

**PANDIT SUNDARLAL SHARMA (OPEN) UNIVERSITY OPEN UNIVERSITY**  
**PROGRAMME PROJECT REPORT**

**Name of Course/Programme : MASTER OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE**

- a) **Programme Mission and Objectives:** Master of Arts in Political Science has provided several opportunities to the students in both government and private sectors. Academics, politics, public administration, law and social field have always needed a good political scientists and experts. M.A. Political Science is designed to fulfil the needs of the socio political conscious individuals and also the students who have absorbing intakes in various aspects of body politic. The students will learn and will be aware of western and Indian political thoughts, political theories, political thinkers, and the working of the various constitutions and government machinery. Following are the broader objectives of the programme:
- i. To make the students aware about the political history of India from ancient to modern era.
  - ii. To enhance the knowledge about systematic development of political institutions.
  - iii. To understand the contemporary political trends for fruitful suggestions about new political challenges.
  - iv. To prepare the students for new knowledge and originality so as to make a meaningful contribution to society
- b) **Relevance of the programme with HEI's Mission and Goals:** Pandit Sundarlal Sharma (Open) University Chhattisgarh is committed to endow with quality education to the mass where regular form of education cannot reach. In line of the mission of the university, this programme will provide ample of opportunities to those rural tribal masses who are deprived of education and cannot find a place in regular education system. Apart from that, it is also open to those who wish to continue their learning irrespective of their age. The Programme M.A Political Science is offered to students to develop political knowledge and beneficial to the society.
- c) **Nature of prospective target group of learners:** Master of Arts (Political Science) is really for students who have completed a degree programme from a recognized University and it has been designed with an aim in mind the individuals who have social and political consciousness, people working in NGOs, International organisations, mass media, press and who want to study the society in a holistic way. It will provide a great opportunity to those learners who cannot continue their study in regular education system. It also helps to develop the capability and confidence to face the competitive examination and other related professions.
- d) **Appropriateness of programme to be conducted in Open and Distance Learning mode to acquire specific skills and competence:** Master of Arts in Political Science is one of the suitable course/programme to be offered through Open and Distance learning Mode.

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The conceptual knowledge can be thoroughly captured by the learners to acquire the capability, which will make them polished and prepared for the employment. The Master Degree programme in Political Science has a lot of scope in the competitive examinations such as UPSC and CGPSC outcome of programme students may gain knowledge about the functions of centre, State and Local Government. In addition, the learners of this Programme are eligible for appearing for the UGC NET/ SLET exams.

**e) Instructional Design:**

- i. **Duration and Credit:** Minimum duration of this programme is two years and maximum duration will be four years. This programme has weightage of 72 credits. Students are required to complete 32 credit in the first year and 40 credits in the final year.
- ii. **Medium:** the course material for M.A. Political Science programme will be in Hindi language. However, students can opt English or Hindi language for the answering of examination.

Course	No. of Paper	Name of Paper	Credit
M.A. Political Science (Previous)	First Paper	राजनैतिक सिद्धांत	8
	Second Paper	भारतीय राजनितिक विचार	8
	Third Paper	भारत में संविधान एवं राजनीति	8
	Fourth Paper	अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय सम्बन्ध	8
M.A. Political Science (Final)	First Paper	पाश्चात्य राजनैतिक विचार	8
	Second Paper	तुलनात्मक राजनीति	8
	Third Paper	लोक प्रशासन	8
	Fourth Paper	भारतीय विदेश नीति	8
	Fifth Paper	राजनीति विज्ञान में शोध प्राविधि / Dissertation	8
<b>Total</b>			<b>72</b>

**Dissertation (Optional) -**

1. Dissertation will be an optional paper which can be opted by the student only if he/she scores 62% or above (A Grade) in the Previous year.
2. Offline/Online Classes will be held on University Headquarters every 6 months (of 10-10 days in each 6 months) in which 75% of total attendance will be mandatory.
3. UTD shall be the Centre for Dissertation in which Regular & Guest Faculties shall act as the Supervisor of the Dissertation.
4. Dissertation shall be of total 100 marks. 70 marks shall be for Hard Bound Report Submission (Dissertation) and 30 marks shall be for Viva-Voice.
5. Dissertation shall only be allowed to students with no previous ATKT records.





- iii. **Learning Method:** The learning method comprises of independent form of delivery and constitutes the following components:
- Self-Instructional textbooks (Self-learning Materials).
  - Counselling and contact session at the study centre/ Headquarter by the subject experts.
  - Online counselling sessions via web-conferencing platforms.
  - Video/Audio lectures
- iv. **Means of Delivery:** The students are given the syllabus of the course and self-learning material. It helps the students to study a specific topic. If the student has any difficulty, they can discuss with the counsellor during the contact session at the study centres. Online counselling sessions will also be organised regularly by the department for distant learners
- v. **Requirement of Faculty and Support staff:** Faculty and Support staff are available at Headquarters and study centres. At the study centre, qualified teachers and other staff are already working. They will be assigned the contact class and counselling sessions.
- f) **Procedure for admission, curriculum transaction and evaluation pattern:**
- Eligibility:** Graduation from any recognised university
  - Procedure of admission:** the admission for this programme will be on a yearly basis (or as decided by the University from time to time). All the admission for the course will be don through online.
  - Curriculum transaction:** For successful completion of the programme, a candidate has to obtain minimum pass grade 'P' (i.e. 40% in each paper)
  - Evaluation pattern:** the pattern of evaluation for programme will have following two components: (a) Tutor Mark Assignment-(TMA) (b) Term-End Examination-(TEE)
    - Tutor Mark Assignment (TMA):** The student have to submit Tutor-Mark Assignment carrying 30 marks in each paper before the Term-End Examination (TEE), which will be base for the appearing in Term-End Examination.
    - Term End Examination (TEE):** Term End Examination of each paper will be of 70 marks and will be on subjective mode. The structure of the examination is as under:

Types and number of questions in TMA and TEE		
Part-A	Total 08 Questions (All questions are compulsory)	Very Short answer (Word limit – answer in one sentence)
Part-B	Total 06 Questions (04 should be answered)	Half short answer ( word limit – answer in 75 words)
Part-C	Total 04 Questions (03 should be answered)	Short answer ( word limit – answer in 150 words)
Part-D	Total 04 Questions (02 should be answered)	Half long answer ( word limit – answer in 300 words)

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Part-E	Total 02 Questions (01 should be answered)	Long answer ( word limit – answer in 600-750 words)
<b>Total</b>	<b>Total 24 Questions (18 should be answered)</b>	

- c) **Result:** Result will be declared by the University based on 10 Point grading System.
- g) **Requirement of the laboratory support and library Resources:** Laboratory is not required as a part of this curriculum. Resources in the form of reference books and journals will be made available to the students in the University Central Library (Swami Vivekananda Library) as well as in the Library of Study Centre. Online catalogue of library books are made available through OPAC/DELNET.
- h) **Cost estimate of the programme and the provisions:** For the design development delivery and maintenance of the programme, the fund will be as per the budget allocated by the University in its Annual Budget session.

Fee Detail	Previous Year	Final Year	Total
Yearly Fee	7,200/-	7,200/-	14,400/-

- i) **Quality assurance mechanism and expected programme outcomes:** The monitoring of programme is done on continuous basis by the concerned department. Regular updating of the curriculum and syllabus is checked by the concerned Board of Studies and regular monitoring is done by Centre for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA) of the University. Students are asked to provide their feedback on continuous basis to develop suitable action plans for the programme and further these are duly incorporated into the teaching and delivery system.

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