

B.R.A. Bihar University
Muzaffarpur



**DIRECTORATE OF
DISTANCE EDUCATION**

COURSES OF STUDY

M. Phil.

Subject

POLITICAL SCIENCE

B.R.A. Bihar University, Muzaffarpur



Directorate of Distance Education

M. Phil- Regulation (Regular)

1. Eligibility:-

Candidates, who have qualified their Post Graduate degree from any recognized University, will be eligible to register for the Degree of Master of Philosophy (M. Phil) and undergo the prescribed course of study in a Recognized Institution or Department of this University.

(a) Interdisciplinary Scholar's:-

Candidate shall be normally eligible for registration for M. Phil programme in the discipline in which he/she has obtained the Master's Degree. It shall however, be open to a candidate to apply for admission to M. Phil programme in another discipline related to the subject in which he/she has obtained the Master Degree. Such candidates should clearly specify in the Application form the subject in which they would like to get the M. Phil Degree, whether a subject is related or not shall be decided by the Research Committee of the University depending on the merit of the case.

2. Duration:-

Duration of M. Phil Course shall extend over a period of one year from the Commencement of the Course on

Semester Pattern. There are two streams of admission, one in January & another in June.

3. Fee Structure for M. Phil of all disciplines:-

Application & Prospectus	-	Rs. 400/-
Fee for registration	-	Rs. 500/-
Examination Fee	-	Rs. 1000/- (each semester)

Course Fee

Traditional	-	Rs. 25,000/-
Professional	-	Rs. 30,000/-

Dissertation Rs. 2,250 (for Traditional) & Rs. 3,450/- (for Professional)

Note:- The fees once paid will be neither refunded nor adjusted.

Any future variation of fees will be applicable to all.

1. Course of Study:-

The Programme of study shall consist of (a) Part-I: 3 written papers, and (b) Part-II: Dissertation. The Papers under Part-I shall be: Paper-I Research Methodology, Paper-II An Advanced General Paper in the special subject and Paper-III Background special paper in the field of specialization. Paper-I shall be common to all candidates in a discipline/subject (for example, for all mathematics students irrespective of the specialized branch of mathematics which the candidates may opt for Papers-II & III). Paper-II shall cover the broad subject

area/areas relating to the specialized branch/branches chosen by concerned Institution/Department. Among the available branches the candidate may have the option to choose the branch that he/she wants. A list of such specialized branches within each broad discipline will be provided by the DDE (Directorate of Distance Education, B.R.A. Bihar University, Muzaffarpur). The syllabi for papers-I and II shall be prescribed by the concerned Syllabus Committee of the DDE. The syllabus for Paper-III shall be prescribed by the Research Adviser and may differ across candidates. It is mandatory that the Guide/Supervisor should forward a copy of the syllabus of the III Paper to the DDE. The Syllabi for all the papers shall consist of five units. Papers-I & II shall be externally and valued by external Examiners who will form the Board of Examiners to pass the results. Paper-III which should be related to the topic of dissertation shall be set and valued by the Research Adviser. The Examinations of Papers-I and II shall be conducted by the DDE. The conduct for Examination for Paper-III shall be arranged by the Guide within three weeks time after papers-I & II examinations are over. It is mandatory that the Guide/Supervisor should forward a copy of the Question Paper through the Head of the DDE soon after the examination is over. The Guide shall also arrange to send the paper-III syllabus, question paper, answer sheets and statement of marks to DDE within one month after the examination of papers-I and II.

2. Scheme of Examinations:-

(a) Part-I: Written Examinations:-

The Examination for papers-I, II & III shall be taken at the end of the April/May or November/December. Each paper shall be of 100 marks for the Written Examination. The duration for each written examination shall be 3 hours. Dissertation – 50 marks, Viva-voce – 50 marks. Total (Part-I&II) =400 marks. A candidate shall be declared to have passed Part-I

Examination, if he/she secures not less than 40% of the marks in the T.E.E. (Term End Examination) and 50% of the marks in the aggregate of the marks secured in continuous internal Assessment and the written Examination taken together in each of the papers- I, II & III. If Examinations for papers I to II have awarded fail marks, the candidates shall be declared to have failed in written papers. Supplementary for the theory papers may be conducted depending upon the exigency.

(b) Part-II: Dissertation:-

Candidates shall submit four copies of Dissertation to the DDE through the Guide and not earlier than 10 months. For carrying out the dissertation the mandatory requirement is a pass in Paper-III. If a candidate is not able to submit his Dissertation within the period stated above, he/she shall be given an extension time of 4 months in the first instance and another 4 months in the second instance with penalty fees of Rs. 2,000/- (Rupees Two Thousand). If a candidate does not submit his/her Dissertation even after the two extensions, his/her registration shall be treated as cancelled and he/she has to get re-registered for the programme. However the candidate need not to write once again the theory papers, if he/she has already passed these papers.

The Dissertation shall ordinarily be written in English. However the option of writing the Dissertation in Hindi/ Vernacular is given to the candidates at the time of assigning the candidates to the Guide, in mutual consultation with the Guide & Scholar. However candidate submitting dissertation in vernacular language has to submit English version of dissertation.

(a) Viva-Voce Examination:-

There shall be a Viva-voce Examination which shall be conducted by two Examiners; one is the Supervisor and the other a qualified person from the Department. The Maximum marks for the Viva-voce shall be 50 (Joint Evaluation). A Candidate shall be declared to have passed Part-II Examination, if he secures not less than 50% of the marks prescribed for the Dissertation and 50% of the marks prescribed for the Viva-voce Examination.

If the Examiner who values the Dissertation makes a qualified recommendation such as revision of Dissertation, the candidates shall be advised to revise the dissertation in the light of the suggestions made by the Examiners and re-submit the dissertation within a period of Six months. A sum of Rs. 1,500/- shall be charged as fee for Re-submission of dissertation. The revised dissertation shall be sent to the Examiner, who evaluated the same in the first instance.

1. Classification of Successful Candidates:-

The candidates who pass the Part-I and Part-II examinations in their first attempt shall be classified as follows.

Total Marks Secured	Classification
1.75% and above marks	1 st Class with Distinction
2.60% and above marks	1 st Class
3.50% to 59% marks	2 nd Class

Candidates who pass the course in more than one attempt shall be declared to have completed the programme under the 2nd Class.

2. Conferment of the Degree:-

No candidate shall be eligible for the conferment of the M. Phil Degree unless he/she is declared to have passed both parts of the programme.

1. Restriction in Number of Chances:-

A Candidate may be allowed to pursue Part-II of M. Phil. Course (i.e. Dissertation) even if he/she fails in Paper I and/or Paper II of Part-I Examinations. However, he/she is deemed to have completed the Course only after successfully completing Parts I and II.

2. Qualifications for Guides Conducting the M. Phil Course:-

A person eligible to be a guide shall be required to possess a Ph.D. Degree or two years of teaching/Industrial experience with M. Phil/M. Litt. Degree.

In view of the paucity of guides in the newly emerging subjects like Bio-Technology, Micro-Biology, Remote Sensing, Computer Science, etc., the research guides in the related areas may be permitted to guide satisfy the qualification requirements.

Normally a person shall not be allowed to guide more than 5 candidates. Relative of a candidate will not be allowed.

3. Re-Registration:-

The candidates shall be permitted for Re-Registration based on the merit of individual cases, with prescribed re-registration fee and annual fee.

The Re-Registered candidates are required to submit the thesis not earlier than three months and not later than one year after the date of Re-Registration. No further extension of time shall be given.



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Curriculum and Scheme of Examination for Master of Philosophy (M. Phil.) course in **Political Science** under Regular Mode with effect from Session 2013-14 (Based on UGC Model in Semester System) The M. Phil Programme in Political Science shall be of two semesters. The first semester shall comprise of three compulsory papers and second semester shall have two papers— one compulsory and one optional along with a dissertation. Each paper shall be of two parts— first part: written examination of 80 marks and second part: Assignment of 20 marks. The written paper shall be of four units. Eight questions shall be set, two from each unit. A student shall have to answer four, one each from a unit. Dissertation and viva-voce shall carry 200 marks. Dissertation shall be of 150 marks and Viva-voce shall be of 50 marks. The student shall have to submit a dissertation in partial fulfilment of the degree. The submission and evaluation of dissertation shall be as per M. Phil. Regulation and Ordinance of the DDE.

1st Semester

Paper No.	Name	Max. Marks	Assign-ments	Written	Duration of Examination : Time
1.	Advanced Political Theory	100	20	80	3 Hours
2.	Research Mthodology	100	20	80	3 Hours
3.	Computer Application	100	20	80	3 Hours

2nd Semester

Paper No.	Name	Max. Marks	Assignments	Written	Duration of Examination : Time
4.	Indian Government & Politics	100	20	80	3 Hours
5.	(A) Western Political Theory / (B) Indian Political Thought/ (C) Public Administration/ (D) International Relations/ (E) Comparative Politics	100	20	80	3 Hours

First Semester

Paper I: Political Theory

Unit: 1

1. History of the Discipline; Emerging Nature and Scope of Political Science
2. Political Theory: Nature, Main Concerns, Recent Trends
3. Decline and Resurgence of Political Theory; Behaviouralism and Post-Behaviouralism

Unit: 2

4. Sovereignty—Emerging Concept
5. Theory of Democracy— Contemporary Conceptual Developments
6. Social Justice and Welfare Rights Theory

Unit: 3

7. Neo-Marxism and Critical Theory;
8. Rational Choice Theory
9. Post-Modernism

Unit: 4

10. Feminism
11. Environmentalism
12. Civil Society and New Social Movement

Paper II: Research Methodology

Unit: 1

1. Theories of knowledge: Empiricism and Rationalism
2. (A) Nature of Scientific research (B) Basic Assumptions and Steps in Scientific Research (C) Criticism: Limitation of Scientific Research
3. (A) Popper's Method (B) Kuhn's Method
4. Philosophical, Historical, Legal-Institutional and Political-economy Approaches of research

Unit: 2

5. Identification of the Problem of Research

6. Hypothesis— Nature, Types and Sources of Hypothesis; Characteristics of a testable hypothesis; Importance and Role of Hypothesis
7. Research Design— Definition, Components and Types (experimental and non-experimental) of research design;
8. Definition of Concepts and Variables; Delimitation of Variables—Dependent, Independent, Antecedent and Intervening variables.

Unit: 3

9. Types and Sources of Data—Primary and Secondary
10. Literature Review--reasons and how to conduct
11. Sampling— Concept, Principles, Types and Techniques
12. Techniques of Data Collection— Observation, Interview and Questionnaire

Unit: 4

13. Data Analysis: Editing and Coding of Data; Classification and Tabulation of Data
14. Basic Statistical Concepts as employed in Political Research; Measures of Central Tendency(Mean, Median, Mode);
15. Measures of Variability (Range, Mean Deviation, Standard Deviation,); Correlation— Types, Coefficient of correlation and rank difference
16. Report Writing

Paper 3: Computer Application

Unit: 1

1. Computer System: An Overview; Basic Applications of Computer in different fields
2. Functional Components of a Computer
3. Benefits and limitations of Computers

4. Computer Virus and Cyber Crime

Unit: 2

5. MS Window Operating System—features,
6. Getting started with windows; Managing files and folders—to create, Rename, Copy, Cut, Paste and Delete
7. Basic window accessories: Mouse pointer, Control Panel, Creating Shortcuts
8. Shutting down the computer

Unit: 3

9. Introduction to MS Word and MS Excel
10. How to type, edit, format and save a document: Spell Check, Page and Paragraph Setup, Inserting Pictures
11. Creating Tables and Charts in Word and Excel
12. Printing and Closing the document

Unit 4

13. MS Power Point: Steps to Power Point Presentation, Physical Aspects of a Power Point Presentation
14. Creating New Presentation; Editing: Adding New Slides, Adding Illustration to slides, Inserting Pictures; Creating Slide Shows,
15. What is Internet, Sending and receiving Emails
16. Attachments, Logging in

Semester II

Paper 4: Indian Government and Politics

Unit: 1

1. Constituent Assembly: Background, Composition, Working
2. Ideological Contents: Preamble, Fundamental Rights & Duties, Directive Principles

3. Federalism: Working, Recent trends and Demands for State Autonomy

Unit 2

4. Union Legislature and Executive—Structure, Working and Recent Trends
5. State Legislature and Executive— Structure, Working and Recent Trends
6. Judiciary—Independence, Judicial Review, Judicial Activism

Unit 3

7. Political Parties and the Party System
8. Coalition Politics
9. Electoral Politics and Voting Behaviour; Electoral Reforms

Unit 4

10. Implication of Globalisation for Indian politics
11. Discourse on Secularism
12. Dalit Politics, Backward Caste Politics and Gender Debate in Indian Politics

Paper 5

Student shall have to choose any one from the following Optional Groups

Paper 5 (Group A): Western Political Theory

Unit 1

1. Plato— Ideal State, Justice, Education, Communism
2. Aristotle— State, Revolution, Citizenship, Property and Slavery

Unit 2

3. Machiavelli— State and Government, Ideas on Politics, Morality and Religion
4. Hobbes— Social Contract, Sovereignty
5. Rousseau— Social Contract, General Will

Unit 3

6. Hegel— Dialectical Method, State
7. Marx— Dialectical Materialism, Historical Materialism, Class Struggle
8. Gramsci

Unit 4

9. Michael Oakeshott
10. John Rawls
11. Robert Nozick
12. Jurgen Habermas

Paper 5 (Group B): Indian Political Thought

Unit 1: Ancient Indian Political Thought

1. **Overview: Genesis and Development**
2. **Kautilya's Arthashastra:** Elements of State (Saptang), Inter-state relations, Mandala Theory
3. Political Ideas in the Shanti Parva (Raj Dharma)

Unit 2

4. Indian Renaissance: Ram Mohan Roy and Vivekanand
5. Indian Liberalism: Dadabhai Naoroji and G K Gokhale

Unit 3

6. B G Tilak— Militant Nationalism
7. Sir Sayyaid Ahmed Khan
8. Savarkar— Hindu Nationalism

Unit 4

9. M K Gandhi
10. B R Ambedkar
11. J P Narayan and Ram Manohar Lohia

Paper 5 Group C: Public Administration

Unit 1

1. Wilson's Seminal Ideas
2. Growth of Public Administration as a Discipline and its present status
3. Relationship among State, Society and Public Administration

Unit 2

Administrative Thinkers

4. Henri Fayol, Gullick and Urwick
5. F W Taylor
6. Max Weber
7. M P Follet, Elton Mayo

Unit 3

Administrative Thinkers

8. C I Barnard
9. Herbert Simon
10. D H McGregor, Abraham Maslow, Herzberg, Chris Argyris
11. Fred Riggs

Unit 4 Indian Administration

12. Administrative legacies at the time of Independence— Civil Services, District and Revenue Administration
13. Organisation of Government at Central Level— Organisation of Secretariat, Ministries and Departments, Cabinet Secretariat, Prime Minister's Office
14. Organisation of Government at State Level with special reference to Bihar— Secretariat; Role of Chief Secretary; Organisation of Ministries, Departments and Directorates

Paper 5 Group D: International Relations

Unit 1

1. Theories to the study of International Relations— Idealist, Realist, Game, Communication and Decision Making
2. Cold War and End of Cold War
3. Nature of World Order in Post- Cold Era

Unit 2

4. Globalization and its implications
5. Environment and Ecological Problems
6. Human Rights

Unit 3

7. Determinants and Compulsions of India's Foreign Policy
8. India's Nuclear Policy
9. India's relations with its neighbours

Unit 4

10. India's relations with USA
11. India and regional organisations— SAARC, BRICS, IBSA, SCC
12. Distinguishing features of India's role in international affairs and diplomacy

Paper 5 Group E: Comparative Politics

Unit 1

1. Comparative Politics: Nature and major approaches; political economy and political sociology perspectives; limitations of the comparative method.
2. Constitutionalism: Concepts, Problems and Limitations
3. Forms of Government: Unitary—Federal, Parliamentary—Presidential

Unit 2

4. Political Development and Political Modernization
5. Political Culture, Political Socialisation, and Political Communication
6. Political Elite and Elitist theory of democracy

Unit 3

7. State in comparative perspective: Characteristics and changing nature of the State in capitalist and socialist economies, and, advanced industrial and developing societies
8. Politics of Representation and Participation: Political parties, pressure groups and social movements in advanced industrial and developing societies.
9. Power, Authority and Legitimacy

Unit 4

10. Theories of Social Change
11. Theories and Types of Revolution
12. Dependency Theory—Development and Underdevelopment

