



**Department of Political Science  
The University of Burdwan**

**The PGBS in Political Science, in its meeting held on 10.05.22 recommended following  
minor revisions in the existing Syllabus of M.Phil. in Political Science:**

**Syllabus of M.Phil. in Political Science**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>SEMESTER</b>	<b>COURSE CODE</b>	<b>COURSE TITLE</b>	<b>CREDIT VALUE</b>	<b>MARKS DISTRIBUTION</b>
<b>First</b>	<b>Semester-I</b>	<b>MPHIL 101</b>	<b>Research Methodology</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>50</b>
		<b>MPHIL- 102</b>	<b>Research and Publication Ethics (RPE)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>25</b>
		<b>MPHIL- 103</b>	<b>Compulsory Paper (Democratic Governance)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>50</b>
		<b>MPHIL- 104</b>	<b>Term Paper(s) and Related Seminar Presentation(s)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>50 (25+25)</b>
		<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>175</b>
	<b>Semester- II</b>	<b>MPHIL 201</b>	<b>Compulsory Paper-I (Advanced Level)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>50</b>
		<b>MPHIL 202</b>	<b>Optional</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>50</b>

			<b>Paper- (Advanced Level) Human Rights or India and the World</b>		
		<b>MPHIL 203</b>	<b>Term Paper(s) &amp; Related Seminar Presentation(s)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>50 (25+25)</b>
		<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>150</b>
<b>Second</b>	<b>Semester-III &amp; IV</b>	<b>MPHIL 301</b>	<b>Dissertation</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>150</b>
			<b>Viva-Voce</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>50</b>
		<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>200</b>
		<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>42</b>	<b>525</b>

### Semester- I

**Course Code MPHIL 101 (COMPULSORY PAPER)**

**COURSE TITLE- RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

**FULL MARKS- 50**

**CREDIT VALUE-4**

1. Theoretical Foundations of Research: A Brief outline of Positivism. Post Positivism, Empiricism and their critiques
2. Methodology of Research: Varieties and their significance
3. Vocabulary of Research : Concept, Variable, Proposition, Hypothesis, Causality, Theory
4. Components of Research Design: Problematation, Hypothesis formulation, Data collection and testing of hypothesis validity and reliability of procedures

5. Major Methods and techniques of Data Collection: Survey method, observation and Questionnaire, Participant Observation and interview, Sampling, Study of Official records, Content analysis and Case Study.
6. Data Processing, Data Analysis, Basic Statistical Tools and Techniques, Report Writing
7. Internet and electronic resources as research tools

**Course Code: MPhil 102**  
**Course Title: Research and Publication Ethics**  
**Full Marks: 25**  
**Credit Value- 02**

**Theory**

1. Philosophy of Ethics: Basic Principles (Teaching Hours allotted: 4)
2. Philosophy of Science: Meaning and Significance (Teaching Hours allotted: 4)
3. Publication Ethics: Contending issues (Teaching Hours allotted: 7)

**Practice**

4. Open Access Publishing (Teaching Hours allotted: 4)
5. Plagiarism: Tools and Limits (Teaching Hours allotted: 4)
6. Database and Research Metrics (Teaching Hours allotted: 7)

**COURSE CORE-MPhil 103 (COMPLUSORY PAPER)**  
**COURSE TITLE- DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE IN INDIA,**  
**FULL MARKS-50**  
**CREDIT VALUE- 4**

1. Governance, Democratic Governance An accountability
2. Policy Formulation : The institutions and processes of Political Governance- Parliamentary Mechanisms and Decentralized Democracy
3. Administrative Governance: The challenges of policy implementation- transparency, accountability and redressal of citizen's grievances- Right to Information Act 2005

4. The role and influence of non-state actors in policy making and administrative governance- NGOs, pressure groups and media
5. Social Diversity and the question of discrimination in policy-making and administrative governance
6. Changing paradigms of governance- from the administrative welfare state to neo-liberal state
7. New Local governance: Changing contours
8. Public policy in practice: Public Health, Education and Environment

**MPHIL 104- TERM PAPER AND RELATED SEMINAR PRESENTATION**

**Full Marks 50 (25+25)**

**Semester- II**

**MPHIL-201 (COMPULSORY)**

**COURSE CODE-MPHIL POL 201**

**COURSE TITLE- MODERN INDIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT: ONGOING DEBATES**

**FULL MARKS-50**

**CREDIT VALUE- 4**

1. Rammohan Roy
2. Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay
3. Rabindranath Tagore
4. Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi
5. Syed Ahmed Khan and Mohammad Ali Jinnah
6. Damodar Vinayak Savarkar and Golwalkar
7. B.R Ambedkar

8. Jawaharlal Nehru

9. M.N. Roy

**MPHIL 202 (OPTIONAL PAPER)**

**HUMAN RIGHTS – THEORY AND PRACTICE (With Special reference to India)**

1. Introduction: Definition and Scope of the Study, politics of human rights; contending issues of human rights : torture; death penalty; censorship; slavery; apartheid; genocide.
2. Documentary history of human rights- from Magna Carta (1215) to Vienna Conference (1993) and Bangkok Declaration (1993)
3. Theoretical Approaches to human rights- universalism versus cultural relativism individualism versus collective rights; modernity and post-modernity; state democratization and human rights
4. Indian Constitution and Human Rights- scope and ongoing debates
5. Violation of Human Rights and Human Rights movements in India.
6. Protection of Human Rights movement in Indian Judiciary: Human Rights Commissions; Decentralization and Human Rights.

**OR**

**MPHIL 202 (OPTIONAL)**

**INDIA AND THE WORLD**

1. The World At India's independence: security related economic implications
2. India and United Nations: decolonization, and development with reference to non-alignment; India and UN Peacekeeping; India and UN Reforms
3. India in a nuclearizing world
4. India and international terrorism
5. India and the contemporary international political economy

6. India and human rights at the international level
7. India and global environmental politics
8. India and the major powers
9. India and new debates on The Cold War

**MPHIL203 TERM PAPER AND RELATED SEMINAR PRESENTATION**

**Full Marks 50 (25+25)**

**Semester-III & IV**

**MPHIL301 DISSERTATION AND VIVA-VOCE**

**Full Marks 150+50=200**

