



**Department of Political Science
and International Relations
SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND
SOCIAL SCIENCES
GAUTAM BUDDHA UNIVERSITY**

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ABOUT 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 DEAN



**Prof. Bandana Pandey, Dean, SoHSS
HoD, Department of Political Science and International Relations**

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. We are committed to the objectives and principles of NEP 2020 which writes as:

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.

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 to thrive.

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 (six semesters) full time programme with an intake of 60 students. The undergraduate courses of the Department are designed 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.

PROFILE OF FACULTY MEMBERS



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Experience: 2 years



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Experience: 2 years



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Experience: 1 year



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Experience: 1 year



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Teaching Areas /Specialization: Western Political Thought, Political Theory, Indian Government & Politics, International Relations and Politics.

Experience: 1 Year



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Qualifications: B.A., M.A., NET, Ph.D. (Pursuing)

Teaching Areas /Specialization: Theories of International Relations, East Asian Studies, Political Theory and Thought, Indian Government and Politics.

Experience: 4 years

B.A. (Hons.) Political Science Under NEP 2020

The B.A. (Hons.) Political Science will consist of the following categories of courses and the minimum credit requirements for 3-year UG and 4-year UG (Honours) or UG (Honours with Research) programmes are given below:

S. No.	Broad Category of Course	Minimum Credit Requirement	
		3-Year B.A.	4-Year B.A.
1	Major (Core)	60	80
2	Minor Stream	24	32
3	Multidisciplinary (3 Courses x 3 Credits)	09	09
4	Ability Enhancement Course (AEC) (2 Courses X 4 Credits)	08	08
5	Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC) (3 Courses X 3 Credits)	09	09
6	Value Added Courses common for all UG (2 Courses X 3 Credits)	06-08	06-08
7	Summer Internship 01 Course X 4 Credits	02-04	02-04
8	Research Project / Dissertation	-	12
	Total	120	160

Note: * Honours students not undertaking research will do 3 courses for 12 credits in lieu of a research project / Dissertation.

Structure of the B.A. (Hons.) Political Science Programme

Semester	Discipline Specific Courses - Core	Minor	Inter-disciplinary courses	Ability Enhancement courses (language)	Skill Enhancement courses /Internship /Dissertation	Common Value-Added Courses	Total Credits
I	(100 level) Understanding Political Theory	(100 Level) Indian Government	(1 course) Human Rights	(1 course) Communicative English	(1 course) ICT	(1 or 2 courses) To be offered commonly across UG Programmes	20
II	(100 level) Political Theory: Concepts and Debates	(100 Level) Classical Western Political Philosophy	(1 course) Introduction to Governance	(1 course) Environmental Studies	(1 course) Political Communication	(1 or 2 courses) To be offered commonly across UG Programmes	20
<p><i>Students exiting the programme after securing 40 credits will be awarded UG Certificate in the relevant Discipline /Subject provided they secure 4 credits in work based vocational courses offered during summer term or internship / Apprenticeship in addition to 6 credits from skill-based courses earned during first and second semester.</i></p>							40
III	(200 level) 1. Contemporary Western Political Philosophy 2. Theories and Issues in International Relations	(200 & above) Comparative Government and Politics	(1 course) Introduction to Language Culture and Society	(1 course) Understanding Globalization	(1 course)	-	20
IV	(200 level) 1. Ancient Indian Political Thought 2. Contemporary International Relations 3. Public Administration	(200 & above) 1. Reading Ambedkar	-	(1 course) Media and State	-	-	20

	<i>Students exiting the programme after securing 80 credits will be awarded UG Diploma in the relevant Discipline /Subject provided they secure additional 4 credit in skill based vocational courses offered during first year or second year summer term.</i>						80
V	(300 Level) 1. Modern Indian Political Thought 2. Public Policy in India 3. Citizenship in a Globalizing World	(200 & above) 1. Party Politics in India 2. Nationalism in India	-	-	(Internship)	-	20
VI	(300 Level) 1. Social Justice 2. India's Foreign Policy 3. Indian Federalism	(200 & above) 1. Social Movements in Contemporary India 2. Understanding South Asia	-	-	-	-	20
	<i>Students who want to undertake 3-year UG programme will be awarded UG Degree in the relevant Discipline /Subject upon securing 120 credits</i>						120
VII	(400 Level) 1. Political Process in India 2. Peace and Conflict Resolution 3. International Organisations 4. Research Methodology	(300 & above) 1. Politics of Development	-		-	-	20
VIII	(400 Level) 1. India's National Security 2. State Politics	(300 & above) 1. Climate Change and International Politics	-		(Research Project/ Dissertation)		20

	3. Integral Humanism						
<i>Students will be awarded UG Degree (Honours) with Research in the relevant Discipline /Subject provided they secure 160 credits</i>							160

<u>Course Structure</u>			
MA Political Science and International Relations			
Duration: Two Years			
Sl No.	Semesters		Credits
1	1 st Semester		22
2	2 nd Semester		19
3	3 rd Semester		22
4	4 th Semester		21
	Total		84
Semester-I			
Sl. No	Codes	Courses	Credits

1	PR-501	Political Theory	4
2	PR-503	Introduction to International Diplomacy	4
3	PR-505	India's Foreign Policy	4
4	PR-507	Western Political Thought	4
		Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course (Any one of the Followings)	
5	ET-515	Value Education	3
6	PS-513	Stress Coping in Youths	3
7	PR-515	Development and Local Governance	3
8	EN-531	Language, Culture and Society	3
		Discipline Centric Elective (Any one of the Followings)	
9	PR-509	Global Terrorism	3
10	PR-511	Social Integration in India	3
11	PR-513	Discourse on Nationalism	3
		Total	22

Semester-II

Sl. No	Codes	Courses	Credits
1	PR-502	Theories of International Relations	4
2	PR-504	Ancient Indian Political Thought	4
3	PR-506	Indian Political System	4
4	PR-508	Public Administration	4
		Discipline Centric Elective (Any one of the Followings)	
5	PR-510	State Politics in India	3
6	PR-512	Citizenship and Governance	3
7	PR-514	Foreign Policy of Major Powers	3
		Total	19

Semester-III

Sl. No.	Codes	Courses	Credits
1	PR-601	Contemporary Indian Political Thought	4
2	PR-603	Contemporary Issues in International Relations	4
3	PR-605	Comparative Politics	4
4	PR-607	South Asia in International Politics	4
5	PR-609	Research Methodology	3
		Discipline Centric Elective (Any one of the Followings)	
6	PR-611	War and Peace in West Asia	3
7	PR-613	Public Policy Analysis	3
8	PR-615	Conflict and Peace in Contemporary World	3
		Total	22

Semester-IV

Sl. No.	Codes	Courses	Credits
1	PR-602	International Organizations	4
2	PR-604	Institutions and Democracy in India	4
3	PR-606	Globalisation and Global Governance	4
4	PR-608	Dissertation	6
		Discipline Centric Elective (Any one of the Followings)	
5	PR-610	Global Peace and Disarmament	3
6	PR-612	Environment and Gender Politics in India	3
7	PR-614	Introduction to International Law	3
		Total	21