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PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES AND OUTCOMES

Aristotle has stated that by nature man is a political being. As such we as human beings are all political. Of late the understanding and analysis of political science has changed. Earlier political science used to be understood in terms of state, government, laws and institutions. Today meaning and definition of political science has changed with the changing of time and circumstances. The purpose of the course in political science at BA level is to make the students aware about the importance of their association with national and to prepare them responsible and enlightened citizens so also to expose them to the global political affairs in order to make them capable for facing various competitive examinations.

BA in Political Science with learning outcomes aim at offering a general framework within which political science teaching may be organized. It serves the twin goals of responding to the needs of students to grow as competent, self-respective learners with relevant academic professional skills while at the same time prepare them as contributors to the growing discipline.

This framework is intended to help maintaining the standards of teaching, its periodic review against graduate attributes, qualification descriptors, program learning outcomes and course level learning outcomes. It is viewed in the spirit of innovation in teaching learning process and adopted according to local conditions, regional priorities, national and global needs along with the availability of the expertise.

Looking at the diversity and complexity of the subject⁶ and diversified students background along with subject dynamism, the curriculum is developed considering various aspects such as :

- Entry level expectations of students coming from various boards of examinations (CBSE / ICSE /CHSE / STATE BOARDS⁰ and their socio-economic background.
- General expectations from a three-year undergraduate honours training.
- The changing profile of undergraduate students

Keeping the above aspects in mind the learning objectives and outcomes have been adapted to the local, regional and linguistic diversities with the changing academic scenario and conditions. Further, the learning objectives and outcomes have been framed with a projected scope on the availability of faculty and their expertise, resources and opportunities for field training.

Nature and extent of Programme :

The programme is designed in such a way that students have the options to exit even after one year completion of the course. If a student completes one year, she is entitled to get a certificate; after completion of two years, she is entitled for a diploma certificate. Similarly, in case of three year and four year course, the students have multiple choices. We have explained the structure of the syllabus in detail in the following pages.

Each semester is for 16 weeks. There are two reading lists. First one contains most important reading list while a relatively long list of reference books for additional information is included in the second list. We have also provided links of e-resources particularly from reliable government sources at the end of the syllabus we have suggested activities to be done while reading any particular paper.

Programme objectives –

PO 1 : The four year political science syllabus at higher education of Odisha aims to instruct the students to demonstrate a systematic, extensive and coherent knowledge and understanding of political science as a subject as a whole and its applications and links to disciplinary areas of the studies including critical understanding of the established theories, principles and concepts of a number of advanced and emerging issues in the field of political science.

PO 2 : Developed knowledge of theories, concepts and research methods in humanities and social sciences and applied them in the subject of political science.

PO 3 : To access how global, national and regional developments affect society and to theorize these experiences.

Po 4 : To train the students with a unique multidisciplinary in social sciences and prepare them for further academic study and career in the public and private sector.

PO 5: To train the students applying subject knowledge for sustainable development practices and other areas where the knowledge of political science is used in the field.

Programme outcome : The students graduating with degree in BA (honours in political science should be acquire core competencies.

PSO 1: Core competency - Students will acquire core competency in the subject political science, and all allied subjects areas with a systematic and coherent understanding of the fundamental concepts in political science and all other related arts and humanities. Students will be able to demonstrate the new techniques and methods of their area of specialization in political science.

PSO 2 : Interdisciplinary knowledge and skill : A graduate student is expected to be capable of demonstrating comprehensive knowledge and understanding of in various field in political science.

PSO 3: Skilled communication – the course curriculum incorporates basic and advanced training in order to make a graduate student capable of expressing the subject through technical writing as well as through oral representation.

PSO 4: Critical thinker and problem solver – the course curriculum also includes components that can be helpful to graduate students to develop critical thinking ability by way of solving problems/numerical using basic political knowledge and concepts.

PSO 5 : Sense of inquiry – the course curriculum well developed and inquisitive characteristic among the students to write clearly and with purpose on issues of international and domestic politics and public policy, participate as engaged member of society with a civic sense. Analyze political problem and formulate policy option.

PSO 6 : Team player : The course curriculum has been designed to provide opportunities to act as team player by contributing in field based research. Apply quantitative problem-solving skills to solve questions in a scientific way.

PSO 7 : Skilled project manager – The course curriculum has been designed in such a manner as to enable a graduate student to become a skilled project manager by acquiring knowledge about modern social science research including competency in statistics and quantitative analysis.

PSO 8 : Digital literacy – The course curriculum has been so designed to impart a good working knowledge in understanding and carrying out data analysis, use of library search tools, and use of statistical software like SPSS, R and related computational work.

GRADUATE ATTRIBUTE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE :

Attributes on political science graduates under the outcome-based teaching learning framework may encompass the following:

- ❖ Core competence – Political science graduates are expected to know the fundamental concepts of political science. These fundamental concepts would reflect the latest understanding of the field and therefore are dynamic in nature and require frequent and time bound reviews.
- ❖ Communication skill – Political science graduates are expected to possess minimum standards of communication skill expected of a graduate in the country. They are expected to read and understand documents with in-depth analysis and logical arguments. Graduates are expected to be well –versed in speaking and communicating these ideas/findings/concepts to a wide audience.
- ❖ Critical thinking – Political science graduates are expected to know the basics of cognitive bears, mental models, logical fallacies, scientific methodology and constructing cogent scientific arguments.
- ❖ Psychological skills : The graduates are expected to possess basic psychological skills required to face the world at large, as well as the skills to deal with individuals and students of various socio-cultural, economic and educational levels. Psychological skills may include feedback loops, self-compassion, self-reflection, goal setting, interpersonal relationships, and emotional management.
- ❖ Problem solving – The graduates are expected to be equipped with problem solving philosophical approaches that are pertinent across the disciplines.
- ❖ Analytical reasoning – The graduates are expected to acquire formulate persuasive arguments and spot logical flaws, inconsistencies, circular reasoning.
- ❖ Research skills – The graduates are expected to be keenly observant about what is going in the natural surroundings to awake their curiosity. The graduates are

expected to carry out research in the contemporary issues of global and national politics.

- ❖ Teamwork – The graduates are expected to be team players, with productive cooperations involving members from diverse socio-cultural background.
 - ❖ Digital literacy – The graduates are expected to be digitally literate and increase their core competency via e-learning resources such as MOOCS and other digital tools for lifelong learning. The graduates should be able to spot data fabrication and fake news by applying rational skepticism and analytical reasoning.
 - ❖ Moral and ethical awareness – The graduates are expected to be responsible citizen of India and be aware of moral and ethical baseline of the country and the world. They are expected to define their core ethical virtues and enough to distinguish what constructs as illegal and crime as per the laws of the country. Emphasis be given on academic and research ethics, including fair benefit sharing, plagiarism, scientific misconduct and so on.
 - ❖ The graduates are expected to be familiar with decision making process an basic managerial skills to become a better leader. Skills may include defining objectives, vision and mission and how to become charismatic inspiring leaders and so on.
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