UNIVERSITY OF KERALA
School of Distance Education

Master of Arts (Political Science)
PROGRAMME PROJECT REPORT

(a) Programme's Mission & Objectives

Mission Statement

The primary mission of the MA Political Science programme is to provide specialized education in the field of Political Science. Generally we train our students to become successful scholars and teachers. The students can develop technical skills of a scholar by completing the research methodology course which enables their entry into the doctoral programs in Political Science. In addition the Political Science students can search their career options in interest groups, non-profit organizations, policy think tanks and for positions in local, state, and central legislative and bureaucratic offices.

Objectives

- To educate students with the diverse theories, models, approaches and intellectual traditions in Political Science which are the prerequisites for both scholars and teachers in the discipline.

- To train students with the appropriate research skills necessary to their professional growth as an active researcher and also to satisfy their research objectives.

- To develop student's ability in critical thinking and analysis in scholarly as well as non-scholarly areas and brace them to express it freely.

- To prepare students for their entry into MPhil and PhD programs in Political Science, careers in teaching, civil service and others.

(b) Relevance of the Programme with HEI's Mission and Goals

The MA Political Science programme offered through distance mode is closely aligned with the vision and mission of the same programme offered through regular mode in University of Kerala. For that it follows the same syllabus and curriculum of the regular programme offered through the affiliated colleges of the University of Kerala. The programme intends to provide quality education at the mater's level to all students. As a higher education programme it orients the students towards teaching, research and service to the public. Materializing such objectives we offer knowledge based at the same time socially responsible education in Political Science at an affordable cost.

(c) Nature of Prospective Target Group of Learners

The MA Political Science programme has good demand as only two regular colleges and the University Department offer the programme whereas twelve regular colleges offer BA Political Science programme. In addition to this students from other disciplines also seek Master's degree in Political Science. Unlike students who opt the regular stream of education in Political Science, generally students under distance mode constitute pupils from rural areas, poor socio-economic background especially belonging to marginalized sections.

Permanently/temporarily employed men and women in different age groups also seek the programme for their career advancement. Besides a segment of women who want to pursue higher studies after marriage also come up for the same programme.

(d) Appropriateness of programme to be conducted in Open and Distance Learning mode to acquire specific skills and competence

The following skills and competencies can be acquired through distance mode of learning without fail which is generally essential for a master's degree in Political Science.

- **Teaching skill:** The Programme impart necessary teaching skills among students by educating them with the diverse theories, models, approaches and intellectual traditions in Political Science.

- **Research skill:** The Programme gives training in the appropriate research skills necessary for their entry into MPhil and PhD programs. As part of research training a student can develop his/her ability in critical thinking and analysis.

- **Writing skill:** The programme practices the students in academic writing and equally helps them to improve their presentation skills.

(e) Instructional Design

No. of Courses	Course Code	Name of Course	Maximum Marks		
			CE	ESE	Total
Semester I					
Core Course 1	PS 511	Modern Western Political Thought	25	75	100
Core Course 2	PS 512	Contemporary Political Theory	25	75	100
Core Course 3	PS 513	Indian Government & Politics	25	75	100
Elective Course 1	PS 514	Gender Politics	25	75	100
Semester II					
Core Course 4	PS 521	Comparative Politics	25	75	100
Core Course 5	PS 522	Theories & Concepts of Public Administration	25	75	100
Core Course 6	PS 523	Theories & Concepts of International Politics	25	75	100
Elective Course 2	PS 524	State & Society in Kerala	25	75	100
Semester III					
Core Course 7	PS 531	Research Methodology	25	75	100
Core Course 8	PS 532	Gandhian Political Thought	25	75	100
Core Course 9	PS 533	Issues in Indian Politics	25	75	100
Elective Course 3	PS 534	Indian Administration	25	75	100
Semester IV					
Core Course 10	PS 541	Modern Indian Social & Political Ideas	25	75	100
Core Course 11	PS 542	Politics of Developing Countries	25	75	100
Core Course 12	PS 543	Issues in International Politics	25	75	100
Elective Course 4	PS 544	Environment, Development and Politics	25	75	100
Core Course 13	Nil	Project Work + Viva-voce Or	Nil	80 + 20	100

		Essay		Or 100	
Core Course 14	Nil	Comprehensive Viva-voce	Nil	100	100
Grand Total				**1800**	

Duration of the Programme: 4 Semesters (two years).

Faculty and Support Staff Requirement: There are two full time faculty members available and one of them coordinates the MA Programme in Political Science. There is sufficient administrative staff support from the SDE office for administrative work. The service of qualified guest teachers and experts from panels approved by the Vice Chancellor are used in the preparation of SLM, for taking contact classes and conducting internal evaluation.

Instructional Delivery Mechanisms: In addition to providing Self Learning Material, students are offered 90 contact hours each semester, conducted over 15 days during the weekend. Classes are taken using audio visual aids, and students are encouraged to use web resources. A repertoire of audio/video lectures are being prepared, which will be made available to the learners on an experimental basis from this academic year onwards.

(f) Procedure for Admissions, Curriculum Transaction and Evaluation

Applications for admissions are received online. Eligibility for admission to MA Political Science programme is given below.

Graduates who have passed qualifying examination in CBCS Pattern -2013 admissions	Graduates who have passed qualifying examination in CBCS Pattern- Prior to 2013 admissions	Graduates who have passed qualifying examination in Annual scheme/ Other pattern
Graduates in Political Science, Economics, History, Philosophy, Psychology, B.A English and Communicative English / BA Communicative English with Public Administration, English Language and Literature, Sociology, Anthropology, Law, Journalism, Commerce, Business Administration, Public Administration, Geography or other Social Science subjects/ BSc Psychology with not less than 4.5 CCPA(S) * out of 10. Graduates in Science with 6CCPA(S) out of 10 and Graduates in Engineering	Graduates in Political Science, Economics, History, Philosophy, Psychology, B.A English and Communicative English / BA Communicative English with Public Administration, English Language and Literature, Sociology, Anthropology, Law, Journalism, Commerce, Business Administration, Public Administration, Geography or other Social Science subjects/ BSc Psychology with not less than 1.8 CGPA(S) * out of 4. Graduates in Science	Graduates in Politics, Economics, History, Philosophy, Psychology, B.A Communicative English with Public Administration, English, Sociology, Anthropology, Law, Journalism, Commerce, Business Administration, Public Administration, Geography or other Social Science subjects with not less than 45% marks in Part III- optional Main subject concerned (including subsidiaries). Graduates in Science and Engineering with 60% marks/ B.A Journalism and Mass

with 60% marks/ B.A Journalism and Mass Communication and Video Production (Career related / Restructured) / B.A Communicative English (Vocational) with Public Administration as one of the Core Subjects are also eligible.	with 2.4 CGPA(S) out of 4 and Graduates in Engineering with 60% marks/ B.A Journalism and Mass Communication and Video Production (Career related / Restructured) / B.A Communicative English (Vocational) with Public Administration as one of the Core Subjects are also eligible.	Communication and Video Production (Restructured)/ B.A Communicative English (Vocational) with Public Administration as one of the main subjects are also eligible.

Fee Structure: The total fee of MA Political Science is Rs.10305/-

Academic Calendar

ADMISSION		
Admission Notification	First week of June	
Closing date of Admission	Last week of September	
Schedule of distribution of study materials		
Course	Date	By Post
III, IV Semester	Last week of June	Last week of July
I & II Semester	Last week of October	Last week of November
Schedule of contact classes		
Course	Schedule	
III & IV Semester	First week of July	
I & II Semester	First week of November	
Schedule of examinations		
Course	Schedule	
III and IV Semester	First week of April	
I and II Semester	Second and Third week of April	

Financial Assistance

Concession for tuition fee will be given to SC/ST and OEC students. The students belonging to SC/ST and OEC category will be admitted to the programme without remitting the tuition fee. The fee for the students thus admitted will be later claimed form SC/ST department as per the rules laid down by the government of Kerala and will be remitted to Kerala University Fund (KUF).

Curriculum Transaction: Curriculum is transacted in the Distance Mode with the help of Self Learning Material and Personal Contact Classes. The use of web-based tools is not in place yet, but steps are being initiated.

Evaluation: Evaluation of each course shall be done in two parts viz. 1). Continuous Evaluation (CE) 2). End Semester Evaluation (ESE). The distribution of marks shall be 25% for CE and 75% for ESE. Continuous Evaluation for each course requires the submission of one assignment for 15 marks and one Test Paper/Practicum/Case Analysis carrying 10 marks. End Semester Examinations are conducted by the Controller of Examinations, University of Kerala.

(g) Requirement of the Laboratory Support and Library Resources

Laboratory hours are not mandatory for MA Political Science, but students can avail the computers in the Central Computer Lab of the School of Distance Education which has continuous internet connectivity.

The SDE has a separate Library with more than 23,000 books. Library automation is done using LibSoft software which facilitates all in-house operations of the library. The library currently subscribes to more than 15 journals of various subject fields. An amount of Rs. 500/- has to be remitted by the students to obtain membership in the Library, of which Rs. 400/- will be refunded on completion of the course. The non members can make use of the library resources and the reference services by producing their student's ID proof. They can use the library for reference purpose and they can avail photocopy facilities.

(h) Cost Estimate of the Programme and the Provisions

Sl.No	Expenditure	Total for the SDE during 19-20 (25987 students) (Rs. in lakh)	Cost estimate for MA Political Science programme (200 students)
01	Pay and Allowance	435.00	851100
02	Contact classes and evaluation	80.00	46050
03	Course materials	100.00	57600
04	Advertisement charges	25.00	14400
05	Postage and telephone	7.4	4200
06	Books and Periodicals	3.5	1300
07	Miscellaneous	9.95	5700
	Total	660.85	980350
	Provisions (6%)		58821
	Total		1039171 Cost per student/ year=Rs.5196/-

(i) Quality Assurance Mechanism

The University Board of Studies PG Political Science programme approves and reviews the syllabus, course content, and the Self Learning Material of MA Political Science offered in

the distance mode also. The overall ensuring of quality will be closely monitored by the Centre for Internal Quality Assurance, School of Distance Education.

(j) Expected Programme Outcomes

Towards the end of the programme students will be able to:

- Reproduce the diverse theories, models, approaches and intellectual traditions in Political Science as scholars and teachers.

- Do research with their acquired research skills as well as their ability in critical thinking and analysis.

- Enter into careers in civil service and others.

> **Note:** The programme structure is based on the present syllabus existing in the regular mode in the University of Kerala. The UG and PG syllabi in the regular mode in the University is currently being revised and is about to be finalized. SDE will adopt the revised syllabus as such when they are finalized for the 2020-21 admission. The SLMs will also be updated accordingly.

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