

**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
UTKAL UNIVERSITY
M.PHIL COURSE**

The Department has two separate research programmes: the Master of Philosophy Programme leading to the award of M.Phil. degree and the Doctor of Philosophy Programme leading to the award of the Ph.D. degree.

The M.Phil. programme is spread over two semesters and M. Phil scholars are expected to complete the course work in the first semester and Dissertation writing and Field work in the second semester.

The M.Phil. programme covers the following compulsory courses in Semesters I & II and the **Evaluation** of learning level of students is done as follows :

Semester I

- Paper I Research Methodology (100 marks)
- Paper II Research Methodology: Statistical Analysis (100 marks)
- Paper III Major Issues in Political Science (100 marks)

Semester II

1. Paper IV: 2 Book Reviews (100 marks)
2. Paper V: Two term papers related to the broad topic of dissertation (100 marks)
3. Dissertation and Viva: 100 marks

PAPER I 100 Marks

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Introduction : Paper I and II offer a foundational knowledge in research methodology and intends to equip scholars with basic understanding of research methods adopted in social sciences.

Learning Objectives of Papers I & II

This course aims at preparing students to conduct research in political science in the quantitative tradition. It acquaints them with their strengths as well as limitations. Students will be imparted basic skills to go about doing a research project, including sampling, collecting data, and to process and analyze it, using statistics. By the end of the course the students will learn how to formulate a researchable question relating to their research topic, think of a research design suitable for their research, and to collect and analyze information leading to meaningful and defensible conclusions

1. Social Research: Historical overview and its various types:
Idea of Social Science (Peter Winch), Social Science as a Science and question of Objectivity and falsification (Karl Popper and T. Kuhn) Foundations of Political Science Research, Need and purposes of Political Science Research. Language of research; Philosophy of Research; Ethics in Research in Political Science. Approaches to Research in Political Science:
2. Scientific Method: Characteristics and Limitations
3. Hypothesis : Its meaning, formulation and verification
4. Research Design: Qualitative and Quantitative research. Transforming Concepts into Units of measurement. Issues in Qualitative and Quantitative research. Writing Research Proposal.
5. Data Collection: Methods and Techniques
Use of Statistics in research in Political Science. Data and methods of Data collection. Sampling and basics of Statistical Testing. Operationalisation and Measurement. Linking Data with Concepts and Units. Data analysis, basics of SPSS.
6. Questionnaire, Observation and Interview
Formulation of questions; selection of question types; evaluating responses – alternatives and non-committal responses. Administering the questionnaire. Interviews: Face to face interview; Interview Schedule; interview guide; Telephone Interviews; Internet Interviews. Pre-testing of questionnaire and pilot study; selection and training of investigators; monitoring and data management. Participant Observation Method ; Focused Group Discussion; Interview with key informants; Ethnographic Method.
7. Survey Method: Different survey techniques, measurement and limitation

PAPER II

100 Marks

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY: STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

1. Sampling
2. Statistical Analysis
3. Models of Measurement, Nominal, Ordinal and Interval
4. Summarizing Properties, Frequency and Percentage Distribution
5. Statistical Techniques: Measures of Central Tendency, Dispersion

Expected outcomes for Papers I & II:

- The compulsory courses in Research Methodology are designed to equip and train students in the methods and techniques of political research and, the methodological issues in social sciences.
- Independently prepare a research design to carry out research
- Review the related research papers to find out a research problem and relevant hypotheses

PAPER III

100 Marks

Major Issues in Political Science

Introduction: The paper is designed to enable the research scholars to understand the applicability of various theoretical constructs and approaches towards the study of various socio-political dimensions of the individual, society and the state at large besides a study of various contemporary issues and challenges in the discipline of Political Science.

Learning Objectives:

- i. To make the students aware of various significant issues and challenges in the Indian Political System.
- ii. To equip students with knowledge of major contemporary theories and their applicability in research and analysis.

Expected Outcomes:

Paper-III provides an advanced training in issues and the major contemporary debates in Political Science and in the research methods and theoretical approaches appropriate to the discipline.

1. Neo-liberalism, Communitarianism
2. Redefining conventional understanding of Security: Environmental Security and Human Security, Wed Activism and feminism in International Relations
3. Globalization and the theories of State and Civil Society.
4. Electoral Reforms, Judicial Review and Judicial Accountability, Coalition Politics
5. Social Movements and New Social Movements, Corporate Social Responsibility
6. Decentralized Governance: Major Issues and Challenges

IIInd SEMESTER

100 Marks

Paper IV Book Review (Two)

Paper V: Two Term Papers related to the broad topic of dissertation

Expected Outcome:

The second semester courses, are in consonance with their areas of research interests and facilitates scholars to strengthen their literature review skills and develop their research designing methods and ideas.

Paper VI: Dissertation and Viva

Dissertation-75 marks

Viva-25 marks
