

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

**Programme Name: M.A. in Political Science**  
(e.g *M.Sc in Physics/ MA in Bengali/MCA etc.*)

***Number of Semesters:.....04***



Name of the Department  
**University of North Bengal**  
West Bengal, INDIA

## Programme Outcomes

- The outcomes the programme provides in common with Master's Programs in the Faculty of Arts ,Commerce and Law are as follows:
  1. The learner develops the ability to use critical, analytical, and reflective thinking and reasoning
  2. The learner acquires the ability to reflect on social and ethical responsibilities in his/her professional life.
  3. The learner gains experience and confidence in the dissemination of project/research outputs
  - 4.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.
  5. He /She learns to communicate effectively by oral, written, graphical and technological means and have competency in English.
  - 6.On completion the learner can independently research and acquire information, and develop appreciation of the need for continuously learning and updating..
  - 7.The learner becomes able to assess the impact of the economic, social, and political environment from a global, national and regional level.
  - 8.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 and Indian State and Society) and offers a rich set of specialization possibilities.
- The programme is formulated following CBCS structure 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 Name	Course Outcomes ( In addition to Core courses students are to choose one Soft Core and one Elective)
101 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>
102 CORE	Key Concepts in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge gained: About Moves to scientific tradition in Political Science, and its limitation.</li> <li>• Skill gained : Contextual Analysis and how to structure political argument.</li> </ul>

	Political Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Competency gained : ability to use different types of analysis</li> </ul>
103 Soft Core	Public Administration	<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>
104 Soft Core	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>
105 Elective	Women and Politics	<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>
106 Elective	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>
107 Elective	Environmental Politics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Knowledge gained : About environmental issues, Organizations, Treaties and Protocols as well as about politics and environment relationships</li> <li>Skill gained: To apply environmental regulations to real life problems.</li> <li>Competency gained; interdisciplinary engagement.</li> </ul>

## SEMESTER—II

( In addition to Core courses students are to choose one Soft Core)

Course Code	Course Name	Course Outcomes
201 Core	Constitutional Process in India	<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>
202 Core	Approaches to the Study of International Relations	<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>
203 Core	Indian Administration (Develop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Knowledge gained : About the administrative structure and processes in India</li> <li>Skill gained : Understanding the nature and functions of</li> </ul>

	mental Perspective)	<p>administrative processes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Competency gained: To apply the knowledge gained into the real life interactions with the administration.</li> </ul>
204 Soft Core/ Elective Founda tion	Human Rights	<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>
205 Soft Core/ Elective Founda tion	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> <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>
206 Soft Core/ Elective Founda tion	Major Issues in Indian Politics	<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>
<p><b>SEMESTER—III</b></p> <p>( In addition to Core courses students are to choose one Soft Core and one Elective)</p>		
Course Code	Course Name	Course Outcomes
301 Core	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>
302 Core	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>
303 Soft Core	Rural Develop ment Adminis tration 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>
304 Soft Core	Urban Develop ment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Knowledge gained : About urban local self-government and administration in India</li> <li>Skill gained : Understanding the governance and policies in the</li> </ul>

	Administration in India	<p>urban context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Competency gained: To apply the knowledge to grassroots level situations and design alternatives</li> </ul>
305 Soft Core	India's Foreign Policy	<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>
306 Elective	Political Economy of Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Knowledge gained: Ability to comprehend the modes of exchanges between economics and politics, economic limits of politics, state-market relation and the theories and models of development, modernization, world- system and state</li> <li>Skill gained: Use of interdisciplinary approach or methods in explaining political phenomenon. And ability to explain political events on the basis of critical rational perspectives as opposed to pure empiricism.</li> <li>Competency gained: To comprehend the essential aspect of social development from a political economy perspective</li> </ul>
307 Elective	Social Movements in India (With Special Reference to Dalit Movements)	<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>
<p><b>SEMESTER—IV</b></p> <p>( In addition to Core course students are to choose three Electives , maximum one from each Group)</p>		
Course Code	Course Name	Course Outcomes
401 Core	Research Methodology	<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>
Elective Gr.1 402	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>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Competency gained: Ability to differentiate &amp; examine appearance and essence of social systems and identify their economic, political and ideological structures/ attributes.</li> </ul>
Elective Gr.1 403	Foreign Policy of Major Powers	<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>
Elective Gr.1 404	Administrative Theory	<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>
Elective Gr.1 405	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>
Course Code	Course Name	
Elective Gr.2 406	Third World Political Thought & 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 ideologies.</li> </ul>
Elective Gr.2 407	Peace and Conflict Resolution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Knowledge gained : About different types of conflict and peace building</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>
Elective Gr.2 408	Public Policy and Policy Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Knowledge gained : Public policy making and analysis</li> <li>Skill gained : Understanding how to critically assess public policies</li> <li>Competency gained: To apply the knowledge to design public policies</li> </ul>

Elective Gr.2 409	State and Substate 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>
Elective Gr. 3 410	Political Ideologies	<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>
Elective Gr. 3 411	International Organizations	<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>
Elective Gr. 3 412	Comparative Public 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>
Elective Gr. 3 413	Issues & 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>
Elective Gr. 4 414	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>
Elective Gr. 4 415	International Law: War and Peace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge gained : Understanding the concepts and subjects of International Law</li> <li>• Skill gained : To have an understanding of the nuances of International Law</li> <li>• Competency gained: To apply the international legal provisions into the questions of war and peace.</li> </ul>
Elective Gr. 4 416	Personnel and Financial Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge gained : About the personnel and financial administration of different countries</li> <li>• Skill gained : Knowledge about the personnel structure and finance</li> <li>• Competency gained: To be aware of the administrative structures and processes and undertake administrative reforms.</li> </ul>
Elective Gr. 4 417	Political Economy in India	<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</li> </ul>



		<p>on public policies in India and use of inter-disciplinary method in explaining political phenomena.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Competency gained: Ability to comprehend the nature of public policies in India and the role of State.</li></ul>
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