

UNIVERSITY OF KERALA
School of Distance Education

Bachelor of Arts (Political Science)
PROGRAMME PROJECT REPORT

Details of the Proposed B A Political Science Programme

Mission & Objectives

In keeping with the overall mission of the School of Distance Education, University of Kerala, to ensure accessibility of quality higher education to all, the programme, BA Political Science aims to familiarize the students with Social Sciences in general and Political Science as a discipline in particular, the key concepts of Political Science and the significance of Political Science.

The B A programme in Political Science is well designed for students who have interest to develop their career as a Social Science teacher in secondary and higher educational institutions. In addition the Political Science students can search their career options in interest groups, non-profit organizations and for positions in local, state, and central legislative and bureaucratic offices. In addition to this, the course is also useful for LLB students for widening the horizon of institutional and theoretical knowledge of Political Science through the study of state and government, policy concerns, laws, etc

The programme aims at the following objectives:

- To create an awareness on the various concepts of Political Science
- To educate students with the diverse theories, models, approaches and intellectual traditions of Political Science which are the prerequisites for both scholars and teachers in the discipline.
- To prepare students for their entry into post graduation programmes in Political Science, International Relations, Gandhian Studies, etc. and careers in teaching, civil service and others.

Relevance of the program with HEI's Mission and Goals

The BA 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. BA Political Science in the distance mode will be a feeder programme for the MA Political Science programme offered by the university. The programme intends to provide quality education at the graduation 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.

Nature of Prospective Target Group of Learners:

BA programme in Political Science has wide demand, and only a small percentage of the students are being accommodated in the regular mode through affiliated colleges. This will join the attempt to democratising higher education to large segments of the population, providing an innovative system of university level education that is flexible and open in terms of methods, pace of learning, eligibility for enrolment and age of entry. Different from the same regular programme, generally students under distance mode constitute pupils from rural areas, poor socio-economic background and marginalized sections. Permanent or 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.

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 bachelor's degree in Political Science.

- **Understanding skill:** the programme helps the students to develop their understanding level through the study of basic concepts in Political Science such as state, government, civil society, public opinion, political parties, etc.
- **Analytical skill:** The programme helps to provide an analytical capacity for students through data analysis and interpretation of political problems, issues, concerns and policy challenges. .
- **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 post graduation programmes. 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.
- **Community participation skill:** The programme also helps the students to interact and participate with different communities to enable them to identify social problems around them.

Instructional Design:

Scheme of First Degree Programme in Political Science

SEM	COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	NUMBER OF CREDITS	CE (Marks)	ESE (Marks)	Total
I	EN 1 1 1 1	English – I	4	20	80	100
	1 1 1 1	Addl. Language I	3	20	80	100
	EN1 1 2 1	Foundation Course I	2	20	80	100
	PS 1 1 4 1	Core I- Methodology and Perspectives of Social Sciences	4	20	80	100
	EC 1 1 3 1	Complementary I – Economics (EC1131- Foundations of Economic Theory)	2	20	80	100
	HY 1 1 3 1	Complementary II – History (D-HY 1131.2 - History of Modern World [1789-1900])	2	20	80	100
		Total	17	120	480	600
II	EN 1 2 1 1	English II	4	20	80	100
	EN 1 2 1 2	English III	3	20	80	100
	1 2 1 1	Addl. Language II	3	20	80	100
	PS 1 2 4 1	Core II – Introduction to Political Science	4	20	80	100
	EC 1 2 3 1	Complementary III – Economics (EC1231 - Money and Banking)	3	20	80	100
	HY 1 2 3 1	Complementary IV – History (D-HY 1231.2 History of Modern World [1901-1920])	3	20	80	100
		Total	20	120	480	600
	EN 1 3 1 1	English IV	4	20	80	100

III	1 3 1 1	Addl. Language III	4	20	80	100
	PS 1 3 2 1	Foundation Course II (Informatics and Political Science)	3	20	80	100
	PS 1 3 4 1	Core III –Indian Constitution	4	20	80	100
	EC 1 3 3 1	Complementary V – Economics (EC1131 – Public Finance and Trade)	3	20	80	100
	HY1 3 3 1	Complementary VI – (D-HY 1331.2 - History of Modern World (1921-1945)	3	20	80	100
		Total	21	120	480	600
IV	EN 1 4 1 1	English V	4	20	80	100
	1 4 1 1	Addl. Language IV	4	20	80	100
	PS 1 4 4 1	Core IV- Dynamics of Indian Political System	4	20	80	100
	PS 1 4 4 2	Core V – Introduction to Comparative Politics	3	20	80	100
	EC 1 4 3 1	Complementary VII – Economics (EC1431- Indian Economy Since Independence)	3	20	80	100
	HY 1 4 3 1	Complementary VIII – History (D-HY1431.2 - History of Modern World [After 1946])	3	20	80	100
		Total	21	120	480	600
V	PS 1 5 4 1	Core VI- Public administration	4	20	80	100
	PS 1 5 4 2	Core VII – Ancient and Medieval Political Thought	4	20	80	100
	PS 1 5 4 3	Core VIII – International Relations	2	20	80	100
	PS 1 5 4 4	Core IX – Research Methods in Political Science	4	20	80	100
	PS 1 5 4 5	Core X- Human Rights in India	4	20	80	100
	1551	Open Course I	2	20	80	100
		Total	20	120	480	600
	PS 1 6 4 1	Core XI – Modern Political Thought	4	20	80	100

VI	PS 1 6 4 2	Core XII – State and Society in Kerala	4	20	80	100
	PS 1 6 4 3	Core XIII – Decentralization and Participatory Democracy	4	20	80	100
	PS 1 6 4 4	Core XIV – New Social Movements	3	20	80	100
	PS 1 6 5 1.1	Open II – (Elective) Globalization and Political Systems	2	20	80	100
	PS 1 6 4 5	Essay/ Project	4	-	80+20 (100)	100
		Total	21	100	500	600
	Grand Total	120	720	2880	3600	

Duration of the Programme

6 Semesters, three years; offered in the month of July

Faculty and Support Staff Requirement

There are two full time faculty members available and one of them coordinates the BA Programme in Political Science. There is sufficient staff support from the SDE office for processing 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 60 contact hours each semester, conducted over 10 days during the weekend. Classes are taken using audio visual aids, and students are encouraged to use authentic web resources from genuine sites.

Procedure for admissions, curriculum transaction and evaluation:

1. Admission

Applications for admissions are received online. Eligibility for admission to BA Political Science is a pass in Higher Secondary Examination of the State or an Examination accepted by the University as equivalent thereto.

2. Fee structure : Rs. 13,605/- (Rupees twelve thousand five hundred only)

3. 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).

4. Programme Delivery

The programme is being delivered with the help of SLM and Personal Contact programmes. The SLM is being dispatched to the students during each semester by hand or by post. And, at the end of each semester assignments are given and the marks are included in the ESA. The use of web-based tools is not in place yet, but steps are being initiated.

5. 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, V and VI 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, V and VI Semester	First week of July	
I & II Semester	First week of November	
Schedule of examinations		
Course	Schedule	
V and VI Semester	First week of April	
III and IV Semester	Second and Third week of April	
I and II Semester	Fourth week of April	

6. Evaluation

The evaluation of the programme will consist of two parts: a) Continuous Evaluation (CE) b) End Semester Evaluation (ESE) The CE and ESE ratio shall be 1:4 i.e. a maximum of 20 marks for CE and a maximum of 80 marks for ESE. There will be no separate minimum for CE and ESE. However, the minimum pass requirement of a course will be 40%. Minimum marks required for passing a programme will also be 40%.

The classification of results of the programme shall be done at the end of the 6th semester based on the total marks secured for all semesters and shall be as follows.

Candidates securing not less than 40% but below 50% - Third Class

Candidates securing not less than 50% but below 60% - Second Class

Candidates securing 60% and above - First Class

(a) Continuous Evaluation (CE): In a semester each student shall be required to submit one assignment and do one Test Paper for each course without which his/her results will be

withheld. Those who submit their assignments after the due date will have to pay a late fee as fixed by the university from time to time. The components of CE are, Assignment (10 marks) and Test Paper (10 marks). The results of the CE shall be displayed in SDE website. Complaints regarding the award of marks for CE if any have to be submitted to the Programme Coordinator within 15 working days from the display of results of CE.

(b) End Semester Evaluation (ESE): End Semester Evaluation of all the Courses in all the semesters including the examination for Essay shall be conducted by the University.

Minimum attendance required for ESE will be 50%. However those who cannot secure the required percentage of attendance can appear for ESE by paying a condonation fee fixed by the University.

Examinations for odd and even semesters will be conducted together towards the end of every academic year.

Improvement of ESE - Candidates who have successfully completed the Semester, but wish to improve their marks for the End Semester Evaluation (ESE) shall have only one chance for the same along with the next immediate regular batch of students.

Requirement of the laboratory support and Library Resources

A laboratory hour is not mandatory for BA 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 28,000 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. 525/- has to be remitted by the students to obtain membership in the Library, of which Rs. 420/- 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.

Cost Estimate of the Programme and the Provisions (Base 2019-20)

Sl.No	Expenditure	Total for the SDE during 19-20 (25987 students) (Rs. in lakh)	Cost estimate for B.A Political Science programme (100 students)
01	Pay and Allowance	435.00	360000
02	Contact classes and evaluation	80.00	30700
03	Course materials	100.00	38400
04	Advertisement charges	25.00	9600
05	Postage and telephone	7.4	2800
06	Books and Periodicals	3.5	1300
07	Miscellaneous	9.95	3800
	Total	660.85	442800
	Provisions (6%)		26568

	Total		469368 Cost per student/ year=Rs.4694
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Quality Assurance Mechanism

The University Board of Studies for FDP Political Science programmes approves and reviews the syllabus, course content, and the Self Learning Material of BA 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.

Expected Programme Outcomes

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

- Understand the political institutions in local, national and international level
- Compare the government of developing , developed and under developed nations
- Analyze the political thoughts of western and Indian political thinkers
- Understand the major political and social issues prevailing in the country
- Know the nature and extent of basic ideas of Indian constitution
- Understand major political theories such as democracy, liberalism, socialism, etc.
- Develop their career as journalist in mass media, legal and political spokesman of the different political institutions such as political parties, interest and pressure groups, etc.
- Develop their career as academicians as well as active participants in political life
- Prepare for competitive examinations conducted by UPSC, PSC, SSC, etc

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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