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Circular / Syll. Sec./ A.C. Res./ Curriculum/ 2026.

It is hereby inform to all concerned that, on the recommendation of Board of Studies; **the Academic Council at it's Meeting held on 28th July, 2026 has accepted the *"Curriculum of Pre-Ph.D. Course Work as per Guidelines of University"***.

This is effective from the Academic Year 2026-27 and onwards as per appended herewith.

All concerned are requested to note the contents of this circular and bring notice to the students, teachers and staff for their information and necessary action.

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Curriculum List of Subject Wise **Pre Ph.D. Course Work**
under the Faculty of Humanities

Sr. No.	Curriculum/ Subject's
01.	Marathi
02.	Hindi
03.	English
04.	Urdu
05.	Sanskrit
06.	Arabic
07.	Chinese
08.	Sociology
09.	Economics
10.	History
11.	Political Science
12.	Public Administration
13.	Geography
14.	Psychology
15.	Law

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(Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree)

Course Structure

(Revised)

(As Per NEP-2020)

Subject: Political Science

Effective from

2026-2027

Course Structure for Pre Ph.D. Course Work in Political Science

(Effective from Academic Year 2026-2027)

THE PH.D COURSEWORK
Course 1 (C-1): Research Methodology

Discipline	Political Science
Total Credits	04
Maximum Marks	100
Total Contact Hours	60 Hours
Units	05 (12Huors each)

The Ph.D course work	
Course 1 (C-1): Research Methodology	
Total Credit: 04	Maximum Mark:100

Course Objectives:

The aim of this course is to help students to address research problems effectively, accurately and holistically. It is aimed to provide students with methodological knowledge and research design skills that can help them in understanding, analysing, writing and presenting research in an efficient manner. The following are the key objectives:

1. To introduce students to the research methods used while doing research in their respective area studies/world politics
2. To introduces students to the relevant key concepts required for their PhD research including literature review, collecting data, fact-finding, effective analysis, and research writing
3. To familiarize students with various theories of international relations that need to be applied during research for building appropriate conceptual framework
4. To evaluate the application of different research methodologies to the analysis of discourses of world politics

Learning Outcomes

1. Evaluate their own position on these key debates, with regards to their PhD research in terms of the information already available (literature review), and the research gap (scope of research).
2. Understand the basics of the critical analysis in their respective research.
3. Know the theories of international relations and their significance while analysing a research problem.
4. Grasp the key methods of research and use the appropriate ones for research.
5. Learn the ways to effectively write and present facts/data/analysis.

Module no.	**Topics/ actual content**	**Contact hours**
Unit I:	**Introduction to Research** 1. Understanding research 2. Scope, types and limitations of research in Social Sciences and International Relations 3. Research Approaches	12
Unit II:	**Research Design** Identifying objectives of research, formulating research questions and Hypothesis: Nature, Types and sources of Hypothesis, Characteristics of an useful Hypothesis, Importance and Role of Hypothesis, Importance of Hypothesis	12

	in decision making. 1. Descriptive and exploratory 2. Experimental and evaluative	
Unit III:	**Research Methods and Techniques** 1. Qualitative Methods 2. Quantitative methods 3. Mixed methods and triangulation 4. Case-study research 5. Literature Review and Bibliographical Essay 6. Primary and secondary data and sources 7. Data collection: Questionnaires, interviews, direct observation	12
Unit IV:	**Analysis in Research** 1. Analysis of historical, geographical, regional, strategic and cultural factors that determine conflict or cooperation 2. Intelligence data analysis:-Data-Base Research Metrics A. Indexing databases B. Citation databases: Web of Science, Scopus, etc. C. Research Metrics 1. Impact Factor of journal as per Journal Citation Report, SNIP, SJR, IPP, Cite Score 2. Metrics: h-index, g index, i10 index, AI metrics 3. Attributes of strategic analyst	12
Unit V:	**Academic Writing** 1. Language Proficiency 2. Attributes of effective PhD thesis 3. Research Proposal writing 4. Report writing 5. Preparing Executive Summary/Abstract writing	12

Readings

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2. Andersen, Niels Åkerstrøm, 'Discursive Analytical Strategies: Understanding Foucault,
3. Blaikie, Norman, 'Analyzing Quantitative Data', (London: Sage, 2013)
4. Charles William Kegley & Shannon Lindsey Blanton, 'World Politics: Trend and Transformation', (Cengage Learning, 2010-11)
5. Christopher Lamont, 'Research Methods in International Relations', (Oxford :Oxford University Press, 2021)
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8. Koselleck, Laclau, Luhmann, (Bristol: Policy Press, 2003)
9. 'Microsoft Manual of Technical Publication', https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/styleguide/welcome/
10. Norman Fairclough, 'Analysing Discourse', (London: Routledge, 2003)

11. Norman Fairclough, ‘Discourse and Social Change’ (Cambridge: Polity Press, 1992)
12. Norman K. Denzin, ‘The Sage Handbook of Qualitative Research’, (London: Sage, 2018)
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14. Patricia Leavy, ‘Research Design’, (London: Guilford Press, 2017)
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16. Rhodes, R. A. W., &Bevir, M., ‘Routledge Handbook of Interpretive Political Science’, (London:Routledge,2015),http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&site=edslive&db=edsebk&AN=1021249
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The Ph.D. Course work	
Course 2(C-2)-: Writing of Research Proposal for obtaining financial assistance from National Funding Agencies	
Total Credits:03	Maximum Marks: 30

Course Title		
1	Writing of research proposal for obtaining financial assistance from national/international funding agencies in Political Science.	Marks 10
2.	Writing of Review Research Article	10
3	Seminar Presentation	10
Total		**30 Marks**

Unit-1	**Writing a Research Proposal for Obtaining Financial Assistance from National and International Funding Agencies in Geographical Research** 1. Research Proposal: Concept, Elements, Guidelines and Funding Pattern 2. Leading Research Institutions in Social Sciences: ICSSR, TISS, ISS, Centre for Policy Research	10 Marks
Unit-2	**2. Writing of review of Research Article** 1. Context 2. Surveying 3. Evaluating 4. Synthesising 5. Recommendation	10 Marks
Unit-3	**3. Seminars** 1. On any given topic **Evaluation Criteria-** 1. Selection and relevance of topic- 2 Marks 2. content, evidence and literature- 2 Marks 3. Conceptual clarity- 2 Marks 4. Presentation skills and academic communication-2 Marks 5. Response to questions and scholarly discussion- 2 Marks	10 Marks

The Pre- PhD Course Work

Course- 3 (C-3)-: Advanced studies in Political Science

Total credits : 03 **Maximum Marks:50**

Course Description and Objective:

Advance Studies in Political Science is meant to provide students with an in-depth, critical understanding of the political process, theories, and institutions in general. The course equips students with advanced analytical and research skills necessary for engaging in political issues at local, national, and global levels. Some of the major subfields in the realm of political science include political theory, comparative politics, international relations, public administration, and political economy. These areas provide an insight into how political decisions are made, how power flows through one, governance, and, above all, the relationship between the state and its citizens.

By the end of the program, students will have acquired the ability to undertake critical analysis of political theories, examine government policies, understand international relations, and contribute to political discourse. Students graduating in this program will be well placed for a variety of careers in public service, law, academia, political consultancy, and similar fields that demand political acumen and analysis.

Course Outcomes:

By the end of the program, students will have acquired the ability

1. To critically evaluate major contemporary political theories and theoretical paradigms.
2. To apply comparative methodology to analyze real-world political systems, institutions, and regimes.
3. To deconstruct modern governance challenges, including democratic backsliding, populist movements, and digital authoritarianism.
4. To formulate independent research proposals using rigorous qualitative and quantitative political science methodologies.
5. To Understand dynamics of International Order, Security & Global Governance
6. Empower critical thinking skills and problem-solving strategies for IR, India's Foreign and Energy Policy, Indian Polity and International Political Economy.

Module No.	Topic / actual contents	Contact Hrs.
Chapter I-	**Advance Political Theory** • Positivism vs. Interpretivism, rational choice theory, historical institutionalism, and behavioralism • Critical Political Theories • Post structural and Post Colonial Political Theories • Theories of Democracy • Marxism and Neo Marxist Theories • Neo-liberal perspectives and libertarianism • Populism & Political Polarization • Authoritarianism, Hybrid Regimes & Democratic	15 Hrs.

	Backsliding • Environmental Politics & Climate Justice	
Chapter-II	**Political Institutions and Political Process in Context of Indian Polity**. • Federalism, Decentralization & Identity Politics • Elections and Role of Election Commission • Political Party System and Pressure Gorups • Indian Democracy and Role of Major Political Institutions: Legislature, Executive, Judiciary • Coalition Politics • Role of Religion, Caste, Ethnicity, Territory, Language etc in Indian Polity. • Reservation Policies, Social Movements and Social Justice • Political Development, Political Economy and national security. • Contemporary Political Challenges & Ideologies • Techno politics, Surveillance & Digital Governance	15 Hrs.
Chapter III:	**Advance Study in International Order, Security & Global Governance** • Realism & Neo-Realism, Constructivist and Critical Theory, Neo-Liberal and Neo Marxist, Dependency theory. • Hegemonic transition, multipolarity, global South agency, and the decline of the post-WWII liberal order. Weaponisation of Interdependence • Structural shifts in global power dynamics and international institutions. • International Conflicts and Peace building, Current Crisis –Us-Iran, Middle-East and Russia-Ukraine • Anthropocene politics, global climate diplomacy, green transition policy, and climate security. North-South resource dynamics and the political barriers to global collective action. • Geo-politics of Indian Ocean Region and Indo-Pacific • Contemporary Foreign Policy of India, India and the World, Energy Security, and geo-economics.	15Hrs
	Total	45 Hrs,.

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2. Marsh, D., & Furlong, E. (2010). *A Skin not a Sweater: Ontology and Epistemology in Political Science*.
3. Foucault, M. (1978). *Security, Territory, Population*.
4. Chatterjee, P. (2004). *The Politics of the Governed*.
5. Lijphart, A. (2012). *Patterns of Democracy*.
6. Linz, J. J. (1990). *The Perils of Presidentialism*.
7. Levitsky, S., & Ziblatt, D. (2018). *How Democracies Die*.
8. Levitsky, S., & Way, L. A. (2010). *Competitive Authoritarianism*.
9. Elazar, D. J. (1987). *Exploring Federalism*.
10. Horowitz, D. L. (1985). *Ethnic Groups in Conflict*.
11. Mudde, C., & Rovira Kaltwasser, C. (2017). *Populism: A Very Short Introduction*.
12. McCoy, J., Rahman, T., & Somer, M. (2018). *Polarization and the Crisis of Democracy*.
13. Piketty, T. (2014). *Capital in the Twenty-First Century* (Select Chapters).
14. Rodrik, D. (2011). *The Globalization Paradox*.
15. Zuboff, S. (2019). *The Age of Surveillance Capitalism*
16. Guriev, S., & Treisman, D. (2022). *Spin Dictators*.
17. Allison, G. (2017). *Destined for War*.
18. Acharya, A. (2014). *The End of American World Order*.
19. Dryzek, J. S. (2013). *The Politics of the Earth*.
20. Keohane, R. O., & Victor, D. G. (2011). *The Regime Complex for Climate Change*.
21. Brady, H. E., & Collier, D. (2010). *Rethinking Social Inquiry*.

The Pre- Ph.D Course Work

Course- 4 (C-4)-: Research Publication and Ethics

Total credits : 02 **Maximum Marks:20**

Course Outcome

After going through the syllabus, the students can

CO-1.Understand the Concept of Research Writing: Abstract writing, Paper writing, Review writing and Proposal Writing

CO-2 Become well versed with the Research Referencing and Citation

CO-3 Get knowledge about the Leading Research Institutions in Social Science

CO-4 Understand the Research and Publication Ethics and the Concept of Plagiarism.

CO-5 Get knowledge about the Impact Factor and Citation Data Bases of Research.

Module No.	Topic /actual contents	Contact Hrs.
Chapter I-	**Concept of Research Writing** 1. Concept of Research Writing: Abstract writing, Paper writing, Review writing, 2. Research Referencing and Citation: Concept & Styles, Citation Data Base **Research Ethics** 1. Research Ethics: Concept, Elements, Principles and Guidelines 2. Publication Ethics: definition, introduction and importance Role of MHRD, Role of UGC 3. Best practices / standards setting initiatives and guidelines: COPE, WAME, etc. 4. Conflicts of interest 5. Plagiarism: Concept, types, Reasons, Measures to Remove Plagiarism, 6. Impact Factor: Concept, Origin, Features & Significance, Measurement of Impact Factor. **Scientific Conduct** 1. Ethics with respect to science and research 2. Intellectual honesty and research integrity 3. Scientific misconducts: Falsification, Fabrication, and Plagiarism (FFP) 4. Redundant publications: duplicate and overlapping publications, salami slicing 5. Selective reporting and misrepresentation of data	15 Hrs.
Chapter II:	**Open Access Publishing** 1. Open access publications and initiatives :-SHERPA/RoMEO online resource to check publisher copyright & self-archiving policies 3. Software tool to identify predatory publications developed by SPPU 4. Journal finder / journal suggestion tools viz. JANE, Elsevier Journal Finder, Springer Journal Suggester, etc. **Publication Misconduct**	15 Hrs.

	1. Publication misconduct: definition, concept, problems that lead to unethical behavior and vice versa, types 2. Violation of publication ethics, authorship and contributor ship 3. Identification of publication misconduct, complaints and appeals 4. Predatory publishers and journals **A. Group Discussions** 1. Subject specific ethical issues, FFP, authorship 2. Conflicts of interest 3. Complaints and appeals: examples and fraud from India and abroad **B. Software tools:-** Use of plagiarism software like Tumitin, Urkund and other open source software tools	
	Total	30 Hrs,.

Suggested Books:

1. David Nachmias and Chava Nachmias, Research Methodology in the social Sciences, St. Martin Press, Inc 1976.

2. Davendra Thakur, Research Methodology in Social Sciences, Deep and Deep Publications Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi; 2003

4. P. Sarvanand, Research Methodology, Kitab Mahal Allahabad,1992

5. Abdel Basetl. M. Hasouneh, Research Methodology, Sublime Publication,Jaipur,2003.

6. D.K.Lal Das, Designs of Social Research, Rawat Publication, New Delhi,2005

7. Ram Ahuja, Research Methods, Rawat Publications,Jaipur,2001.

8. Jhon Galtung,Theory and Methods of Social Research,New York, Columbia University,1967.

9. David Nachmias and Nachmias, Research Methods in Social Sciences, New York, St.Murthin Press,1981.

10. Hold Rinehart and Winson, Kerlinger: Foundation of Behavioural Research, New York.

11. Kerlinger,Foundation of Behavioural Research, New York, Hold Rinehart and Winston.

12. Ranjeet Kumar, Research Methodology: A Step by Step Guide for Beginners, Sage Publications, New Delhi,2014