

Programme Project Report (PPR)
for Distance Learning Programme
under School of Distance Education

Master of Arts in Political Science
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UNIVERSITY OF CALICUT

SCHOOL OF DISTANCE EDUCATION

M.A POLITICAL SCIENCE

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1. University of Calicut

The University of Calicut is the largest University in Kerala. Established in the year 1968, it is the second university to be set up in Kerala. The University aims to nurture excellence in education and research in its catchment areas of Northern Kerala, historically consigned to the periphery of Kerala's academic map. The University lays its emphasis on fostering quality human resource and promoting productive research that benefit both local communities and wider humanity. The University was created through a Government plan bifurcating Kerala University. As per the plan, the four post-graduate departments of the University of Kerala operating in Calicut were annexed to the new University along with fifty four constituent colleges spread across seven northern districts. With '*Nirmaya Karmana Sree*' as its motto, the University has been able to surmount all challenges and emerge as the largest residential cum affiliating University in Kerala. With 30 post graduate departments and 426 colleges it has become a beacon of hope and enlightenment for hundreds of thousands of young men and women in North Kerala. As many as 480 colleges are affiliated to the University. Of these, 120 are located in Kozhikode district, 101 in Thrissur, 130 in Malappuram, 86 in Palakkad and 18 in Wayanad.

2. The School of Distance Education

The School of Distance Education shall endeavour to create novel realms of education embracing creativity and innovations to enhance access to and reach of quality higher education. To provide distance learning opportunities to the unreached and enable them to pursue quality higher education, leading to competence of a high order. Director of School of Distance Education (SDE) of the University of Calicut persists for the noble cause of providing educational opportunities to the masses. The institution has a legacy of providing relevant education in conformation with the contemporary needs and vitalities affirming quality and excellence with a student strength nearing 2 lakhs. The institution has always been at the forefront providing opportunities for those aspirants who endure to learn amidst life situations that impede them to take up regular mode of learning. The SDE provides an extensive range of academic subjects in almost all major subject groups which is being imparted through regular and open stream courses. Who wish to pursue their studies through distance education and Open Stream Courses are tailored to meet the educational needs of those who have not acquired the basic qualification needed for admission to regular courses, and who eagerly aspire to acquire a Degree. A separate entrance exam is conducted for Open degree courses and those who qualify are admitted. The School offers UG and PG courses for broadening the knowledge horizons and developing skills for capacity building.

The School of Distance Education of University of Calicut has always been at the forefront to meet the educational needs of the young aspirants including the marginalized and the excluded youth, which gave the impetus to render the best service by this educational institution. At this juncture I congratulate those aspirants who have already succeeded in transforming their lives through distance learning and invite more aspirants who have the quest for knowledge and success to build up a promising future. I affirm with full confidence

that every experience of learning through distance mode from this university will be outstanding ensuring global standards.

3. MA Political Science: Programme's Mission & Objectives

a. Mission:

The mission of the Department of Political Science, School of Distance Education, University of Calicut is to create awareness among students about political system – International, National, and Regional and various rights and duties of the citizens. The course highlights Political Thought (both Indian and Western) and Political theories, Select Constitutions of the World, Public Administration and Human Rights. The course especially focuses on Indian Constitution, Indian Political Thought, Indian Administration and Local Self Government. The course brings special attention on Indian Foreign Policy, Gandhian Thought and Government and Politics of Kerala and India.

The School of Distance Education , University of Calicut strives to accomplish the goals through the following activities:

b. Objectives & Outcomes Excellence in Teaching

- Providing opportunities to students to understand the knowledge about political system and functions of the government at International, National, State and Local levels.
- Producing the next generation of leaders in research, teaching and in the applications of political science with special reference to Indian political system.
- It has assumed an inter-disciplinary character. The subject matter of Political science has been changing according to the need of the society. The proposed Postgraduate course in Political Science is designed to fulfill the need of the society.

After completion of courses in the M.A Political Science major program, students should be able to:

- . Understand the concepts and principles of Political Science and structure, powers and functions of the Government in India and other nations.
- . Enlighten the students to understand basic rights and duties of the citizen and help in process of development of the nation.

4. Relevance of the program with Higher Education Institutional Mission and Goals:

Political science is that branch of the social sciences that studies the state, politics, and government. Political Science deals extensively with the analysis of political systems, the theoretical and practical applications to politics, and the examination of political behavior. The study of Political Science is very useful and valuable. Its knowledge is essential and useful to both the ruler and the ruled. Relevance of this programme will help in the following ways:-

- a. Imparting Knowledge of the State:
- b. Imparting Knowledge of government and administration:
- c. Imparting Knowledge about the world
- d. Creation of democratic values
- e. Creation of good citizenship

The study of Political Science has assumed special importance in modern times in all democratic countries. The success of democracy depends upon the political consciousness of its people. The study of political science makes people conscious of their rights and duties.

The study of Political Science is valuable for creating good citizenship and securing unity of the nation. It makes citizens conscious of national, objectives and goals.

5. Nature of prospective target group of learners:

The curriculum has been designed to fulfill the needs of diversified learners including rural people, low income group, minorities, and underprivileged in the society who have not got the opportunity to do a Post Graduate course through regular mode of education.

6. M.A Political Science - Employment Areas:-

- a. Government Organizations
- b. All India services
- c. Kerala Government Services
- d. All the Ministries
- e. Police Forces/ Armed Forces/ Defense
- f. HR Departments
- g. Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)
- h. Media(Printing & Visual)
- i. Private Companies

7. MA Political Science - Job Opportunities

- a. I.A.S & I.P.S Officers
- b. University and College Professors

c. School Teachers

d. Police officers

e. Government officers

8. Appropriateness of the programme to be conducted in Open and Distance Learning mode to acquire specific skills and competence

The course acquires the following skills after the completion of the course:

a. Teaching Skill

b. Research Skill

c. Writing Skill

d. Analytical skill

e. Critical questioning skill .

Further, the Candidates should have sound knowledge in National, International and Regional Political issues. The candidates should have good analytical skill on various dimensions of socio, political and economic issues.

9. Instructional Design

First Year (I & II Semester)

No.of courses	Course code	Name of Course	Maximum marks
1	PS1CO1	Modern Political Analysis and Political Sociology	100
2	PS1CO2	Modern Indian Social and Political	100

		Thought	
3	PS1CO3	Indian Government and Politics	100
4	PS1CO4	Theories and concepts of Public Administration	100
5	PS1CO5	Research Methodology	100
6	PS1CO6	Political Theory: Liberal Tradition	100
7	PS1C07	Issues in Indian Politics	100
8	PSICO8	Comparative Politics	100

Second Year

III & IV Semester

No.of courses	ocourse code	Name of Course	Maximum marks
1	PS11CO1	Political Theory: Marxian Tradition	100
2	PS11CO2	Theories and concepts of International Politics	100
3	PS11CO3	Human Rights in India	100
4	PS11CO4	Issues in Indian Administration	100
5	PS11CO5	State and Society in Kerala	100
6	PS11CO6	Issues in International Politics	100
7	PS11C07	India's Foreign Policy	100
8	PSI1CO8	Development Administration and People's Planning	100
9	PS11CO9	Ancient and Medieval Political Thought	100
		Viva Voce	50

10. Duration of the Programme: 4 Semesters (Two years).

There is one additional paper instead of Dissertation (Paper 17). Viva voce will be conducted at the end of Final year examination. A team of three examiners including the Chairman and two members will conduct the same for 50 marks covering topics of the Two year course. The pass minimum for the entire course will be an aggregate of 40% with separate minimum of 30 % for each paper.

11. How M.A Political Science course is beneficial?

M.A political science degree serves as a basis for further studies in the field of M.Phil., and Ph.D. degrees in political science, the successful completion of the course one can get opportunity for the post of Assistant Professor in any University / College. With M.A political science degree one can become successful candidate in State Public Services, Central government services and other competitive examinations.

12. Faculty and Support Staff Requirement: There is one full time faculty member available and she coordinates the MA Programme in Political Science. There is sufficient administrative staff support from the SDE office for administrative work. The service of qualified guest teachers and experts from panels approved by the Vice Chancellor are used in the preparation of Self Learning Materials (SLM), for taking contact classes and conducting internal evaluation.

13. Instructional Delivery Mechanisms: In addition to providing Self Learning Material, students are offered 160 contact hours each semester, conducted over 2 days during the weekend. Classes are taken using audio visual aids, and students are encouraged to use web

resources. A repertoire of audio/video lectures are being prepared, which will be made available to the learners on an experimental basis from this academic year onwards.

14. Procedure for Admissions, Curriculum Transaction and Evaluation

Applications for admissions are received online. Eligibility for admission to MA Political Science programme is given below.

Candidates who have passed any Degree examination with a minimum of 45% marks in Part III optional subjects (excluding subsidiaries) are eligible to join for the major program.

15. Fee Structure:

Application Fee	200
Admission Fee	250
Tuition fee for one year	2000
Matriculation fee (those who enroll first time)	100
Re-matriculation fee (those who migrated from other universities)	150
Recognition fee	100
Postage charges	50
Spot admission	50
Total	2900

16. Financial Assistance

Concession for tuition fee will be given to SC/ST and OEC students. The students belonging to SC/ST and OEC category will be admitted to the programme without remitting the tuition

fee. The fee for the students thus admitted will be later claimed from SC/ST department as per the rules laid down by the government of Kerala and will be remitted to the Calicut University Fund (CUF).

17. Curriculum Transaction: Curriculum is transacted in the Distance Mode with the help of Self Learning Material and Personal Contact Classes in Government/Aided Colleges under the University of Calicut. The use of web-based tools is not in place yet, but steps are being initiated.

18. Evaluation: Evaluation of each course shall be done.

End Semester Examinations are conducted by the Controller of Examinations, University of Calicut.

19. Requirement of the Laboratory Support and Library Resources

Laboratory hours are not mandatory for MA Political Science, but students can avail the computers in the Central Computer Lab of the Central Library at University of Calicut which has continuous internet connectivity.

Library:

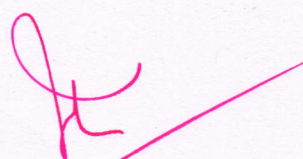
The SDE has a separate Library with a total of about 3852 books, 1162 Titles, 144 reference Titles.


20. Quality Assurance Mechanism

The University Board of Studies of MA Political Science programme approves and reviews the syllabus, course content, and the Self Learning Material of MA Political Science offered in the distance mode also. The overall ensuring of quality will be closely monitored by the Centre for Internal Quality Assurance, School of Distance Education.

21. Cost estimate of the programme

Expected enrollment	50
Cost of SLM preparation	162,500
including DTP charge	
Printing & distribution of	25,025
SLM	
Contact classes	45,174
Pay & Allowances of staff &	69,051
HQ	
Miscellaneous expenses	758
Examination & Valuation	45,455
Grand Total Expenses	347,962
Expense per student	6959


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