

**MASTER OF ARTS**  
**POLITICAL SCIENCE & PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

***SYLLABUS & REGULATIONS***  
***WITH EFFECT FROM 2024-2025***

**M.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE**  
**P.G. Degree Programme (CBCS) Regulations-2016**

**Amended as per NEP-2020**

(with effect from the batch admitted in the academic year 2024-25)

**CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM (CBCS)**



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**M.A PS Course Structure and Syllabus as per NEP 2020 (Choice Based Credit System)**

	<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Title of the Course</b>	<b>No. of Credits</b>	<b>Internal Assessment</b>	<b>Semester End Exams</b>	<b>Total Marks</b>
<b>Semester - 1</b>	M.A PS101	Approaches to the Study of Political Science	4	25	75	100
	M.A PS102	Comparative Politics	4	25	75	100
	M.A PS103	Administrative Theories	4	25	75	100
	M.A PS104	Public Policy	4	25	75	100
	M.A PS105	Human Rights in India	4	25	75	100
<b>Total</b>			<b>20</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>Semester - 2</b>	M.A PS201	Urban Governance	4	25	75	100
	M.A PS202	Research Methodology	4	25	75	100
	M.A PS203	Indian Constitution and Government	4	25	75	100
	M.A PS204	Western Political Thought	4	25	75	100
	M.A PS205	Indian Political Process	4	25	75	100
<b>Total</b>			<b>20</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>Semester - 3</b>	M.A PS301	International Relations	4	25	75	100
	M.A PS302	Indian Political System	4	25	75	100
	M.A PS303	A Good Governance and Information Technology	4	25	75	100
	M.A PS304	State Government and Politics of Andhra Pradesh	4	25	75	100
	M.A PS305	Personality Development and Employment	4	25	75	100
	M.A PS306	Social Movements in India	4	25	75	100
	M.A PS307	Generic Elective - I	4	25	75	100
<b>Total</b>			<b>28</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>700</b>
<b>Semester - 4</b>	M.A PS401	India's Foreign Policy-Continuity, Changes and Emerging Challenges	4	25	75	100
	M.A PS 402	Center-State Relations in India	4	25	75	100
	M.A PS 403	Women and Politics	4	25	75	100
	M.A PS404	E-Governance	4	25	75	100
	M.A PS405	Generic Elective - 2	4	25	75	100
	M.A PS406	Open Elective	4	25	75	100
	M.A PS407	Project Report & Viva-Voce	4	-	100	100
<b>Sub Total</b>			<b>28</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>700</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>96</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>1825</b>	<b>2400</b>

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**M.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE & PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

**FIRST SEMESTER**

**MA PS101: Approaches to the Study of Political Science**

**Program Educational Objectives (PEOs)**

To acquire knowledge about state and civil society. It covers the scope, meaning and concepts, perspectives and spectrums of political power, influence and management.

**Program Specific Outcomes (PSOs)**

At the end of the course, the student learns about Political Science, State, Power and forms of Government

**I. Political Science**

- a) Meaning, Nature, Scope and Significance
- b) Relationship of Political Science with other Social Sciences Economics, Public Administration, History, Sociology, Psychology, and Ethics etc.

**II. Approaches**

- a) State and Sovereignty - Meaning, Definition & Issues
- b) Behavioural Approach & Systems Approach

**III. Major Concepts**

- a) Power, law and Rights
- b) Liberty and Equality - their relationship

**IV. Forms of Government**

- a) Democracy – Direct and Indirect
- b) Parliamentary and Presidential form of Government

*Selected Readings*

1. Michael Has & Henry S. Kariel (ed). Approaches to the Study of Political Science, Chandler
2. David E. Apter, Introduction to Political Analysis, Prentice Hall, 1984.
3. Freeman (ed). Foundations of Political Science-Research, Methods and Scope, The Free Press, 1977.
4. Jessica Kuper, Political Science and Political Theory, Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1987
5. Charles E. Merriam, New Aspects of Politics, University of Chicago Press, 1990.
6. Bernard Crick, In Defense of Politics, Penguin Press, 1982.
7. Robert A. Dahl, Modern Political Analysis, Prentice Hall, 1986.
8. Bains and Jain, Political Science in Transaction, Geetanjali, 1981.
9. Grenstein and Polsby, Political Science, Addisin-Wesely, 1985.
10. William Meyer, The Political Experience, Kreiger Publishing Co, 1987.

**M.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE & PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

**FIRST SEMESTER**

**MA PS102: Comparative Politics**

**Program Educational Objectives**

The basic objective of this course is to study various Political Ideologies and perspectives. This paper helps students to understand local to global Political realities and trends of politics and wholesome enquiry of power

**Program Specific Outcomes**

At the end of this course Students will be able to understand and develop critical thinking in arguments, opinions and sensibility of Politics.

**I. Comparative Politics**

- a) Nature, Scope and Significance of Comparative Politics.
- b) As a Method and an Area of enquiry

**II. Elements of Comparison**

- a) The Philosophy of Constitution.
- b) Party System and Political Participation

**III. Comparative Perspectives of Third World Regimes**

- a) Dependency Theory
- b) Communist System

**IV. Comparative Perspective of Movements**

- a) Women's Movements & Human Rights Movements.
- b) Emerging Trends in Comparative Politics.

*Selected Readings*

1. Lucian W. Pye, Aspects of Political Development Amerind Publications, New Delhi, 1966.
2. M.Curtis, Comparative Government & Politics: An Introductory Essay in Political Science, Harper & Row, New York, 1978.
3. Jean Blondel, Comparative Government: A Reader, Macmillan Press, London, 1975.
4. G.A. Almond and J.S. Coleman, The Politics of the Developing Areas, Princeton University Press, New Jersey, 1971.
5. G.A. Almond and G.B. Powell, Comparative Politics: A Developmental Approach, Ferrer and Simons, New York.
6. Lucian W.Pye and Sidney Verba, Political Culture and Political Development, Princeton University Press, New Jersey, 1972.
7. Shah, Ghanshyam, Social Movements in India: A Review of the Literature, Sage Publications. New Delhi
8. Malik, S.C. (ed.) Indian Movements: Some Aspects of Dissent, Protest and Reform, IIAS, Simla, 1978.
9. Oommen, T.K. Protest and change: Studies in Social Movement, Sage Publications, New Delhi.
10. Rao, M.S.A. Social Movements and Social Transformation: A Study of Two Backward Classes Movement in India, Manohar. Publications, New Delhi, 1987.
11. G.A. Almond and G.B. Powell, Comparative Politics: A Development Approach, Boston: Free Press, 1966.
12. Jean Rlunmdel, Comparative Politics: A Reader, New York, Free Press 1963.
13. W.T. Blum, Therories of Political Theory, New Delhi, prentice Hall 1981.
14. S.P. Varma, Modern Political Theory, New Delhi, Vikas Publishers, 1994.

### MA PS103: Administrative Theories

**Program Educational Objectives:** To understand the Meaning, Nature, Scope and Significance of Public Administration and trace the evolution of Public Administration as independent study and understand the contributions of different social science thinkers to the theory of public administration.

**Program Specific Outcomes:** The course helps the student to understand Meaning, Nature, Scope and Significance and evolution of Public Administration as independent study. The student will get an idea of theoretical background of public administration and contributions of different social science thinkers to the theory of public administration and the status of the subject in the context of Globalization.

#### *Unit-I*

- a) Public Administration-Meaning, Scope, Evolution & Significance of Public Administration
- b) Classical Theory – Henry Fayol, Bureaucracy – Max Weber

#### **Unit-II**

- a) Scientific Management – F.W.Taylor; Theory of Decision Making – Herbert Simon
- b) Theories of Motivation – Maslow;

#### *Unit-III*

- a) Ecology of Public Administration – Fred. Riggs
- b) New Public Administration – Minnebrooke perspective

#### **Unit-IV**

- a) New Public Management
- b) The Future of Public Policy and Public Administration

#### *Selected Readings*

1. Nicos P.Mouzelis Organization and Bureaucracy: An Analysis of Modern Theories (2nd edition), Routledge and Kegan Paul London, 1975.
2. D.Ravidra Prasad and P.Sadtyanarayana (ed). Administrative thinkers, sterling, New Delhi 1987.
3. Mohil bhattacharya, Public Administration, structure Process and Behaviour, world Press, Calcutta, 1987.
4. Susheela Kaushik (ed): Public Administration, structure Process and Behaviour, world press, Calcutta, 1987.
5. Albrow, M.Bureauvrcy.
6. Dahl, Modrn Political analysis (Chapter 5).
7. Hersey and Blanchard, Management of organization Behaviour.
8. Ferrel Heady, Public Administration, Marcel Drekker Inc. New York, 1984.
9. Peter self, administrative Theories and Politics, george Allen & Unwin Ltd., London, 1977.
10. Thomas d. Lynch (ed) Organisation Theory and Management, Marcel Dekker Inc., 1983.
11. Mohit Bhattacharaya, New Horizons of Public Administration. Sapru – Public Policy.

## MA PS104: Public Policy

### Program Educational Objectives

The field of public policy has assumed considerable importance in response to the increasing complexity of the government activity. The study of Public Policy aspires to provide an in-depth understanding of the ills prevailing in the society and aids to identify the solutions for them. Public policy is an important mechanism for moving a social system from the past to the future and helps to cope with the future. This course helps to understand the institutions of both public and private to solve relevant and real-world problems guided under the constitutional guidelines, makes student understand how public policy framed and what are the underlying lacunas.

### Program Specific Outcomes

At the end of the course the student familiarizes with the way policy is made, implemented and the role of different players in public policy.

#### ***I. Public Policy***

- (a) Nature, Scope and Importance
- (b) Policy Analysis and Implications

#### ***II. Approaches to Public Policy***

- (a) Institutional Approach
- (b) Incremental Approach

#### ***III. Major Stages involved in Policy – Making Process***

- (a) Policy formulation
- (b) Policy implementation

#### ***IV. Strategies in Policy Making and Implementation***

- (a) Role of Bureaucracy & political parties in policy formulation
- (b) Policy evaluation, techniques and approaches

#### *Selected Readings*

1. Dye Thomas (2008), Understanding Public Policy, Singapore, Pearson Education
2. Wool, Peter, Public Policy
3. Anderson, Thomas, Public Policy
4. Lasswell, Harold D, The Policy Sciences
5. Lasswell, Harold D, The Preview of Policy Sciences
6. Sharkansky, Era (Ed) , Policy Analysis in Political Science
7. Saxera, Pradeep, Public policy Administration and Development
8. Sapru, Public Policy
9. Ganapathi, R.S. (Ed), Public Policy and Policy Analysis in India.
10. Charles Lindblom the policy making process
11. Anderson J.E., (2006) Public Policy-Making: An Introduction, Boston, Houghton
12. Bergerson, Peter J. (ed.), (1991), Teaching Public Policy: Theory, Research and Practice, Westport, RI: Greenwood Press

**MA PS105 : Human Rights in India**

**Program Educational Objectives (PEOs)** The course aims to enlighten the learner of basic human rights and the rights in today's Digital world and the institution HRC.

**Program Specific Outcomes (PSOs)**

The learner gets to know their rights- social, Political & Legal, Digital Human Rights and the functioning of Human Rights Commission at centre and state level.

*Unit-I*

1. Philosophical Foundations of Morality and State (Liberal, Marxist and Humanist Perspective)
2. Human Rights and World order

*Unit-II*

1. Human Rights movements in India- Social, Political & Legal
2. Socio-Economic disparities in India

*Unit-III*

1. Digital Human Rights- Review
2. Social movements in Digital world

*Unit-IV*

1. Human Rights Commission- Centre & State
2. Human Rights of Deprived & Marginalised sections

*Selected Readings*

1. H.O. Aggarwal : Human Rights (3rd edition) Central Law Publications, Allahabad, 2000
2. G. Haragopal : Political Economy of Human Rights, Emerging Dimensions (Himalaya Publishing House, New Delhi, 1977)
3. Sir Francis Uallat : An Introduction to the study of Human Rights (Europa Publications, London, 1972)
4. Tim Dunne & Nicholas : Human Rights in Global Politics (Cambridge University Press, J. Wheeler Cambridge, 1999)
5. R.V.R. Chandrasekhara Rao : Human Rights for whom? A perspective on Human Rights Discourse in perspectives on Indian Development
6. Human Rights, The task before US (International Federation of Universal Women, London, 1951).

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**SECOND SEMESTER**

**MA PS201 : Urban Governance**

**Program Educational Objectives**

This course is concerned about the processes through which Government is organized and delivered in urban areas and the relationships between State agencies and civil society. The focus is on questions of democratic representations, power and decision making in urban sphere.

**Program Specific Outcomes**

The Learner gets to know the roots of democracy is in decentralization and and knows how urban areas are governed.

*Unit-I*

- a) Meaning, Nature and Scope of Local Government.
- b) Issues and Problems of Urbanization and Remedies.

*Unit-II*

- a) Structure and Functions of Urban Local Government.
- b) Finances of Urban Local Government in India.

*Unit-III*

- a) Structure and Functions of Urban Development Authorities in Andhra Pradesh
- b) 74th Nagar Palika Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992.

*Unit-IV*

- a) Role of Political Parties in Urban Development
- b) Problems of Autonomy and State Control on Urban authorities

*Selected Readings*

1. S.R. Maheswari, Local Government in India.
2. S.K. Sharma and V.N. Chamla, Municipal Administration in India.
3. 74th Constitution Amendment act 1992.
4. A.P. Municipalities Act 74th constitution Andhra Act (Conformity Legislation 1994)
5. Avasthi (Ed) Municipal Administration in India.
6. M.A. Muttalib (Ed) Theory and Practice of Local Government



**MA PS202 : Research Methodology**

**Objective:** To orient students to the different stages of research. To give insight into the various research methods. To identify and apply appropriate research tools. To acquire the skill of reporting the research.

**Unit-I: Introduction to Research Methodology**

Lesson 1 Basic concepts - meaning and characteristics of scientific research.

Lesson 2 Factors affecting, steps or stages in research and research process

Lesson 3 Types of research - experimental and non experimental, laboratory experiments and field experiments and quasi experiment

Lesson 4 Quantitative and Qualitative Research, Ex-post Facto research, Survey research and types of experiments.

**Unit-II: Identification of Problem**

Lesson 5 Problem: Types of problems, identifying a research Problem

Lesson 6 Variables: Independent, dependent and intervening variable

Lesson 7 Experimental group and control group.

Lesson 8: Hypotheses: The nature and types of hypotheses, stating a hypotheses, stating a hypotheses, criteria of hypotheses and functions of hypothesis.

**Unit-III: Sampling & Data Collection**

Lesson 9 Concept of Population, sample and sampling

Lesson 10 Types of sampling - Random, Stratified, Purposive, Incidental and multi stage sampling.

Lesson 11 Issues related to selection of sample size

Lesson 12 Data collection & presentation: Primary data observation method/ Personal interview, survey method, questionnaire) secondary data.

**Unit-IV: Ethical Consideration and Report Writing**

Lesson 13 Ethics in human research: APA guidelines.

Lesson 14 Scientific fraud and monitoring ethical practice. Presenting research results:

Lesson 15 Report Writing: Meaning of Interpretation - Techniques of Interpretation - Precaution in interpretation - significance of report writing - different steps in writing report

Lesson 16 Layout of the research report - types of reports - mechanics of writing a research report - precautions for writing research reports

**Outcomes**

- To understand and comprehend the basics in research in research methodology and applying them in research/project work.
- To select an appropriate research design.
- To take up and implement a research project/ study.
- The course will also enable them to collect the data, edit it properly and analyse it accordingly.
- Thus, it will facilitate students prosperity in higher education.

**MA PS203 : Indian Constitution and Government**

**1. Evolution of Indian Constitution**

Salient Features of Indian Constitution a Comparative Perspective with the Constitutions of UK, USA and Switzerland. Nationalist Movement and Philosophical Foundations.

**2. Theoretical Frame Work**

- a. Significance of the Indian Model
- b. Social and Political Legacies: Hindu, British, Gandhian Movement.

**3. Basic Features of the Constitutional Structure**

- a. Sovereign Socialistic, Secular Democratic Republic
- b. Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles: Restriction of Fundamental Rights: Fundamental Rights Vs Directive Principles
- c. Federalism: Main Features of Indian Federation: Division of Power between the Union and States, Legislative, Administrative and Financial Recent Trends on Indian Federalism; Sarkaria Commission.

**4. The Government Structure**

- a. The President: Constitutional Position and role, some recent instances of disagreement between the President and Prime Minister.
- b. Cabinet and the Prime Minister.

**5. Judiciary and Politics**

- a. Appointment and Transfer of Judges.
- b. Judicial Review in India.
- c. Judicial Activism: Public Interest Litigation  
Supreme Court, Composition, Powers, Functions and Judicial Review-

**6. Bureaucracy**

- a. Civil Services all India Services
- b. Bureaucracy & Politics

## **7. Regionalism and Problems of Integration**

Regionalism in India, Reasons for its growth, some recent Movements, agitations, National Integration.

## **8. Government of Andhra Pradesh**

Approaches conceptual frame work Movement for Andhra Pradesh-Governor Chief Minister-President's Rule in A.P.

### **Suggested Readings**

1. Government of India, The Constitution of India Bare Act with Amendments, Educreation Publishing, New Delhi, 2021.
2. Basu D D, Shorter Constitution of India, Lexis Nexis Publishers, New Delhi, 2021.
3. Bakshi P M, Constitution of India, Lexis Nexis Publishers, New Delhi, 2021.
4. Mahendra Pal Singh, V. N. Shukla's Constitution of India, Eastern Book Company Publishers, New Delhi, 2021.
5. Dr. P.K. Agrawal & Dr. K.N. Chaturvedi, Commentary on the Constitution of India, Prabhat Prakashan Publishers, New Delhi, 2020
6. Sharma L P, Indian National Movement and Constitutional Development, Lakshmi Narain Agarwal Publishers, New Delhi, 2020.
7. Basu D D, An Introduction to Indian Constitution, Lexis Nexis Publishers, New Delhi, 2021.
8. Sharma L P, Indian National Movement, Lakshmi Narain Agarwal, Delhi, 2020.
9. Fadia B.L, Kuldeep Fadia, Indian Government and Politics, Sahitya Bhawan Publishers, New Delhi, 2020.
10. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, The Constitution of India, Educreation Publishing, New Delhi, 2020.

MA PS204 : **Western Political Thought**

**1. Greek Political Thought**

**Plato** : Justice, Communism, Ideal State

**Aristotle** : Classification of Constitutions, Revolutions, State

**2. Medieval Political Thought**

**St. Augustine** : Church and State

**3. Modern Political Thought**

Renaissance Movement, Niccolo Machiavelli, Jean Bodin

**4. Social Contractualism**

Thomas Hobbes, John Locke and J.J Rousseau

**5. Conservatism**

Edmund Burke- Rationalism- B.D.Montesquieu

**6. Idealism**

**Hegel** : State and Civil Society

**7. Socialism**

**Karl Marx** : State and Class Struggle, **Antonio Gramsci** : Civil Society and Hegemony

**Herbert Marcuse** : Critique of Class Society

**8. Liberalism-I**

**J.S. Mill** : Liberty and Representative Government

**9. Democratic Theory**

**John Rawls** : Theory of Justice, **C.B. Macpherson** : Democracy and Neo Liberalism

**10. Liberalism-II**

**F.A. Hayek** : Liberty, Legacy and Honours

**11. Post-Modernism**

**Michel Foucault** : Political Power

**12. Feminist Perspectives**

**Mary Wollstonecraft** : Rights of Women, **Simon de Beauvoir** : Critique of Patriarchy and Power

### Suggested Readings

1. Selected Heed Editorial Board , Western And Indian Political Thinkers, Heed Publication Pvt Ltd, New Delhi,2021
2. S.K. Sharma Urmila Sharma,Western Political Thought: From Plato to Burke (Volume1), Atlantic Publishers and Distributors (P) Ltd, New Delhi, 2021.
3. Gauba, Western Political Thought 4th Edition, Mayoors Publishers, New Delhi, 2021.
4. Subrata Mukherjee & Sushila Ramaswamy,A History of Political Thought - Plato to Marx,Jain Hook Agency Publishers, New Delhi, 2021
5. S. K. Sharma Urmila Sharma, Western Political Thought: From Plato to Burke, Atlantic; Latest edition , New Delhi, 2021.
6. Sharma Urmila,Western Political Thought from Plato to Burke ,atlantic Publishers & Distributors Pvt Ltd, New Delhi, 2021.
7. Archana Chaturvedi, Western Political Thought, Nation Press, New Delhi, 2021.
8. R.C.Gupta,Western Political Thought,Lakshmi Narain Agarwal , New Delhi, 2021.
9. Amal Kumar Mukhopadhyay, Western Political Thought From Ancient Greeks to Modern Political Scientists, Sage Publication, Delhi, 2020.
10. Gauba O.P., Western Political Thought, National Paperbacks Publishers, New Delhi, 2019.

**MA PS205 : Indian Political Process**

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1. **Political Process and Social Group**
  - a. Tribe b. Caste c. Religion
2. **Indian Party System**
  - a. Theories of Indian Party System
  - b. National Parties
  - c. Regional Parties : DMK, Akali Dal, TDP and AGP
  - d. Working of the Party System
3. **Pressure Groups**
  - a. Characteristics of Pressure Groups in India
  - b. The Functioning of Pressure Groups- Business Groups, Trade Unions  
Peasant Organisations and Women Groups
4. **Electoral Politics**
  - a. Relevant Constitutional Provisions, Representation of the People's Act, Electoral Reforms
  - b. Trends and Patterns in General Elections with emphasis on the last two General Elections
  - c. Determinations of Voting Behaviour in India
5. **Defections and Factions**
  - a. The Problem of Defection and Anti – Defection Act
  - b. Factions and Factional Politics
6. **Political Corruption**

**Suggested Readings**

- 1) Dr. Ashutosh Kumar, Political Process in India, Shivalik Prakashan Publishers, New Delhi, 2021.
- 2) Johari and Gupta, Political Process in India, Vishal Publishing Co, Jalandhar, 2020.
- 3) Gullybaba.com Panel, BPSC-104 Political Process In India, Gullybaba Publishing House Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, 2020.
- 4) Sanjeev Kumar HM, Dev N Pathak (Eds.), Political Process in India ,Pinnacle Learning Publishers, Chennai, 2020.

- 5) Biju, M.R., Democratic Political Process, Krishna Mittal, New Delhi. 2009.
- 6) Rajendra Dayal, Introduction to Political Processes in India, Book Age Publication, Charlotte, North Carolina, 2015.
- 7) Avasthi, A.P., Indian Government and Politics, Lakshmi Narayan Agarwal, 2009.
- 8) Peter Ronald De Souza E. Sridharan, India's Political Parties, Sage Publications, New Delhi, 2011.
- 9) Jawaharlal Gupta, Union Govt. and Administration India, Dominant Publishers, New Delhi, 2012.
- 10) Satpal Swan, Indian Administration, RBSA & Publishers, Jaipur, India, 2013.

  
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