

MASTER OF ARTS
POLITICAL SCIENCE

As Designed by Kumaon University Nainital

Programme Educational Objectives;

Following the ethos of Kumaun University which aims to materialize the ethos of nation building and leadership qualities through education, this Programme develops ethical values through practical, moral and intellectual aspects of education, the ability to understand & appreciate human diversity and to engage in community life as active citizens.

This programme also enhances the knowledge and creates the research aptitude about political phenomena of local to global context. The main objectives of the programme are: To acquaint students with contemporary political theory and issues in Indian political system. To develop insights of alternative moral and ethical frameworks for interpreting contemporary political discourse.

To apply disciplinary or interdisciplinary learning across multiple contexts, integrating knowledge and practices. To develop an exciting and supportive learning environment that is conducive to high quality research and related learning activities including debates, seminars and lectures.

To develop a set of core skills in students to work with efficiency in the areas of teacher education, technology of teaching, educational administration and supervision.

To increase awareness of career options available in the public and private sectors with postgraduate degree in political science. Also to make aware about its value as entry in Politics, administrative services, teaching positions, legal education and various other fields.

Programme Outcomes;

After completion to the M. A, Programme in Political Science, students will be able to:

PO1: *Knowledge of Political Realm:* Understand the fundamentals theories, political process and issues of national and international politics, including the political process in India. Effectively apply comparative, critical and analytical skills in reading and writing to address significant issues of the political world.

PO2: *Interdisciplinary Perspective:* Understand interdisciplinary perspective to the study of social sciences. Evaluate diverse point of views embedded within various frameworks which may include temporal, cultural, linguistic, socio-political or technological contexts.

PO3: *Analytical Perspective:* Demonstrate critical thinking, including the ability to form an argument, detect fallacies and evidence about key issues of politics and thoughtful and well-articulated presentations on specific field.

PO4: *Technical Skills:* Acquire the ability and the knowledge about use of electronic devices and traditional resources to study the key issues i.e. local, state, national and international policy. Use the applications of computer for data analysis and power point presentations to explain the research findings.

PO5: *Problem Solving:* acquaint with the idea of rational and analytical thinking and Conduct research in political areas. Also able to apply political science knowledge and skills to avoid crisis situations and solving actual problems when occur.

PO6: *Communication Skills:* Able to interact with diverse population of formal or informal arena; grasp their view point while dealing with socio-political issues and communicate effectively in both oral and written presentations and public speaking also.

PO7: *Leadership and Management Abilities:* Demonstrate the quality to lead a team, country and format or an informal organization. The capacity to perform duties, effective planning and management, ability to interact effectively with people and also indentifying and setting achievable goals, developing necessary strategies and outlining the tasks and schedules on how to achieve the set goals.

PO8: *Teaching Abilities:* acquaint with teaching skills for higher education. Also demonstrate their teaching skills through practice teaching.

PO9: *Community Service:* Participate as a civically member of society and provide community service.

PO10: *Ethical Understanding:* Develop and apply ethical considerations in professional, personal and social life and also recognize cultural and personal variability in lifestyle.

PO11: *Professional Identity*: Understand and perform their professional roles in state and society, such as political leader, educationalist and political analysts, Social Worker, Public Relations Assistant and Campaign Staffer and so on.

PO12: *Environment and Sustainability*: disseminate the knowledge and demonstrate the role for the promotion of environmental sustainability, Understand the comprehensive systemic analysis across both physical and behavioral dimensions society, the environment, and the economy.

PO13: *Life-Long Learning*: Understand the theory and practice of politics. Engage in dialogue over political concerns and life-long learning to participate in political process. Also contribute towards positive change in the society.

Master of Arts (Political Science)

Curriculum Structure

First Semester	Examination, December
Second Semester	Examination, April/May
Third Semester	Examination, December
Fourth Semester	Examination, April/May

Political Science

First Semester

Paper- I Western Political Thought (from Plato to Bodin)

Paper-II Comparative Politics

Paper- III Public Administration

Paper- IV Indian Political System

Paper-V International Politics

Western Political Thought

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course, students will be able to:

Understand the Main Features of Classical Greek Philosophy in general and Political Philosophy from Plato to Bodin in particular.

Comprehend the ideas on state, people, Justice, communism, education, constitution, Liberty, Rights etc.

Analyze and justify the relevance of Ideas of those thinkers in modern era.

Comparative Politics

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course, students will be able to:

Understand the basic concepts and approaches of Comparative Politics. Critically evaluate the problems and relevance of Comparative Politics.

Analyze contemporary issues and challenges before the state and Constitutionalism from the comparative Perspective.

Public Administration

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course, student will be able to: Understand about theory and practice of Public Administration. Work with people and manage them.

Learn about leadership skills, motivation and decision making. Aware about working of Public Administration.

Indian Political System

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course, student will be able to:

Understand about constitutional Development in India.

Institutions of governance in India.

Learn about leadership and decision making process in India. Aware about working of Administration in India.

International Politics

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course, students will be able to:

Critically analyze the theories of international politics. Evaluate the concept of power and its changing nature. Explore the instruments for the promotion of national interest.

Understand about various dimensions and emerging issues of international politics

MA (Political Science) Second Semester

Paper- I Political Thought (FromHobbes toMarx)

Paper-II Indian Administration

Paper- III State Politics inIndia withspecial referenceto Uttarakhand

Paper –IV Indian PoliticalDynamics

Paper-V Dissertation

Political Thought

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course, students will be able to: Understand the diverse intellectual political traditions in the west.

Aware about conceptual debate of fundamental political ideas in the west.Critically analyze the political philosophy of western political thinkers.

Indian Administration

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course, students will be able to:

Understand about the constitutional institutions of Indian Political System.Comprehend the dynamics of Indian Political System.

Analyze the working of Indian Political System.

State Politics In India (With special reference to U.K.)

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course, students will be able to:

Understand the basic structure of federal system and the emerging trends of state politicsin India.

Know about political process in Uttrakhand.

Critically analyze the Issues and challenges of U.K. state.

Indian PoliticalDynamics

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course, student will be able to:

Understand about constitutional Development in India.

Institutions of governance in India.

Learn about leadership and decision making process in India.Aware about working of Administration in India.

Dissertation

Learning Outcomes:

This paper intends to develop a comprehensive insight in the students so that given an opportunity they can initiate a minor research proposal or attempt a minor dissertation on their area of interest

MA (Political Science) Third Semester

Paper- I Indian Political Thought

Paper-II Political Ideology

Paper- III Political Thought (From Lenin to Rawls)

ELECTIVE COURSE

Paper- I Human Rights

Paper-II Local Self Government

Paper III India in World Affairs

OPEN ELECTIVE

Paper- I Gandhian Discourse in Politics

Indian Political Thought

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course, student will be able to:

Demonstrate and familiarize with main ideas of the key Indian Political Thinkers.

Analyze and compare the ideas and theories of Modern India Political Thinkers.

Aware about the relevance of Ancient and Modern Indian Political Thought in present era

Political Ideology

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course, students will be able to:

Understand key concepts, approaches and main problems of political Ideologies. To think analytically on the concepts and issues involved in political ideology.

To explicate their own views in political ideology.

Develop ability to research current political issues and relate them to the course material.

Political Thought (From Lenin to Rawls)

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course, student will be able to:

Understand the development of Post Marxist ideology.

Know and discuss the central themes, concepts and ideas on the development of the contemporary tradition of western political thought.

Analyze the ideology in terms of empirical realism.

Apply these ideologies to the assessment of some current economic debate.

Human Rights

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course, student will be able to:

Understand the issues concerning the rights of citizens in general and the marginalized groups in particular.

Understand basic conceptual framework of Human Rights.

Local Self-Government

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course, students will be able to:

Understand the basic structure of Panchayati Raj and the emerging trends of local politics in India.

Know about political process in local self-government.

Critically analyze the Issues and challenges of local self-government in U.K. state.

India in World Affairs

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course, students will be able to:

Understand the India's security concerns and India's policy towards world politics. Analyze the India's engagement towards world.

Awareness about the impact of New World Order and recent trends in post covid world.

Gandhian Discourse in Politics

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course, students will be able to:

Understand the thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi and the relevance of his thoughts to present scenario.

MA (Political Science) Fourth Semester

Paper-I Contemporary Political Philosophy

Paper-II Viva-Voce

Elective Course

Paper-I Environmentalism

Paper-II Post-Cold War International Relations

Paper-III International Organization

Paper-IV Research Methodology

Open Elective

Paper-I Ethics and Politics

Contemporary Political Philosophy

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course, students will be able to:

Know and discuss the central themes, concepts and ideas on the development of the contemporary political Philosophy.

Understand and assess the structure and significance of particular texts produced within this tradition and be able to illustrate problems involved in their interpretation.

Address a number of key questions in political theory with reference to texts and arguments introduced in the course.

Viva-Voce

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course, student will be able to:

Develop their presentation skills.

Interact with diverse population of formal or informal arena;

Grasp their view point while dealing with socio-political issues and communicate effectively in both oral and written presentations and public speaking also.

Environmentalism

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course, students will be able to:

Understand key concepts, approaches and main problems of Green Politics. To think analytically on the concepts and issues involved in environmentalism. To explicate their own views in protection of environment.

Develop ability to research current climatic issues and relate them to the course material.

Post-Cold War International Relations

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course, students will be able to:

Understand about various dimensions and emerging issues of international politics in post-cold war era.

Understand the concept and perspective of Globalization and global economy. Aware about contemporary Global Issues like ecological issues.

Critically analyze the trends and issues of Global politics.

Analyze the global institution, issues and challenges.

Assess the institutional and policy measures which have been taken in response to the demands of various movements.

Analyze conceptual dimensions, international trends and the Indian experience.

International Organizations

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course, students will be able to:

Understand the working of international organizations and regional organizations. Aware about the global challenges.

Analyze the role of U.N. and regional organizations.

Research Methodology

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course, student will be able to:

Engage in a systematic study of both theoretical and practical aspects of Political Science equipped with strong methodological training.

Acquaint with the qualitative and quantitative research techniques for conducting field based research studies including selection of research problems, sampling and preparation of research tools and adoption of statistical methodologies.

Analyze the primary and secondary sources of research area in Political Science.

Build capability applying the knowledge of research techniques in writing the research papers.