
JAI PRAKASH UNIVERSITY CHAPRA



REGULATION AND COURSES OF STUDIES

FOR

M.A. (POL. SC.)

BASED ON SEMESTER SYSTEM

w.e.f. The Session-2012-13

REGULATIONS FOR TWO YEARS POSTGRADUATE

SEMESTER PROGRAMME IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Notwithstanding anything contrary to the provisions contained in Chapter V of the Regulations for the Master's Examinations in Arts - Social Science (Political Science), the following provisions be made applicable from the (academic) session 2012-2013:

- (1) That Jai Prakash University, Chapra shall impart instructions leading to Four Semester M.A. Programme in Political Science of two years duration.
- (2) The duration of the programme shall be of two academic years and the examination for the M.A. degree in Political Science shall be held for 1600 marks. The duration of the Semesters shall be as follows:
Semester I - From July to December
Semester II - From January to June
Semester III - From July to December
Semester IV - From January to July
- (3) That no candidate who has not passed the B.A. Examination with Honours in three years stream in the Political Science shall be admitted to M.A. (Previous) Course. For admission in M.A. (Final) Course, a candidate must pass the M.A. (Previous) Examination with at least 40% marks.
- (4) That the candidate who have pursued regular course of study for the M.A. (Previous) year and have attended less than 75% of the Lectures delivered shall not be eligible to appear at M.A. (Previous) Examination. The same condition regarding attendance at lectures delivered shall be applicable to the M.A. (Final) Year Examination. The Vice Chancellor may have discretionary power to condone the short age of attendance at lectures to the extent of five percent.
- (5)
 - (a) That the candidate shall be examined in eight papers each of 100 marks and excepting Papers VIII and XVI, 14 papers will be of three hours duration at both M.A. Previous and Final Examinations.
 - (b) That the candidate shall be examined in papers eighth and sixteenth (M.A. Previous & Final respectively) for 50 marks each in Group Discussion and viva-voce respectively. The two theory parts of the papers shall also be of 50 marks each and two hours duration.
 - (c) The total marks in both M.A. Previous and Final Examinations taken together shall be 1600 of all the four Semesters comprising 16 papers.
 - (d) The Examinations of optional elective papers shall be arranged in fourth Semester of the M.A. Final Year Course.

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- (6) That the result of the successful candidates shall be declared on the basis of their performance at all the four semester Examinations covering M.A. (Previous & Final) years taken together.
- (7) (a) A candidate who has passed the M.A. (Previous) Examinations but is not satisfied with his/her performance, may re-appear in one or more (not exceeding three) of the theory papers of the said Examination at the immediate succeeding Examination to improve his/her previous performance.
- (b) If a candidate fails to pass or fails to secure second or first class by not more than five marks at all Semester Examinations taken together in Final Year, he /she shall be awarded the marks required to enable him/her to pass the Examination or to secure second or first class, as the case may be, and his/her result shall be declared accordingly.
- (8) (a) That the candidate securing 60% and above marks in the aggregate shall be placed in the First class, and those securing 45% and above marks but below 60% in the aggregate shall be placed in the Second class, and the rest securing 40% and above but below 45% marks in the aggregate shall be placed in the Third class at the Final Year Examination.
- (b) That a candidate who is placed at the First position in the First class at the Final Year Examination shall be awarded a Gold Medal and a prize of books of Rs 2000/-
- (c) That the ranking as per merit shall apply to regular examinees only passing the respective examination in a single attempt.

COURSE STRUCTURE (Pol. Sc.)

- (i) The Programme for M.A. in Political Science shall be of two years duration divided further into four Semesters, each having four papers. Hence, there shall be 16 papers altogether for M.A. degree in Political Science.
- (ii) The first three Semesters shall each consist of four compulsory papers. The last Semester shall be exclusively devoted to the study of one of the four special optional/elective groups, each consisting of four papers.
- (iii) All the 16 papers of postgraduate programme in Political Science shall carry 100 marks each.
- (iv) Evaluation of each paper in the first and third Semesters shall be done by taking written examination of 70 marks to be taken in three hours duration in one sitting at the end of each Semester by the University; the remaining 30 marks of each paper shall be allotted to the academic progress of the students. It would be evaluated by the Departmental Council on the basis of the performance of the students in their written assignments as well as the departmentally organised seminars/ symposia/ workshops and/ or other academic activities.
- (v) (a) There shall not be departmental assessment in the second and fourth Semesters.
- (b) The fifth, sixth and seventh papers each will carry 70 marks based on the written examination conducted by the University.
- (c) 30 marks in these papers allotted to sessional performance of the students. These sessional parts of the papers will be evaluated internally by the Department.
- (d) The eighth paper shall have two parts, each shall carry 50 marks. The first part is one of written examination which is divided into two sections. Section 'A' shall contain four questions of 15 marks each, whereas Section 'B' shall contain two questions of 20 marks each. A candidate will be required to answer two questions from Section 'A' and one question from section 'B'.
- (e) Part 'B' of this paper shall be of Group-discussion which will carry 50 marks. The performance of the examination will be assessed by two external examiners to be appointed by the Vice Chancellor.
- (vi) (a) The first three out of the four papers of the special optional/ elective groups of the fourth Semester shall carry 70 marks; and 30 marks shall be allotted to sessional examination/ internal assessment to be decided by the departmental Council.

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- (b) The sixteenth paper shall be divided into two parts like paper eighth. Each part shall contain 50 marks. Part 'A' is written examination of 50 marks and shall have two sections. Section I shall contain four questions of 15 marks each, and Section II shall contain two questions of 20 marks each.

A candidate shall be required to answer two questions from Section I and one question from Section II.

- (c) Part 'B' shall carry 50 marks for viva-voce to be conducted by two external examiners who shall be appointed by the Vice Chancellor.

(viii) The following shall be the general pattern of question setting :

- (a) All papers except paper VIII and XVI shall have two types of questions - Section 'A' shall consist of six short answer type questions of 10 marks only and a candidate is required to answer only three questions out of the six; whereas Section 'B' shall contain four long answer questions each carrying 20 marks, and a candidate is required to answer only two questions out of the four.
- (b) Papers VIII and XVI each shall have two Parts, each carrying 50 marks. Part 'A' of both papers constitutes theory papers and Part 'B' of the papers are Group-discussion and viva-voce respectively. Part I of papers VIII and XVI shall have two sections. Section I of both papers shall have four questions of 15 marks each, whereas section II of the papers shall have two questions of 20 marks each. An examinee shall have to answer two questions from Section I and one question from section II.
- (ix) The time allowed to the students in written examinations in all the papers except papers VIII and XVI shall be three hours, whereas for papers VIII and XVI the time allowed is only two hours.
- (x) For Part 'B' of both Papers VIII and XIV, i.e., Group Discussion and viva-voce examination respectively, there will be two external examiners and one internal examiner from the University Department of Political Science appointed by its Head. Minimum two of the examiners out of the three must conduct the Group Discussion and the viva-voce examination.

Papers Semesterwise

Semester I (All Compulsory Papers)

- Paper - I - Indian Political Thought
- Paper - II - Indian Political System
- Paper - III - Comparative Politics
- Paper - IV - Political Sociology

Semester II (All Compulsory Papers)

- Paper - V - Contemporary Political Issues
- Paper - VI - International Relations: Theories and Concepts
- Paper - VII - Major Ideas and Issues of Public Administration
- Paper - VIII - (A) Research Methodology (50 marks)
(B) Group Discussion (50 marks)

Semester III (All Compulsory Papers)

- Paper - IX - Western Political Thought
- Paper - X - Dynamics of State Politics
- Paper - XI - Foreign Policies
- Paper - XII - Political Theory

Semester IV (All Optional/Selective Papers)

Candidates may select any one of the following four groups having four papers each.

Group A

- Paper - XIII - Democracy in India
- Papers - XIV - Federalism in India
- Paper - XV - Local Self Government (Bihar)
- Paper - XIV - (A) Politics of Bihar (50 marks)
(B) Viva Voce Examination (50 marks)

Optional/Selective Group (B)

International Relations

Paper - XIII - International Organization

Paper - XIV - International Law

Paper - XV - Human Rights in International Relations

Paper - XVI - (A) Theory and Practice of Diplomacy (50 marks)

(B) Viva Voce Examination (50 marks)

Optional/Selective Group (C)

Comparative Politics

Paper - XIII - Political Parties

Paper - XIV - Pressure Groups and Social Movements

Paper - XV - Federalism: Theory and Practice

Paper - XVI - (A) Globalization and its Impact on the Political System –(50 marks)

(B) Viva Voce Examination (50 marks)

Optional/Selective Group (D)

Public Administration

Paper - XIII - Indian Administration

Paper - XIV - Development Administration

Paper - XV - Administrative Theory

Paper - XVI - (A) Comparative Administrative System (50 marks)

(B) Viva Voce Examination (50 marks)

Semester - I
Paper - I
Indian Political Thought

1. Main features of Indian Political thought (Ancient & Medieval)
2. Kautilya (Mandal, Saptang, Kingship)
3. The Indian Renaissance: Ram Mohan Roy, Swami Dayananda & Vivekananda.
4. Spiritual Nationalism : Aurobindo Ghosh
5. The Indian Nationalism: Tilak & Gandhi.
6. Vinoba Bhave: Bhoodan and Sarvodaya.
7. M.N. Roy: Critique of Communism and Radical Humanism
8. Socialism: Jawaharlal Nehru and Ram Manohar Lohia.
9. J.P. Narayan: Participatory Politics and Total Revolution.
10. Social Reformers: B.R Ambedkar and Ramaswami Naiker Periyar.

Readings :

1. R.A. Sinari, The Structure of Indian Thought.
2. U.N. Ghosal, A History of Indian Political Ideas.
3. R.M. Lohia, Marx, Gandhi and Socialism.
4. B.K Pandey, V.P. Chaudhary & A.K. Singh, Aadhunik Bharatiya Rajnitik Chintan.
5. V.R. Mehta, Foundation of Indian Political Thought.
6. B. Prasad, Jayaprakash Narayan : Quest and Legacy.
7. V.P. Verma, Modern Indian Political Thought (Hindi & English).
8. R. Pandey, Nav Raj Chintan (Hindi)
9. M.J. Kanetkar, Tilak and Gandhi : A Comparative Study.
10. B.R. Purohit, Besswi Sadi Ke Rajnaitik Chentana Ki Pramukh Dharayen.

Paper - II

Indian Political System

1. Preamble: Ideological Content of Indian Constitution
2. Constitution as an instrument of social change: Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles of State Policy and Amendment process.
3. Emerging trends of Indian Politics:
 - (i) Changing contours of Federalism in India,
 - (ii) Politicization of reservation Issue,
 - (iii) Coalition Politics and its compulsions, and
 - (iv) Growing significance of Election Commission and Electoral Reforms.
4. Union Government: changing nature of Prime Minister's, President's and Parliament's powers and position.
5. State Government: Position and the role of Governor and the Chief Minister of a State.
6. Supreme Court: Judicial Review and Judicial Activism.
7. Working of Party System (National and Regional Parties) & that of the Pressure Groups.
8. Corruption: causes and responses for cure - possible role of Civil Society and the institutions of Lokpal and Lokayuktas.
9. Challenges to National Integration: Casteism, Communalism and Regionalism.
10. India's vital internal security challenges: terrorism, Naxalism (Maoism) and fundamentalism.

Readings :

1. P.R. Brass, Politics of India since dependence (2nd ed.).
2. A. Chanda, Federalism in Indian : A study of union - state relations.
3. I. Jennigs, Some Characteristics of the Indian Constitution.
4. A. Kohil (ed.), the Success of India's Democracy.
5. R. Kothari, Politics in India.
6. _____, Caste and Politics in India.
7. W.H. Morris Jones, Government and Politics in India.
8. M. Shakir, State and Politics in Contemporary India.

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9. O.C. Chaturvedi, Bhartiya Shasan Aur Rajniti.
 10. C.P. Sharma and A. Singh, Bhartiya Shasan avam Rajniti.
 11. M.P. Singh, Indian Politics: Contemporary Issues and Concerns.
 12. Shashi Bhushan Kumar, Bharatiya Sanghvada: Kendra-Rajya Sambandha.

Paper - III

Comparative Politics

(With special reference to USA, Britain, China, France and Switzerland)

1. Nature and scope of Comparative Politics.
2. Theories and Approaches to the study of Comparative Politics
 - (a) Easton's Systems Analysis Approach
 - (b) Almond's Structural-Functional Approach.
3. Constitutionalism in theory and practice.
4. Changing paradigm of Federalism.
5. Government Structures
 - (a) Legislature
 - (b) Political Executive, and
 - (c) Judiciary (including Judicial Review)
6. Pressure Groups and Political Parties.

Readings :

1. S. Verba, The Civic Culture : Political Attitudes and Democracy in Five Nations.
2. H. Finer, Theory and Practice of Modern Government.
3. R.C. Macridis, The study of Comparative Government.
4. A.K. Singh, New Dimension of Comparative Politics.
5. Rai and Singh, Tulnatmak Sarkar Aur Rajniti.
6. Jain and Phadia, Comparative Government and Politics (Hindi).
7. C.B. Gena, Comparative Politics and Political Institution.
8. J.C. Johari, Comparative Politics.

