



Name of the Programme: MA Political Science

Programme Outcomes (POs)

After completing the two-year Postgraduate Programme in Political Science, students are expected to achieve the following Programme Outcomes:

- PO1:** Knowledge/Academic expertise in Political Science
- PO2:** Art of Critical Thinking
- PO3:** Effective Communication
- PO4:** Social Interaction
- PO5:** Effective Citizenship and Human Rights
- PO6:** Ethics
- PO7:** Environment and Sustainability
- PO8:** Self-directed and Life-long Learning
- PO9:** Community engagement
- PO10:** Individuality and Teamwork
- PO11:** Competencies for employment
- PO12:** Competencies for Research
- PO13:** Understanding Social Problems

Programme Specific Outcomes

The programme-specific outcomes of the Postgraduate Programme in Political Science are listed below.

PSO1: Political theories: This Course would imbibe in the students the scholarly debates and discussions that shape the politics in contemporary India. It would help to initiate an alternative framework to interpret Indian society and politics by introducing the students to some of the most prominent and influential modern Indian thinkers and their ideas which laid the foundation of the Indian Nation.

PSO2: Advanced Knowledge and Understanding: This course would help the graduates to achieve an advanced understanding of key concepts, theories, and methodologies in political science, enabling them to critically analyze political systems, institutions, processes, and behaviours at both national and international levels.

PSO3: Research Proficiency: This course would help the graduates to develop strong research skills, including the ability to design and conduct independent research projects, utilize qualitative and quantitative research methods, and critically evaluate scholarly literature, leading to the production of high-quality academic work in political science

PSO4: Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving: This course would help the graduates to enhance their critical thinking and problem-solving abilities, allowing them to engage with complex political issues, develop well-reasoned arguments, and provide informed solutions to contemporary political challenges, contributing effectively to academic, policy-making, and public discourse.

Course Outcomes (COs)**MA 1st Semester****Course Title: Modern Indian Political Thought****Course Code: POLC101***On completion of this course, student will be able to*

- CO1** Trace the evolution of the Modern Indian Political thought.
- CO2** Enhance their understanding of the various debates on diverse visions of Nationalism, and thoughts.
- CO3** Understand the contributions of various nationalist leaders for socio-political and the economic emancipation of the Dalits, Women, Peasants, working class, and students.
- CO4** Understand the relevance of Modern Political Thought.
- CO5** Learn about different traditions of thinking.

Course Title: Theories of International Relations**Course Code: POLC102***At the end of this course, student should be able to*

- CO1** Familiarise themselves with the academic discipline of international relations.
- CO2** Learn about theories and fundamental concepts of International Relations.
- CO3** Analyse contemporary world events with a theoretical framework of international relations.
- CO4** Explore existing methods of understanding International Relations.
- CO5** Comprehend how international relations are shaped, constructed and determined.

Course Title: Indian Politics: Processes and Issues**Course Code: POLC103***At the end of this course, student should be able to*

- CO1** Understand the interface and interaction between and among the basic institutions of the Indian government, the very processes of politics.
- CO2** Go for an in-depth study on state politics in India, the comparative studies of different states/regimes regarding their respective politics.
- CO3** Analyse issues of mass politics in India.
- CO4** Reflect on the ideological contestations and the emerging issues.
- CO5** Apply critical thinking on matters of key institutional mechanisms, political processes, issues, and ideological contestations of Indian politics.

Course Title: State Politics in India**Course Code: POLD501***At the end of this course, student should be able to*

- CO1** Familiarise themselves with the foundational and theoretical frameworks of understanding the nuances of politics in select states of India.
- CO2** Gain insights into the multitude of factors affecting state politics in India through a historical and comparative perspective.
- CO3** Understand colonial legacy and the reorganisation of states.
- CO4** Understand nationalism and sub nationalism.
- CO5** Grasp the nuances of 5th and 6th schedule of the Constitution.

Course Title: Election Studies

Course Code: POLA801

At the end of this course, student should be able to

- CO1** Understand the meaning and relevance of elections.
- CO2** Gain a thorough understanding of the electoral systems, processes, and mechanisms in India, including the roles of the Election Commission and other regulatory bodies.
- CO3** Understand the strategies and tactics employed by political parties and candidates during election campaigns, including the use of media, technology, and grassroots mobilization.
- CO4** Assess the impact of elections on governance, policy-making, and democratic consolidation in India, including the implications of election outcomes for various stakeholders.
- CO5** Analyse critically the violence and non-participation in elections.

MA 2nd Semester

Course Title: Issues in International Relations

Course Code: POLC201

At the end of this course, student should be able to

- CO1** Identify the key issues in international relations.
- CO2** Grasp the important themes that inform the study of International Relations.
- CO3** Apply critical thinking in issues that afflict international relations.
- CO4** Carry out further research in issues of International Relations.
- CO5** Learn about globalization and post-globalization and their consequences.

Course Title: Contemporary Political Thought**Course Code: POLC202***At the end of this course, student should be able to*

- CO1** Learn the ideas, methods, and thoughts of the key thinkers of contemporary political thought.
- CO2** Generate critical insight into the thoughts of these thinkers and the socio-political issues they engage with through their thoughts.
- CO3** Analyze the political thoughts of thinkers like Marx, Mao, Gramsci, Fanon, and Arendt.
- CO4** Pursue further research in contemporary political thought.
- CO5** Reflect on the relevance of the political thoughts of thinkers in solving various socio-political issues.

Course Title: Theories and Practices of Public Administration**Course Code: POLC203***At the end of this course, student should be able to*

- CO1** Develop a critical understanding of nuances related to administration, administrative structures especially the present form, the human component of administration etc.
- CO2** Understand the intricate nuances of public administration.
- CO3** Learn about diverse aspects of new public administration.
- CO4** Learn about government and governance.
- CO5** Apply critical thinking to the institution of the Ombudsman.

Course Title: Social Movement in India

Course Code: POLD603

At the end of this course, the student should be able to:

- CO1** Critically outlook on the significant social movements in India rationale - objectives- impact of the movements, their role in making/unmaking the ambit of politics in India.
- CO2** Understand the history of social movements from the social reforms period till the present time and the very wider intellectual landscape within which ideas of collective action, protest, and resistance have travelled.
- CO3** Apply various sociological and political theories to understand the dynamics of social movements, including theories of collective action, resource mobilization, and identity politics.
- CO4** Conduct in-depth case studies of specific social movements in India, such as the Dalit movement, feminist movements, environmental movements, and others, examining their successes, challenges, and contributions to social change.
- CO5** Learn about identity assertion movements.

MA 3rd Semester

Course Title: Political Theory

Course Code: POLC301

At the end of this course, student should be able to

- CO1** Learn diverse views, perspectives, and orientations on the concepts and issues forming the core of political theory.
- CO2** Learn the debates and discussions on different political theory relevance.
- CO3** Understand different aspects of democracy and citizenship.
- CO4** Comprehend the contemporary post-colonial developments in theory.
- CO5** Understand advances discussion on freedom, equality, and justice.

Course Title: Comparative Politics: Theories and Analysis**Course Code: POLC302***At the end of this course, student should be able to*

- CO1** Understand the changing nature of the discipline and bring in the various approaches and theoretical perspectives to study comparative politics.
- CO2** Compare the essential to understanding politics and understand the complexities of the various political developments.
- CO3** Engage with the major developments in the institutions as well as ideas of the state, nation, democracy, political parties, social movements, and revolutions.
- CO4** Develop and apply critical thinking in issues of comparative politics.
- CO5** Understand revolutions and social movements.

Course Title: Society and Politics in North East India**Course Code: POLC303***At the end of this course, student should be able to*

- CO1** Understand the significance of India's Northeast as an important field of research bringing together different disciplinary lenses.
- CO2** Develop the analytical tools required to make important policy contributions as well as conceptual interventions when it comes to India's Northeast.
- CO3** Gain insights that will be helpful for them for further research into one of the manifold areas emanating out of one of the most dynamic and emerging fields of area studies in recent times i.e., Northeast India Studies.
- CO4** Develop critical thinking in analyzing different issues of society and politics of northeast India.
- CO5** Interrogate the making of the normative category of 'northeast India' and its various ramifications, while pointing out the different possible ways of decoding it.

Course Title: India's Foreign Policy**Course Code: POLA802***At the end of this course, student should be able to*

- CO1** Acquire a deep understanding of the historical evolution of India's foreign policy from independence to the present, recognizing key phases, shifts, and the underlying principles guiding these changes.
- CO2** Analyze critically India's foreign policy decisions and strategies, examining the motivations, objectives, and outcomes of India's interactions with various global actors.
- CO3** Gain insights into India's relationships with neighbouring countries, major global powers, and multilateral organizations, understanding the geopolitical, economic, and cultural factors influencing these relationships.
- CO4** Understand the processes and institutions involved in the formulation and implementation of India's foreign policy, including the roles of the Ministry of External Affairs, think tanks, and other stakeholders.
- CO5** Conduct independent studies on foreign policy issues, and develop the ability to effectively communicate their findings through written reports, policy briefs, and oral presentations.

Course Title: Rural Development in India**Course Code: POLD506***At the end of this course, student should be able to*

- CO1** Understand about the different aspects of Rural Development in India.
- CO2** Provide a critical understanding of the different schemes of the rural development in India and in Assam particularly.
- CO3** Understand the different issues and challenges of rural development in India.
- CO4** Understand the importance of community participation and empowerment in rural development processes, learning techniques for mobilizing and engaging rural communities in development initiatives.

- CO5** Enhance their research capabilities, enabling them to conduct fieldwork, collect and analyze data, and evaluate the impact of rural development projects, leading to evidence-based policy recommendations and practices.

MA 4th Semester

Course Title: Liberal Political Theory

Course Code: POLC401

At the end of this course, student should be able to

- CO1** Understand critically, the diverse trends within liberal political theory from contractual, utilitarian, enlightenment, and libertarian traditions to the Communitarian tradition.
- CO2** Understand the critical developments in Liberal Political Theory and simultaneously will be able to engage with political ideas critically and constructively.
- CO3** Understand diverse critiques of the liberal thinking tradition.
- CO4** Understand enlightenment and utilitarian thinking tradition.
- CO5** Understand social contract theory and its relevance.

Course Title: Politics of Development

Course Code: POLC402

At the end of this course, student should be able to

- CO1** Understand the diverse range of theories associated with development.
- CO2** Comprehend the complex and diverse range of issues associated with development.
- CO3** Develop a critical perspective on a wide array of reasons, impacting development based on empirically grounded evidences from the Global South.
- CO4** Develop further interests in development studies.
- CO5** Understand alternate perspectives of development.

Course Title: Research Methodology**Course Code: POLC403***At the end of this course, student should be able to*

- CO1** Select appropriate research designs, methodologies, and techniques based on the nature of their research questions or hypotheses.
- CO2** Understand and apply ethical considerations in research, including principles of informed consent, confidentiality, and integrity in data collection and analysis.
- CO3** Analyze critically and evaluate existing research literature relevant to their field of study, identifying strengths, weaknesses, and gaps in knowledge.
- CO4** Develop comprehensive research proposals that include clear research questions, methodologies, expected outcomes, and timelines.
- CO5** Gain proficiency in utilizing both quantitative and qualitative data analysis techniques, including statistical analysis, thematic analysis, and other relevant methods suitable for their research.

Course Title: Human Rights: Concepts and Debates**Course Code: POLD601***At the end of this course, student should be able to*

- CO1** Analyze critically, contemporary human rights issues from various perspectives, including legal, ethical, political, and social dimensions.
- CO2** Demonstrate an understanding of international human rights law and its application in different contexts, including the ability to interpret relevant treaties, conventions, and jurisprudence.
- CO3** Evaluate the effectiveness of human rights policies, interventions, and advocacy strategies in promoting and protecting human rights at local, national, and international levels.
- CO4** Develop skills in conducting independent research on human rights topics, including identifying research questions, collecting and analyzing data, and presenting findings in a scholarly manner.
- CO5** Advocate for human rights through effective communication, activism, and engagement with diverse stakeholders, including marginalized communities, civil society organizations, and governmental bodies.
