



DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

About the Department

Department of Political Science and International Relations (DoPS&IR) is one of the flourishing departments of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SoHSS). The Department is fully committed to serve to the egalitarian liberal tradition of intellectual curiosity and academic rigour. The core objective of the Department is to inspire students to become passionate and enable them to think critically about public life and public institutions. Since politics is the master key to open a multitude of avenues in the quest for a good society, understanding how individuals shape their public life to collectively strive to accomplish their objects can best be unfolded by the disciplinary inquiry with the application of suitable methodologies and approaches.

A comprehensive layout of the programmes undertaken at the Department is a well-intended effort in that direction. The Department believes that it is essential to provide all students with grounding in institutions, theory, and political processes. Having restructured its curriculum in the line of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 the Department embraces its core objective to develop the creative potential of everyone by developing not only cognitive capacities—both the ‘foundational capacities’ of literacy and numeracy and ‘higher-order’ cognitive capacities, such as critical thinking and problem solving—but also social, ethical, and emotional capacities and dispositions. And, therefore, students are equipped with the tools to analyze policy issues and to conduct and evaluate research. The outstanding reputation of the Department can largely be attributed to the strength of our faculty. Following the mandate of NEP 2020 which writes as: The teacher must be at the centre of the fundamental reforms in the education system. The new education policy must help re-establish teachers, at all levels, as the most respected and essential members of our society, because they truly shape our next generation of citizens.”, the Department is enriched by the inter-disciplinary nature of the faculty members who bring a wealth of professional and academic experience into the classroom. The Department offers B.A.(Hons.) as per NEP 2020 scheme at the Graduation level, M.A. at the Post Graduation level, and the Ph.D.

MESSAGE FROM HON'BLE VICE CHANCELLOR

Prof. R. K. Sinha, Hon'ble VC

It is a matter of immense pleasure to share my understanding that the Department of Political Science and International Relations holds huge potential to emerge as one of the finest centres for the study of complex issues and multiple aspects of international arena. Faculty members of the Department are indefatigably working in this direction. Strength of the Department is growing with growing attraction of students towards the programmes (B.A., M.A., Ph.D., etc.) it offers which affirms department's credibility and bright future.



Yet in the competitive world of global academia, the uniqueness of the Department lies in the ability of coping up with the challenges and harnessing maximum possible opportunities within the rubric of the principle enshrined in the University's vision and mission statement: ***"A globally acclaimed integrated academic and research institutiig that creates a vibrant community of intellectuals and entrepreneurs endowed with Character, Creativity, Competence and Commitment, who can inspire meaningful transformations to ensure holistic growth and development of the society."***

MESSAGE FROM DEAN

Prof. Bandana Pandey, Dean, SoHSS



The Department of Political Science and International Relations is a leading department of the School not just in terms of scholarship, but also how it prepares students for the real world leveraging the strengths both in research and teaching. It serves as pivot to create a learning environment that fosters an atmosphere of collaboration, innovation, and creativity by developing cutting-edge curricula, and engage students with communities and public institutions, and create meaningful opportunities for the stakeholders. The Department follows interdisciplinary approaches in its programmes of study and fosters an environment that is Supportive of diverse perspectives and

encourages different points of view. She believes that I believe the Department shall secure a high place and develop as a model of excellence in teaching and research, engaging the community and creating new opportunities for our students.

"Higher education plays an extremely important role in promoting human as well as societal well-being and in developing India as envisioned in its Constitution - a democratic, just, socially-conscious, cultured, and humane nation upholding liberty, equality, fraternity, and justice for all. Higher education significantly contributes towards sustainable livelihoods and economic development of the nation. As India moves towards becoming a knowledge economy and society, more and more young Indians are likely to aspire for higher education."

VISION AND MISSION

Vision: To create a topnotch Department of Political Science of the nation that prepares students to be thoughtful and engages citizens, advances knowledge about politics and governance, and contributes to informed public debates about important political issues.

Mission: To provide high-quality disciplinary education that fosters critical thinking, communication, and analytical skills in students. To advance research within disciplinary domain through cutting-edge scholarship that addresses important political and societal issues. To promote civic engagement, social justice, and responsible leadership.

PROGRAMMES

B.A. (Hons.) POLITICAL SCIENCE

B.A. (Hons.) Political Science is an undergraduate three-year / four-year (six/eight semesters) full time programme with an intake of 130 students in two sections. The Department consists of more than 350 undergraduate students. The undergraduate courses of the Department are designed as per NEP 2020 to develop the critical understanding among the young minds about the public life, public institutions, public morality, ethics, and governing structure cutting across the historical stages. As a popular subject across the discipline of social sciences, Political Science has also been useful for competitive examinations as a substantial part of their syllabi is secured by Political Science.

M.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

M.A. in Political Science and International Relations is two-year (four semesters) full time programme with an intake of 30 students in every academic year. The programme is divided into four semesters crafting specifically by putting the disciplinary knowledge more condensed and deeper as compared to the graduation level. This PG programme aims at building up the rich, diverse yet profound understanding of political phenomena, ideas, institutions and also increasingly complex relations which encompass patterns of interaction between states and transnational actors, and issues and factors shaping the present day's international order.

DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

The Department offers a platform for the significant multidisciplinary researches within a range of the issues encompassing politics both in national and international contexts. Till date, the department has awarded more than ten doctoral degrees and has more than 14 doctoral candidates having fellowships from UGC, ICSSR and other funding agencies.

PROFILE OF FACULTY MEMBERS

Dr. Pankaj Deep

Head, Department of Political Science and International Relations

Dr. Pankaj Deep is a distinguished scholar of political science with a robust academic and research background. As an Assistant Professor at Gautam Buddha University, he specializes in governance, social justice, and public policy. Dr. Deep earned his Ph.D. from JNU, where his research critically examined tribal governance in India, with a particular focus on Odisha. His work provided valuable insights into policy design, implementation, and performance in addressing the challenges faced by marginalized communities.



With an impressive portfolio of publications, Dr. Deep has contributed significantly to the fields of governance, tribal livelihoods, education, corruption, transparency, and human rights. His scholarly output includes journal articles, book chapters, and policy reports that have advanced understanding in these areas.

Beyond his research contributions, Dr. Deep is committed to teaching excellence and capacity-building initiatives. His dedication to fostering academic growth and addressing critical societal issues makes him a valuable member of the GBU academic community.

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Books: 02 (Indic Perspective on International Relations)

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Experience: 4 year



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ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT

1. **Classroom instruction:** The department typically offers a range of courses at both graduate and post graduate levels, covering topics such as political theory, international relations, comparative politics, public policy, and more.

2. **Research:** Faculty members often engage in research projects on various topics related to political science and international relations, which may involve conducting surveys, analyzing data, and publishing scholarly articles or books.

3. **Conferences and seminars:** The department organize or participate in conferences, workshops, and seminars on regular basis, which provide opportunities for scholars and students to present and discuss their research, as well as to network with others in the field.

4. **Student Coordinating Committee:** Department have student Coordinating Committee which is very active in organizing seminars and departmental fests related to political science and international relations, such as Model United Nations or debate clubs, which provide students with opportunities to develop their skills and engage with the wider community.

5. **Summer School:** The department may offer Summer School or work-study programs that allow students to gain practical experience in areas such as government, non-profit organizations, or international organizations.

6. **Guest speakers:** The department often invites guest speakers, including academics, policymakers, and practitioners, to give talks on various topics related to political science and international relations.

7. **Study abroad programs:** The department may offer study abroad programs, which allow students to study political science and international relations in other countries and gain a deeper understanding of global issues.

Overall, the Department of Political Science and International Relations focuses on providing students with a comprehensive understanding of political science and international relations, as well as opportunities to engage in research, practical experiences, and networking with others in the field.



PLACEMENTS

Political science is the study of government and public policy. It is a broad field that encompasses a wide range of topics, including political theory, public policy, international relations, comparative politics, and public administration. Political science is an important part of all societies and its study can provide valuable insight into how governments work, how policies are formulated and implemented, and how international relations are shaped. A political scientists may specialize in a particular area of study, such as political theory, public policy, international relations, comparative politics, or public administration. Depending on the area of specialization, they may be involved in research, teaching, consulting, and policy analysis. Political scientists may also work in think tanks, government agencies, and international organizations. Political science is a popular field of study among college and university students. Many students pursue degrees in political science in order to prepare themselves for careers in government, public policy, law, business, and international relations. Political science courses provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the complexities of government and public policy, and the skills necessary to develop and implement policies. Political science has many practical applications in the real world. Political scientists often work with governments and international organizations to formulate and implement public policies. They may also provide expertise and advice to business

FUTURE PLANNING

1. Interdisciplinary education: Department of Political Science and International Relations Gautam Buddha University is Emphasizing on interdisciplinary education, Political science and international relations are fields that are deeply interconnected with other disciplines such as economics, sociology, history, and law. A focus on interdisciplinary education will better prepare students to tackle complex global issues.
2. Expand research opportunities: Research is a critical component of political science and international relations, and the department can encourage faculty and students to engage in research activities through funding, grants, and collaboration opportunities.
3. Foster global connections: International relations is an inherently global field, and the department can leverage technology to connect students with global peers, experts, and institutions. The department can also host international conferences, seminars, and exchange programs to foster intercultural exchange and collaboration.
4. Enhance technological literacy: With the growing role of technology in politics and international affairs, it is essential for students to develop technological literacy. The department can offer courses on data analytics, social media, cyber security, and other relevant topics.
5. Address contemporary issues: The department can design courses and research programs that address pressing contemporary issues such as climate change, pandemics, inequality, and human rights. This approach will not only attract students but also ensure that the department's research and education remain relevant and impactful.