLS 402	State Politics in India with Special Reference to Himachal Pradesh	6	5	1	80	20
3	POLS 403-405 Any one from given three options <b>(DSE-II)</b>	403. Public Policy & Governance in India 404.Contemporaray Political Thinkers 405. Contemporary World Politics Or 406. Dissertation/Project Work	6	5	1	80	20
4	POLS 407 (GE)	International Political Economy	4	3	1	80	20
	<b>TOTAL</b>		22	18	4	<b>Total Marks- 100</b>	

**Total Courses:** 16 (DSC-12; DSE -2; GE -2).

**Total Credits:** 92 ( DSC- 72 credits; DSE- 12 Credits; GE- 8 credits)

#### Abbreviations Used

P	=	Post-graduation	C	=	Compulsory	L	=	Lectures
S	=	Semester	E	=	Elective	TU	=	Tutorials
PS	=	Political Science	O	=	Open Choice Course			

DSC- Discipline Specific Core;

DSE- Discipline Specific Elective;

GE- Generic Elective