

**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL  
SCIENCE  
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL**



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Programme Outcomes, Programme Specific  
Outcomes and Course Outcomes For PG  
Programmes

### **Programme Outcomes**

- The outcomes the programme provides in common with Master's Programs in the Faculty of Arts , Commerce and Law are as follows:
- The learner develops the ability to use critical, analytical, and reflective thinking and reasoning
- The learner acquires the ability to reflect on social and ethical responsibilities in his/her professional life.
- The learner gains experience and confidence in the dissemination of project/research outputs
- The learner acquires the competence to work responsibly and creatively as an individual or as a member or leader of a team and in multidisciplinary environments.
- He /She learns to communicate effectively by oral, written, graphical and technological means and have competency in English.
- On completion the learner can independently research and acquire information, and develop appreciation of the need for continuously learning and updating.
- The learner becomes able to assess the impact of the economic, social, and political environment from a global, national and regional level.
- The learner gets to know how to access written and visual, primary and secondary sources of information, interpret concepts and data from a variety of sources in developing disciplinary and interdisciplinary analyses

In particular, this program offers a comprehensive and up-to-date review of the major fields of Political Science and provides the students with a rigorous conceptual framework, basic analytical tools and sound methodological training in the discipline. The program covers the major fields of Political Science (Comparative Politics, International Relations, Political Theory, Public Administration this program offers a comprehensive and up-to-date review of the major fields of Political Science and provides the students with a rigorous conceptual framework, basic analytical tools and sound methodological training in the discipline. The program covers the major fields of Political Science (Comparative Politics, International Relations, Political Theory, Public Administration and Indian State and Society) and offers a rich set of specialization possibilities.

- The programme is formulated with a combination of disciplinary core courses and elective courses. Students at each semester get the choice to select the area of their choice. Therefore, from the first semester itself each student gets the opportunity to specialize in a particular domain
- The programme provides 64 credits spread over four semesters, with the foundational courses kept the first semester and more specialized areas in the final semester.

○ **Programme Specific Outcomes**

- Political Sciences as 'Master Science' had spawned International Relations, later emerging as an autonomous discipline, Comparative Politics later shifting to Area Studies and Public Administration which again became an autonomous discipline though taking a turn to management and policy studies. This Masters programme provides a broad view of this disciplinary development.
- The programme provides a balanced treatment between the Western and the Indian political thought and theory.
- The programme provides a balanced treatment to both empirical and normative aspects of the discipline of Political Science. The students get a balanced footing on concepts and methodology as the programme has made Research Methodology and Field Research compulsory.
- The programme draws inputs from allied disciplines and empowers the students with an interdisciplinary focus and understanding.
- The Programme draws on research thrust areas of the Department like India's state and sub-state politics, public policy, India's foreign policy, women and politics and social movements, to name a few.
- The programme supports problem solving skills, thinking, creativity through assignments, project work, both individual and group based.
- The programme empowers and motivates students for research in Political Science and related fields.
- Since the Department has its own dedicated library students get enough opportunity to prepare for competitive examinations.

## Course Outcomes

SEMESTER—I		
Course Code	Course Title	Course Outcomes
POLSCC T0101N  CORE	Western Political Thought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge Gained: about the foundational thinkers and their thought, covering both the classical masters of political thought and major contemporary Western theorists.</li> <li>• Skill Gained: Understanding text-context relationship of political thought and of the contemporary relevance of key philosophical ideas.</li> <li>• Competency Gained: Ability to contextualize the concepts and ideas as well as philosophical connections with more specialized domains of Political Science.</li> </ul>
POLSCC T0102N CORE	Indian Political Thought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge gained: About the political ideas of Indian thinkers covering both ancient and modern political thinkers from renaissance to modernity.</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skill gained : Understanding and contextualizing the ideas to contemporary realities</li> <li>• Competency gained: Develop the ability to critically assess and form opinions on philosophical and ideological issues relevant to contemporary India.</li> </ul>
POLSCC T0103 N Core	PUBLIC ADMINIS TRATION: CONCEPT S, THEORIE S & PRACTICE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge gained : About the basic ideas about Public Administration as a discipline including its evolution.</li> <li>• Skill gained : To apply the knowledge in understanding the role of administration.</li> <li>• Competency gained: Ability to use knowledge in administrative careers and in the field of policy science.</li> </ul>
POLSDE T0101A  DSE	Political Sociology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge gained : About the relationship between Political Science and Sociology as two way impact of society on politics and politics on society.</li> <li>• Skill gained : To analyze the social bases of politics and politicization of social phenomena as well as the ability to Identify the socio-political structures and their working</li> <li>• Competency gained: Ability to understand the socio-political reality and issues in the fringe areas of both Political Science and Sociology.</li> </ul>
POLSDE T0101B  DSE	Electoral Politics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge gained: About the representation system and working of the institutions in modern democracies.</li> <li>• Skill gained: Studying elections and understanding trends.</li> <li>• Competency gained: Application of the knowledge to the field of electoral politics.</li> </ul>

## SEMESTER—II

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Course Code	Course Name	Course Outcomes
POLSCC T0201N	<b>KEY CONCEPTS IN POLITICAL ANALYSIS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge gained: About concepts in scientific tradition in Political Science, and its limitation.</li> <li>• Skill gained : Contextual Analysis and how to structure political argument.</li> <li>• Competency gained : ability to use different types of analysis</li> </ul>
POLSCC T0202N	<b>CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESS IN INDIA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge gained : About the constitutional structure and process in India</li> <li>• Skill gained : Understanding of the constitutional provisions and process</li> <li>• Competency gained : Awareness and knowledge about the institutions, process and the process</li> </ul>
POLSCC T0203N	<b>MAJOR ISSUES IN INDIAN POLITICS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge gained: About the nature and development of the State in India and the wide range of issues in focus by both State and citizens.</li> <li>• Skill gained : To meaningfully participate in political debates and the ability to critically analyze the major issues in Indian politics</li> <li>• Competency gained: To understand and form objective opinions about the issues in Indian politics.</li> </ul>
POLSCC T0204N	<b>INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: THEORIES &amp; APPROACHES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge gained: Of historical origins, key debates and emerging trends in the discipline.</li> <li>• Skill gained : Understanding of contemporary international political developments</li> <li>• Competency gained: Awareness about the discipline and the international politics</li> </ul>
POLSDE T0201A	<b>INTRODUCTION TO DOING RESEARCH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge gained : About philosophy of social science and the research methods</li> <li>• Skill gained : Statistical competence and field work.</li> <li>• Competency gained : To apply the knowledge in doing research in social Science</li> </ul>
POLSDE T0201B	<b>ICT IN SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge gained: about the usage of ICT in social science research</li> <li>• Skill Gained: Competence and efficiency in conducting research</li> <li>• Competency gained: To apply the knowledge in doing research in Social Science</li> </ul>
SEMESTER—III		

Course Code	Course Name	Course Outcomes
POLSCC T0301N	<b>RESEARCH METHODOLOGY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge gained : About philosophy of social science and the research methods</li> <li>• Skill gained : Statistical competence and field work.</li> <li>• Competency gained : To apply the knowledge in doing research in Political Science</li> </ul>
POLSCC T0302N	Advanced Political Theory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge gained : About developments in political philosophy and detailed knowledge about key concepts in political theory</li> <li>• Skill gained : To follow contemporary debates on justice, freedom, democracy</li> <li>• Competency gained: To apply abstract theoretical arguments to practical situations.</li> </ul>
POL SDE T03 01A	<b>INDIAN ADMINISTRATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge gained : About rural local self-government and administration in India</li> <li>• Skill gained : Understanding the governance and policies in the rural context</li> <li>• Competency gained : To apply the knowledge to grass root level situations</li> </ul>
POL SDE T03 01C	<b>SOCIAL MOVEMENTS IN INDIA (WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO DALIT MOVEMENTS)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge gained: About controversies regarding Indian traditions and about social movements in colonial and independent India.</li> <li>• Skill gained: To assess strength and weaknesses of policies of social justice.</li> <li>• Competency gained: To critically interrogate and research contemporary social movements.</li> </ul>

POL SDE T0301B	<b>POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge gained: Of major modern ideologies and their core assumptions including major ideologues and ideological debates.</li> <li>• Skill gained: To critically engage, understand the contemporary ideologies.</li> <li>• Competency gained: To apply it to understand political realities</li> </ul>
POLSGETO 301B	<b>PUBLIC POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IN INDIA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge gained : Politics-Economics Interface in Indian Context ,Policies of Government and effect on Classes and social groups and consequent mobilization and state response</li> <li>• Skill gained : To have an understanding of the role of state and market on public policies in India and use of inter-disciplinary method in explaining political phenomena.</li> <li>• Competency gained: Ability to comprehend the nature of public policies in India and the role of State.</li> </ul>

POLSGETO301C	S LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT IN INDIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge gained : About rural local self-government and administration in India</li> <li>• Skill gained : Understanding the governance and policies in the rural context</li> <li>• Competency gained : To apply the knowledge to grass root level situations</li> </ul>
POLSGETO301D	GLOBAL POLITICS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge gained: About the bases of power and influences of major powers in global politics</li> <li>• Skill gained: Theoretical and practical insight into the foreign policy making of the major powers</li> <li>• Competency gained: To apply the knowledge to predict the trends and the foreign policy decisions of the major powers</li> </ul>
SEMESTER—IV		
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	COMPARATIVE POLITICS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge gained : About evolution of Comparative Politics as a domain, its methods and theories with a focus on politics in different nations in a comparative perspective</li> <li>• Skill gained : To acquire skills to compare politics among nations</li> <li>• Competency gained: To apply the knowledge gained in understanding the politics of different nations and the political trends including area studies.</li> </ul>
	Marxist Thought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Knowledge gained: About key concepts in Marxist thought historical and dialectical method of analysis.</li> <li>■ Skill gained : Use of class-analysis, base –superstructure analysis and dialectical method of analysis.</li> </ul> <p>Competency gained: Ability to differentiate &amp; examine appearance and essence of social systems and identify their economic, political and ideological structures/ attributes.</p>
	DEMOCRATIC THEORY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge gained: About evolution of democratic theory with the study of important theorists.</li> <li>• Skill gained : To distinguish between Liberal and non-liberal variants of democracy</li> <li>• Competency gained: To assess the gap between democratic theory and practice.</li> </ul>
	THIRD WORLD POLITICAL THOUGHT AND THEORY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge gained: About Asian, African and Latin American Key Political thinkers and their ideas.</li> <li>• Skill gained : To better appreciate the challenges of development in the post colonial nations.</li> <li>• Competency gained; To engage critically with contemporary</li> </ul>

		ideologies.
	POLITICAL PARTIES IN INDIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge gained: About the ideology and the organization of political parties in India and changing party systems.</li> <li>• Skill gained: To study manifestos, organizations and campaign strategies of different political parties and changing party systems in India.</li> <li>• Competency gained: To apply the knowledge in understanding and predicting the role of political parties</li> </ul>
	STATE AND SUB-STATE POLITICS IN INDIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge gained : About the multivariant nature of state and sub-state politics</li> <li>• Skill gained : Understanding of the deeper realities and dimensions of regional and sub-regional politics in India</li> <li>• Competency gained: To apply the knowledge to an understanding of state politics</li> </ul>
	ISSUES AND MOVEMENTS IN INDIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge gained : About various issues and movements in India</li> <li>• Skill gained : To understand and contextualize issues</li> <li>• Competency gained: To apply the knowledge to objectively assess the movements</li> </ul>
	FOREIGN POLICY OF MAJOR POWERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge gained : About the structure of foreign-policy making in India including the nature and direction of India's foreign policy concerns</li> <li>• Skill gained : Ability to understand the objectives, goals and foreign policy trends at bilateral and multilateral levels.</li> <li>• Competency gained: To apply the knowledge and predicting outcome as well as evaluating foreign policy decisions and strategies</li> </ul>
	PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge gained : About different types of conflict and peacebuilding</li> <li>• Skill gained : Learning conflict management and peace building techniques</li> <li>• Competency gained: To apply the lessons learnt to real life situations</li> </ul>
	INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge gained : Understanding the contemporary relevance of the UN and its relationship with other IGOs</li> <li>• Skill gained: to contextualize recent international crises and their resolution.</li> <li>• Competency gained: Faculty to represent the country in diplomatic circles, armed with the proper knowledge of international organizations.</li> </ul>
	PERSONNEL AND FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge gained : About administration of different countries</li> <li>• Skill gained : To understand and compare administration</li> <li>• Competency gained: To apply and contextualize recent administrative and developmental issues in India and other developing countries.</li> </ul>



	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE THEORY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge gained : Understanding key concepts and theories of administration and administrative management</li> <li>• Skill gained : Understanding the core of administrative thinking and its influence in administration</li> <li>• Competency gained: To apply the knowledge to relate the key concepts of administration in designing administration in organizations</li> </ul>
	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge gained : About environmental issues, Organizations, Treaties and Protocols as well as about politics and environmental relationships</li> <li>• Skill gained: To apply environmental regulations to real life problems.</li> <li>• Competency gained; interdisciplinary engagement.</li> </ul>
	<b>WOMEN AND POLITICS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge gained : About the Schools of Feminism and role of gender in the participation of women in politics.</li> <li>• Skill gained : Awareness of and understanding about the political role of women.</li> <li>• Competency gained: To apply the knowledge in doing research as well as for work in NGO sector working on women's issues</li> </ul>
	<b>HUMAN RIGHTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge gained : About different generation of Human Rights through Charters and the areas of application.</li> <li>• Skill gained : To relate the human rights issues with the international standards</li> <li>• Competency gained: To apply the knowledge to the human rights issues and violations.</li> </ul>
	<b>MEDIA AND POLITICS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge gained : about different kinds of media.</li> <li>• Skill gained : understanding the workings of media</li> <li>• Competency gained: Ability to comprehend the relationship between media and politics and they influence each other.</li> </ul>