Course work for Research in Political Science

(M. Phil. and Ph. D.)

1. The course work will be of 20 credits.

2. The duration of the course work will be one semester of not less than three months of actual teaching and field work.

3. The course work will be common for M. Phil. and Ph.D. research.

4. Those who have successfully done M. Phil. course work in the Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Pune previously will be exempted from the course work for Ph. D.

Content of the course work

[A] Research Methodology: 5 credits

I. Paradigms of Political Inquiry
   i] Positivism
   ii] Marxism
   iii] Hermeneutics
   iv] Feminism
   v] Post-modernism

II. Research Design and thesis writing
   i] Formulation of research problem
   ii] Writing a research proposal
   iii] Hypothesis

III. Data Collection
   i] Types of data: Primary and Secondary
   ii] Tools and Techniques: Sampling - Questionnaire - Interview - Observation -
   iii] Sources: Libraries - Archives – Web Sources.

IV. Data Analysis:
   i] Interpretation of Statistical data -
   ii] Content Analysis
   iii] Ethnography
   iv] Interpreting Library Sources
V. Ethical Issues in Social Sciences:
   i] Plagiarism
   ii] Ethical practices of inquiry

VI. Thesis Writing

   i] Format
   ii] Use of reference and footnotes
   iii] Bibliography

Readings


[B] Recent Advances in Political Science 10 Credits

[2 Credits for each sub-discipline] 5x2=10

I. Political Theory

   i] Communitarianism and Multiculturalism
   ii] Green Political Theory and Critique of Development
   iii] Gender – Theories – Femininities, Masculinities and Queer identities

Readings


II. Comparative Politics


   ii) Comparative State Politics in India – Party and electoral politics – Reginalism and sub-regionalism.


Readings


III. **Public Administration**

i) Globalization and changing nature of Public Administration – public-private partnership debate

ii) Public Choice Theory

iii) Globalization and Challenges before the Development Administration

**Readings**


IV. **International Politics**


**Readings**


V. **Indian Politics**

   i] Post independence Indian State
   ii] Indian Thinking on Modernity
   iii] Issues related to Representation and Social justice

**Readings**

1. Bhattacharya Sabyasachi (eds), 2007, Development of Modern Indian Thought and Social Sciences, New Delhi, Oxford University Press.


3. Deshpande Rajeshwari (2005), State and Democracy in India: Strategies of Accommodation and Manipulation, Occasional paper series III, no.4, Department of Politics, University of Pune.


VII. **Political Sociology**

   i] Theories of State – Neo Marxist theories of State : Poulintzas and Jessop – Rise and fall of Welfare State
   ii] Theories of Class : Contradictory class locations – Middle classes
   iii] Pluralism : Dahl’s New Pluralism – Hirst’s defence of Pluralism

**Readings**


3. Mcleanan Gregor, 1989, Marxism Pluralism, and Beyond, Cambridge, Polity,

Assignments and Field Work  

1] Preparing bibliography on predetermined topic  
2] Preparing annotated bibliography  
3] Book review – Two out of which at least one to be an English book  
4] Research papers – Two  
5] Seminar with power point presentation  
6] Critical review of two M. Phil. or Ph. D. Dissertations  
7] Field work or data analysis or preparing questionnaire of not less than twenty items  

5 Credits