

Department of Political Science
The University of Burdwan

Syllabus for the M.A. Degree in Political Science

(To be effective from the academic session 2020 – 2022)

Principles / Guidelines/ Rules
One credit is equivalent to one hour of teaching (lecture or tutorial) or two hours of practical work/field work per week. [UGC Guidelines on Adoption of CBCS]
Core Paper 75 credits
Departmental Optional courses / Major Electives 20 Credits
Inter-disciplinary Electives 4 Credits
[Offered by other departments/SWAYAM platform as stipulated by the university regulations]
Community Engagement Course 2 Credits [Full Marks: 20+5=25]
Credit requirement for a PG Programme: 101 Credits
This syllabus contains 20 courses of 50 marks each with a total of 1000 marks and for Community Engagement Course there is an additional 20 marks. Total marks of this syllabus is 1020.
Each course has a nomenclature and an alpha-numeric code
Each student will have to take any two major elective courses both in Semester – III and in Semester – IV among three options in each major elective course.
Each student will have to take any one Interdisciplinary Electives in Semester – III mandatorily from other academic departments of the University of Burdwan/ SWAYAM platform.
All Core Courses and Major Elective Courses will have 5 Credits.
All Inter-disciplinary Electives will have 4 Credits.
Students of other departments, while opting for Inter-disciplinary Electives in Political Science, will have to get the approval of the Head of the Department.
As per University guidelines on the Restructuring of M.A. syllabus, "Students have to participate in the Community Engagement programmes/ activities of the department for the concerned year and follow it up with a written Report & Presentation and Viva-Voce. The main objectives are to develop an appreciation of rural culture, lifestyle and wisdoms among students, to learn about the states of various agricultural and rural development programmes, to understand causes for rural distress and poverty and explore solutions for the same and to apply class room knowledge of courses to field realities.
Evaluation pattern would be as follows: Report writing: 20 marks + Internal: 05 marks= 25 [Full Marks]

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POL 303 B	III	Major Elective	MAPOL303B	Ethnic Politics and Nationhood in India	4+1
POL 303 C	III	Major Elective	MAPOL303C	India and Her Neighbours	4+1

POL 304 A	III	Major Elective	MAPOL304A	Issues of Citizencentric Administration in India	4+1
POL 304 B	III	Major Elective	MAPOL304B	Understanding Indian Politics	4+1
POL 304 C	III	Major Elective	MAPOL304C	India and the World	4+1
POL 305 A	III	Interdisciplinary Elective	MAPOL305A	Issues in Contemporary Political Theory	4 (L)
POL 305 B	III	Interdisciplinary Elective	MAPOL305B	Public Policy in India	4 (L)
POL 305 C	III	Interdisciplinary Elective	MAPOL305C	Politics of Human Rights	4 (L)
POL 400	IV	Core Paper	MAPOL400	Community Engagement	2 (Pr)
POL 401	IV	Core Paper	MAPOL401	State Formation and Political Regime	4+1
POL 402	IV	Core Paper	MAPOL402	Theories of International Relations	4+1
POL 403A	IV	Major Elective	MAPOL403A	Social Welfare Administration	4+1
POL 403 B	IV	Major Elective	MAPOL403B	India's Political Economy	4+1
POL 403 C	IV	Major Elective	MAPOL403C	Peace and Conflict Studies	4+1
POL 404 A	IV	Major Elective	MAPOL404A	Local Governance in India with Special Reference to West Bengal	4+1

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POL 404 B	IV	Major Elective	MAPOL404B	Social and Political Movements in India	4+1
POL 404 C	IV	Major Elective	MAPOL404C	International Law	4+1
POL 405	IV	Core Paper	MAPOL405	Project	4+1

M.A. (Political Science) Syllabus

First Semester

MAPOL101 [Core Paper]

Modern Indian Political Thought

1. Rammohun Roy: Liberal outlook
2. Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay and Swami Vivekananda: Nationalism and Nation-building
3. Rabindranath Tagore and M.K. Gandhi: critique of western civilization and the state
4. Jawaharlal Nehru and Subhas Chandra Bose: democracy and socialism
5. Jaya Prakash Narayan: Socialist tradition
6. M.A. Jinnah : Two-Nation Theory
7. Savarkar: Hindutva
8. B.R. Ambedkar: Social Justice

MAPOL102 [Core Paper]

Liberal and Post Liberal Political Theory

1. Liberalism: various forms
2. Totalitarianism: Arendt and Talman
3. Liberty and Minimalist state: Hayek, Popper and Nozick
4. Theory of Justice: Rawls and Sen
5. Communitarianism: basic tenets; concept of civic republicanism
6. Multiculturalism: basic tenets; multiculturalism in the non-western world