



PERIYAR UNIVERSITY

PERIYAR PALKALAI NAGAR

SALEM – 636011

**DEGREE OF MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY
CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM**

**SYLLABUS FOR
M.PHIL. POLITICAL SCIENCE
(SEMESTER PATTERN)**

**(For Candidates admitted in the Colleges affiliated to
Periyar University from 2017-2018 onwards)**

REGULATIONS

1. ELIGIBILITY

Candidates who have qualified for post graduate degree in Political Science/Public Administration/ International Relations/Public Management/Human Rights/Political Philosophy and Defense studies or any other Social Science subject of this University or any other University Recognized by the syndicate as equivalent there to shall be eligible to register for the degree of Master of Philosophy (M.Phil) in their respective subject and undergo the prescribed course of study in an approved institution.

Candidates who qualified their post graduate degree on or after 1st Jan 1991 shall be required to have obtained minimum of 55% marks in their respective postgraduate degree to become eligible to register for the degree of Master of Philosophy (M.Phil) and undergo the prescribed course of study in an approved institution or department of this University.

For the candidate belonging to SC/ST community and those who have qualified for the master's degree before 01.01.1991 the minimum eligibility marks shall be 50% in their master degree.

2. DURATION

The duration of the M.Phil course shall extent over a period of one year from the commencement of the course.

3. COURSE OF THE STUDY

The course of the study for the degree shall consist of (a) Part I comprising three written papers according to the syllabus prescribed from time to time; and (b) Part II Dissertation.

Part I shall consist of Paper I Research Methodology and Paper II Government and Politics of India and Paper III which shall be the Guide Paper relating to the proposed Dissertation conducted internally by the College/Departments.

4. SCHEME OF THE EXAMINATIONS

Course – I Written Examination: Paper I, II & III

The examination of the Paper I, II& III shall be held at the end of the first six months.

The duration for each Paper shall be 3 hours.

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4.1 The allotment of Marks for Theory, Internal, External, Dissertation and Viva Voce are as follows.

Theory Papers,

Internal Marks	-	25
External Marks	-	75

Total Marks	-	100

Passing minimum in each paper is 50%

For Theory Paper

Internal Marks	-	12
University Marks	-	38

Total Marks	-	50

DISSERTATION

The marks for the dissertation is 200 and the components are

EVALUATION

1.	Internal (Guide)	-	50 Marks
2.	Evaluation of the project report by the external examiner	-	100 Marks
3.	Viva – Voce conducted by the Supervisor (or guide) and the External Examiner	-	50 Marks

	Total	-	200 Marks

4.2 The following procedure to be adapted to award Internal Marks.

I	Seminar	-	10 Marks.
ii)	Test	-	10 Marks
iii)	Attendance	-	05 Marks

	Total	-	25 Marks

- 4.3 The following credits are allotted to the theory Papers and Project. Credit for Theory Papers
- Part I
- Paper I ----- 1x 4 = 4 Credits
- Paper II ----- 1x 4 = 4 Credits
- Paper III ----- 1x 4 = 4 Credits
(Guide Paper)
- Part II
- Project –Dissertation and Viva Voce = 12 Credits
(Dissertation: 8 Credits; Viva Voce: 4 Credits).
- 4.4 The Viva Voce to be conducted with the following Members.
- i) HOD - Member of the Viva Board.
- ii) Guide - Chairman of the Viva Board.
- iii) External Examiner from other Universities – Member of the Viva Board.
- 4.5 The Examiners will be appointed from the panel of four names for each paper (I and II) submitted by the College/Department concerned. If one Examiner awards a pass mark and the other awards fail mark then the Paper will be valued by a third Examiner.
- 4.6 The Paper III (Guide Paper) will be commonly conducted by the University to all the colleges along with the Papers I and II.
- 4.7 The respective Research Guide should send two sets of question papers for Paper III along with the syllabus to the University a month before the Commencement of examinations.
- 4.8 Paper III will be valued by the respective Guides.
- 4.9 The following Question Paper Pattern will be adopted.
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| Total | - | 75 Marks |
| Part A 5 × 5 | - | (25Marks) (Internal choice) |
| Part B 5× 10 | - | (50Marks) (Internal choice) |

The question paper is divided in to two parts

PART – A

Consists of 5 questions. One from each UNIT with internal choice. Each question carries 5 marks. All questions should be answered. The mark for PART A is 25.

PART – B

Consists of 5 questions. One from each UNIT with internal choice. Each question carries 10 marks. All questions should be answered. The marks for PART B are 50.

Question paper pattern for the Guide paper is (Paper – III) decided by the supervisor.

COURSE II DISSERTATION

The broad area of research shall be intimated within one month after the completion of the written examination. Upon satisfactory completion of course work, M.Phil., scholars shall undertake research work and produce adraft thesis. Prior to submission of thesis, the students shall make pre-M.Phil., presentation in the Department that may be open to all faculty members and research students for getting Feedback and Comments received may be suitably incorporated into the draft thesis under the advice of the Supervisor. Candidates shall submit the Dissertation to the University through the Supervisor and Head of the Department at the end of the year from the commencement of the course which shall be valued by Internal Examiner (Supervisor) and one External Examiner appointed by the University from a panel of four names sent by the Supervisor through the Head of the Department/Principal at the time of submitting the Dissertation. Submission or resubmission of the Dissertation will be allowed twice a year. On receipt of satisfactory evaluation reports M.Phil., students shall undergo a Viva voce Examination which is openly defended.

5. EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT METHODS

The dissertation produced by the M. Phil student in the Institutions/Departments and submitted to the University, Institution, Deemed to be University, College/Institution of National Importance, as the case may be, shall be evaluated by at least two experts.

6. PASSING MINIMUM

A candidate shall be declared to have passed Part I of the Examination if he/she secures not less than 50% of the marks in each Paper including Paper-III.

A candidate shall be declared to have passed Part II of the Examination only if he/she scores 50% of the Marks in the Dissertation as well as Viva Voce. All other candidates shall be declared to have failed in the Examinations.

7. RESTRICTION IN NUMBER OF CHANCES

No candidate shall be permitted to reappear for the Written Examination in any Paper on more than two occasions or to resubmit a Dissertation more than once. Candidates shall have to qualify for the Degree passing all the Written Papers and Dissertation within a period of three years from the date of commencement of the course.

8. CONFERMENT OF DEGREE

No candidate shall be eligible for conferment of the M.Phil., Degree unless he/ she is declared to have passed both Part I and II of the Examinations as per the Regulations. Along with the Degree, the Degree and Provisional certificate certifying to the effect that the Degree has been awarded in accordance with the provisions of the 2009 Regulations of the UGC.

9. PROCEDURE FOR ADMISSION

All Departments in the University and Colleges/Institutions affiliated to University shall admit M.Phil., students through an Entrance Test. Those who have qualified for UGC/CSIR (JRF)/SLET/GATE Examinations and Teacher Fellowship holders are exempted from Entrance Test. It shall be followed by an interview to be organized by the School/Department/Institution/University as the case may be. Only the Sanctioned Strength of students may be admitted to M.Phil., Course. While granting admission for students to M.Phil., Course the Department/Institution/ School will pay due attention to the State Reservation Policy.

10. QUALIFICATIONS FOR SUPERVISOR

No teacher shall be recognized as a supervisor unless he possess a Ph.D., degree or M.Phil degree (up to 2009) with two years of PG teaching experience or M.Phil (after 2009) with a pass in the NET or SLET with two years of PG teaching experience A Supervisor shall not have, at any given point of time more than five M.Phil., students. Only the Post Graduate Departments of affiliated Colleges and Departments of the University will be recognized for conducting the M.Phil., Course, provided however, the Syndicate shall have the power to decide any other Institutions of Higher Learning/Research within the University jurisdiction for conducting the M.Phil., Course on merits.

11. SOFT COPY OF THE DISSERTATION TO UGC

Following the successful completion of the evaluation process and announcements of the award of M.Phil the University shall submit a softcopy of the M.Phil dissertation to the UGC within a period of thirty days, for hosting the same in INFLIBNET, accessible to all Institutions/Universities.

COURSE OF STUDY AND SCHEME OF EXAMINATION

(For candidate Admitted from 2017 - 2018 onwards) Semester	Course	Course Title	Exam Hour	Credit	Internal Mark	External Mark	Total Marks	
	I	Paper - I	Research Methodology	3	4	25	75	100
		Paper -II	Government and Politics of India	3	4	25	75	100
		Paper- III	Guide Paper	3	4	25	75	100
II	Paper- IV	Dissertation		8	50	100	150	
		Viva - Voce	4			50		
		Total Credits	24		Total Marks		500	

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PART - I

PAPER – I RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

UNIT-I Introduction

Meaning and Objective of Research – Social Science Research - Objectives and Scope and Need for Social Science Research - Type of Research – Theoretical and Applied – Scientific Method- Values and ethical concerns in Social Science.

UNIT-II Theories of origin of the states

Concepts – Variables – Types – Hypothesis -Review of Literature– Sources of Literature Reliability and validity – Case Study.

UNIT-III Concept of Political Science.

Research Planning - Research Design: Meaning – Types of Research Design –Preparation of Research Design- Sampling – Basics of Sampling – Types of Sampling.

UNIT-IV Political Ideology

Methods of Collection of Data- Meaning and importance of Data – Types of Data - Data Collecting Techniques: Survey Research – Observation – Interview – Questionnaire – Content Analysis.

UNIT-V

Pilot Study – Interim Report- Data Analysis – Report Writing – Research Report Format - Footnotes/ Endnotes and Bibliography.

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PART - I

PAPER - II GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF INDIA

UNIT-I Constitutional Development

Constitutional Development since 1909- Making of the Constitution- Salient features of the Constitution- Federalism – Fundamental Rights and Duties: Directive Principles of State Policy - Constitutional Amendment: Procedure of Amendment.

UNIT-II Union Government

Union Government: Executive- Legislature- Ministries and Departments- Judiciary- Structure – Powers – Functions of Supreme Court – Judicial Review and Judicial Activism.

UNIT-III State Government

State Government: Executive- Legislature- High Courts and Sub-ordinate Courts

UNIT-IV Local Government

Decentralized Democracy: Panchayati Raj Institutions: Origin and Growth –Balawantrao Mehta Committee- Ashok Mehta Committee - 73rd Constitutional Amendments – Rural Local Government -Three-tier System - Powers and Functions of the Panchayat Institutions – 74th Constitutional Amendments- Urban Local Government- Structure and Functions of the Municipality and Municipal Corporation.

UNIT-V Problems and Issues in Politics

Union State Relations – Casteism - Linguism – Communalism –Regionalism – Criminalization of Politics – Politics of Defection – Reservation- Coalition Politics – Corruption –Anti Corruption Measures- Party System- Political Parties and Pressure Groups – Electoral System - Election Commission-Human Rights in India.

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PART - I

PAPER - III GUIDE PAPER

Paper – III Syllabus related to dissertation will be provided by Guide

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PART - II
PAPER - IV DISSERTATION

MODEL QUESTION PAPER
M.Phil. POLITICAL SCIENCE
RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Time : 3 Hrs.

Max. Marks : 75

PART – A

(5 × 5 = 25 Marks)

1. a) What is Social Science Research ? (or)
b) Discuss uses of Social Science Research
2. a) Define about the “Scientific Management” (or)
b) Write short note on Historical Method
3. a) What do you mean by Research Process? (or)
b) Explain the need for Review of Literature
4. a) Define the meaning and importance of Observation (or)
b) Explain the objective of the Clinical Interview
5. a) Explain importance of Research in Public Administration (or)
b) Discuss about the characteristics of a Good Research

PART – B

(5 × 10 = 50 Marks)

Answer ALL Questions.

6. a) Examine the meaning, objectives and significance of Social Science Research (or)
b) Explain the various limitations of Social Science Research
7. a) Examine the meaning, purpose and need for Explorative Studies (or)
b) Write an essay on Descriptive Research
8. a) Critically analyze various sources of Literature (or)
b) Discuss the importance, preparation and contents of Research Design?
9. a) Describe the various types of interview and its advantages and disadvantages (or)
b) Examine the different types of observation and its objectives
10. a) Describe the meaning, purpose and types of Research Report (or)
b) Select your own topic and prepare a Research Plan.

MODEL QUESTION PAPER
M.Phil. POLITICAL SCIENCE
GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF INDIA

Time : 3 Hrs.

Max. Marks : 75

PART – A

(5 × 5 = 25 Marks)

1. a) Explain the Constitutional Development in India. (or)
b) What are the salient features of the Constitution?
2. a) What do you mean by Bi-cameral Legislature? (or)
b) Evaluate the appellate powers of the Supreme Court.
3. a) Explain the Jurisdiction of the High Court. (or)
b) Discuss the importance of 'Democratic Decentralization'.
4. a) Explain the two tier system of Ashok Mehta Committee report. (or)
b) Explain the importance of Rural Local Government in India.
5. a) Write a short note on Communalism. (Or)
b) Describe the various types of Political Parties.

PART – B

(5 × 10 = 50 Marks)

Answer ALL Questions.

6. a) Bring out the ideologies incorporated in the preamble of the constitution. (or)
b) Describe the various kinds of Fundamental Rights.
7. a) Explain the Directive Principles of State Policy? (or)
b) How is the law enacted in the State legislature?
8. a) Explain the powers and functions of the Supreme Court. (or)
b) Describe the composition and powers of the High Court.
9. a) Explain the major recommendations of the Balwantrai Mehta Committee, 1957.(or)
b) Enumerate the structure and functions of Municipal Corporation.
10. a) Write an essay on Coalition Politics. (or)
b) Explain the powers and functions of the Election Commission of India.

