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**Postgraduate Programme Structure
as per the UGC Credit Framework (NEP 2020)**



Vidya Dadati Vinayam
(Education Gives Humility)

M.A. Political Science

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the whole community”
-Savitribai Phule



Programme Structure
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Introduction to the programme

M.A. in Political Science is one of the postgraduate programmes being offered by CUAP since the academic year 2021-22. This curriculum is structured in tune with the National Education Policy, 2020. The programme provides the students with enriching experience in the field of Political Science. It focuses on diverse strands of Political Science: Political Thought, Political Theory, International Relations, Comparative Politics, Indian Politics, Public Administration, Public Policy, and other emerging fields in the discipline. The programme contains the curriculum to equip learners with appropriate knowledge, skills and values of the discipline and its emphasis is on student-centric approach of learning.

Programme Objectives

- To acquire knowledge and understanding of political theories, institutions, structures and political processes at the local, national and international levels.
- To have an in-depth understanding of the significance of the state and politics in contemporary political process.
- To analyse the role of power, authority and influence in the functioning of state and society.
- To enable the students for research and pursue careers in areas such as public service, education, law, media, and governmental as well as non-governmental organizations.
- To equip students with the framework and capability to evaluate socio- economic, political and policy problems and formulate appropriate policy options.

Learning Outcomes

- Gain knowledge and understanding of the key theories and concepts of Political Science, and insights into the theoretical advances in the discipline.
- Evaluate theories in the light of empirical evidence or normative propositions.
- Apply appropriate theories to understand and analyse social and political phenomena.
- Think critically about political institutions, processes and issues relating to politics at all levels.
- Carry out independent research in Political Science with the intellectual insight and skills.



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Semester and Course wise Credits

Semester	Discipline Specific Core (DSC)	Discipline Specific Elective (DSE)	Dissertation	Common Compulsory Course (CCC)	Inter-Disciplinary Elective (IDE)	Internship	Lab	Total Credits
I	DSC 1 (4) DSC 2 (4) DSC 3 (4) DSC 4 (4)	DSE 1 (4)/ DSE 2 (4)/ DSE 3 (4)/ MOOCs	—	—	IDE 1 (3) Online	—	—	23
II	DSC 5 (4) DSC 6 (4) DSC 7 (4) DSC 8 (4)	DSE 4 (4)/ DSE 5 (4)/ DSE 6 (4)/ MOOCs	—	CCC 1: Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (4)	IDE 2 (3) Online	—	—	27
III	DSC 9 (4) DSC 10 (4) DSC 11 (1)	DSE 7 (4)/ DSE 8 (4)/ DSE 9 (4)/ MOOCs	—	CCC 2: Building Mathematical Ability (4)	IDE 3 (3) Online	Internship (2)	DSC 11 (Lab: SPSS and LaTeX) (3)	25
IV	DSC 12 (4)	—	Dissertation (16)	—	—	—	—	20
Total	45	12	16	8	9	2	3	95
Percentage	47.36	12.63	16.84	8.42	9.50	2.10	3.15	100

IDE: Inter-disciplinary Electives **AECC:** Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course **CCC:** Common Compulsory Course
SIP: Summer Internship Project **SEC:** Skill Enhancement **VAC:** Value-Added Courses
MOOCs: Massive Open Online Course



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Programme Structure with Course Titles

S. No	Course Code	Title of the Course	Total Credits	Credits Distribution		
				L	T	P
Semester– I						
1.	MPS101	CC: Debates in Political Theory	4	3	1	0
2.	MPS102	CC: Indian Political Thought	4	3	1	0
3.	MPS103	CC: Theories of International Relations	4	3	1	0
4.	MPS104	CC: Comparative Politics	4	3	1	0
5.	DSE: Any one of the following/MOOCs		4	3	1	0
	MPS111	Decentralised Governance in India				
	MPS111	Political Sociology				
	MPS111	Peace and Conflict Studies				
6.	MPS112	IDE : Online (MOOCs)	3	3	0	0
Total			23	18	5	0
Semester– II						
1.	MPS201	CC: Western Political Thought	4	3	1	0
2.	MPS202	CC: Contemporary International Relations	4	3	1	0
3.	MPS203	CC: Indian Politics: Institutions and Processes	4	3	1	0
4.	MPS204	CC: Public Administration: Concepts and Theories	4	3	1	0
5.	DSE: Any one of the following/MOOCs		4	3	1	0
	MPS211	State Politics in India				
	MPS211	Gender in Politics and Governance				
	MPS211	International Law				
6.	MPS212	IDE: Online (MOOCs)	3	3	0	0
7.	MPS213-L	CCC: Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning	4	2	0	2
Total			27	20	5	2
Semester– III						
1.	MPS301	CC: Advanced Indian Political Thought	4	3	1	0
2.	MPS302	CC: Introduction to Public Policy	4	3	1	0
3.	MPS303	CC: Research Methodology	1	1	0	0
		Lab: SPSS and LaTeX	3	0	0	3
4.	DSE: Any one of the following/MOOCs		4	3	1	0
	MPS311	India's Foreign Policy				
	MPS311	Security Studies				
	MPS311	International Political Economy				
5.	MPS312	IDE: Online (MOOCs)	3	3	0	0
6.	MPS313	CCC: Building Mathematical Ability	4	4	0	0
7.	MPS314	Internship*	2	0	0	2
Total			25	17	3	5



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				L	T	P
Semester- IV						
1.	MPS401	CC: Politics in India	4	3	1	0
2.	MPS411	Dissertation	16	0	0	16
Total			20	3	1	16
Total Credits			95	72	1	23

****Internship is compulsory and shall be completed during the summer vacation.**

CC: Core Course

DSE: Discipline Specific Elective

IDE: Interdisciplinary Elective

CCC: Common Compulsory Course

L: Lectures

T: Tutorials

P: Practicals

Semester-Wise Credit Distribution

Semester	Total Credits	Cumulative credit at the end of the semester
I	23	23
II	27	50
III	25	75
IV	20	95



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Important Information to Students

1. Programme: M.A. Political Science
2. Eligibility: Bachelor's Degree with at least 50% marks or Equivalent Grade in Social Sciences or Humanities subjects or 55 % marks in any other subject.
3. The minimum duration for completion of any PG Program is four semesters (two academic years) and the maximum duration is eight semesters (four academic years) or as per amendments made by the regulatory bodies from time to time.
4. A student should attend at least 75 % of the classes, seminars, practical/ lab in each course of study.
5. All theory courses in M.A. Political Science carry Continuous Internal Assessment (CIA) component of 40 marks and Semester-end component for 60 marks. The minimum pass marks for a course are 40%.
6. In case of courses with lab component Continuous Internal Assessment (CIA) component shall be of 60 marks and Semester-end component for 40 marks. The minimum pass marks for a course are 40%.
7. The student is given 3 Continuous Internal Assessment (CIA) tests per semester in each course from which the best 2 performances are considered for the purpose of calculating the marks in CIA. A record of the continuous assessment is maintained by the academic unit. The 3 internal tests are conducted for 15 Marks each, out of the best 2 tests scores are considered for 30 marks. Out of the remaining 10 marks, 5 marks are awarded for assignments, class presentations and class participation of the students and the remaining 5 marks are awarded for punctuality, and attendance of the student.

Marks for the Attendance will be considered as follows:

S.NO	ATTENDANCE %	MARKS
1	95% or more	5
2	90-94%	4
3	85-89%	3
4	80-84%	2
5	75-79%	1

8. A student should pass separately in both CIA and the ESE, i.e., a student should secure 16 (40% of 40) out of 40 marks for theory and 24 (40% of 60) out of 60 marks for lab components in the CIA. Therefore, a student should secure 24 (40 % of 60) out of 60 marks for theory and 16 (40% of 40) out of 40 marks for lab components in the End-semester examination (ESE).



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9. Semester-end examination shall consist of objective type questions, descriptive type questions, short answer questions and case studies or any other recommended by the BoS.
10. A student failing to secure the minimum pass marks in the CIA is not allowed to take the end semester examination of that course. She/he has to redo the course by attending special classes for that course and get the pass percentage in the internal tests to become eligible to take the end semester examination.
11. Students failing a course due to lack of attendance should redo the course.
12. Re-evaluation is applicable only for theory papers and shall not be entertained for other components such as practical /thesis/ dissertation/ internship etc.
13. An on-campus elective course is offered only if a minimum of ten or 40% of the students registered, whichever is higher.