



**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 Ph.D. Course Work:

Syllabus of Doctor of Philosophy

Year	Semester	Course Code	Course Title	Credit Value	Marks Distribution
	Semester- I	PHDCW 101	Research Methodology	4	50
		PHDCW 102	Research and Publication Ethics	2	25
		PHDCW 103	Compulsory/ Optional Paper	4	50
		PHDCW 104	Term Paper(s) & Related Seminar Presentation(s)	4	50 (25+25)
		Sub Total			14

Coursework programme in Political Science

Course Code PHD POL 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: PHDPOL 102 (COMPULSORY PAPER)

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-PHD POL 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

**COURSE CODE-PHD POL 104 (TERM PAPER AND RELATED SEMINAR
PRESENTATION)**

FULL MARKS-50 (25+25)

CREDIT VALUE- 4

