

SUNRISE UNIVERSITY ALWAR

Syllabus of PG- Two Year Master of Arts in

POLITICAL SCIENCE (M.A.)

Session 2025-26

Department of Political Science



CURRICULUM STRUCTURE SESSION-2025-26

Postgraduate Course

M.A. (Political Science) – Two Year Program

First Year

Semester – I

Name of Programme: P G- M.A.(POLITICAL SCIENCE)										
Subject/ Discipline: POLITICAL SCIENCE										
Sr no	Subject code	Sub-type	Subject Title	CREDITS = 4			Internal Marks	External Marks	Total Marks	Minimum Passing
				L	T	P				
1	MPOL-101	MJR	Political Science Paper-I: - Western Political Thought-I	6	0	0	40	60	100	40
2	MPOL-102	MJR	Paper-II: Indian Political Thought-I	6	0	0	40	60	100	40
3	MPOL-103	MJR	Paper-III : International Politics-I	6	0	0	40	60	100	40
4	MPOL-104	MJR	Paper-IV: Theory and Practice of Public Administration-I	6	0	0	40	60	100	40
5	MPOL-105		SEMINAR	6	0	0	100		100	40
							TOTAL MARKS = 500			

1. MPOL-101 (MJR)

Paper-I: Western Political Thought – I

Unit-I: Ancient Political Thought

- Political philosophy of Plato (Concept of Ideal State)
- Aristotle's views on State and Government

Unit–II: Medieval Political Thought

- St. Augustine
- St. Thomas Aquinas

Unit–III: Beginning of the Modern Age

- Niccolò Machiavelli
- Thomas Hobbes
- John Locke

Unit–IV: Liberalism and Social Contract

- Jean-Jacques Rousseau
 - Jeremy Bentham
 - J. S. Mill
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2. MPOL–102 (MJR)

Paper–II: Indian Political Thought – I

Unit–I: Ancient Indian Thought

- Kautilya’s Theory of State
- Manu’s Concept of Kingship (Rajdharm)

Unit–II: Medieval Thought

- Ziauddin Barani
- Abul Fazl

Unit–III: Modern Indian Thought (Early Phase)

- Raja Rammohan Roy
- Swami Dayanand Saraswati

Unit–IV: Nationalism and Social Reform

- Bal Gangadhar Tilak
 - Gopal Krishna Gokhale
 - Mahatma Gandhi (Early Political Ideas)
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3. MPOL–103 (MJR)

Paper–III: International Politics – I

Unit–I: Nature and Scope of International Politics

- Definition of International Relations
- Development of the State System

Unit–II: Theories

- Idealism
- Realism
- Behaviouralism

Unit–III: Elements of National Power

- Geography, Population, Economy
- Military Power
- Diplomacy

Unit–IV: Balance of Power and Collective Security

- Theory of Balance of Power
 - Concept of Collective Security
 - Role of the United Nations
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4. MPOL–104 (MJR)

Paper–IV: Theory and Practice of Public Administration – I

Unit–I: Introduction to Public Administration

- Meaning, Definition and Nature
- Difference between Public and Private Administration

Unit–II: Organization Theory

- Classical Theory
- Scientific Management Theory
- Human Relations Theory

Unit–III: Administrative Behaviour

- Leadership
- Decision-Making
- Communication

Unit–IV: Accountability and Control

- Legislative Control
- Judicial Control
- Lokayukta and Lokpal

5. Seminar

- Research Paper Presentation
- Discussion on Contemporary Political Issues
- Oral Presentation and Evaluation

REFERENCES

MPOL–101: Western Political Thought – I

1. **Plato** – *The Republic*

2. **Aristotle** – *Politics*
 3. **St. Augustine** – *The City of God*
 4. **Thomas Aquinas** – *Summa Theologica*
 5. **Niccolo Machiavelli** – *The Prince*
 6. **Thomas Hobbes** – *Leviathan*
 7. **John Locke** – *Two Treatises of Government*
 8. **Jean-Jacques Rousseau** – *The Social Contract*
 9. **Jeremy Bentham** – *An Introduction to the Principles of Morals and Legislation*
 10. **J. S. Mill** – *On Liberty*
 11. **George H. Sabine** – *A History of Political Theory*
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MPOL–102: Indian Political Thought – I

1. **Kautilya** – *Arthashastra*
 2. **Manusmriti**
 3. **Ziauddin Barani** – *Fatwa-i-Jahandari*
 4. **Abul Fazl** – *Ain-i-Akbari*
 5. **Raja Ram Mohan Roy** – *Selected Writings*
 6. **Swami Dayanand Saraswati** – *Satyarth Prakash*
 7. **Bal Gangadhar Tilak** – *Gita Rahasya*
 8. **Mahatma Gandhi** – *Hind Swaraj*
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MPOL–103: International Politics – I

1. **Hans J. Morgenthau** – *Politics Among Nations*
 2. **E. H. Carr** – *The Twenty Years' Crisis*
 3. **Kenneth Waltz** – *Man, the State and War*
 4. **United Nations** – *UN Charter*
 5. **V. N. Khanna** – *International Relations*
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MPOL–104: Public Administration – I

1. **Woodrow Wilson** – *The Study of Administration*
2. **Luther Gulick** – *Papers on the Science of Administration*
3. **Herbert A. Simon** – *Administrative Behavior*
4. **M. P. Sharma & B. L. Sadana** – *Public Administration in Theory and Practice*

Year – 1

Semester – II

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				L	T	P				
1	MPOL-201	MJR	Paper I :Western Political Thought – II)	6	0	0	40	60	100	40
2	MPOL-202	MJR	Paper-II: Indian Political Thought-II	6	0	0	40	60	100	40
3	MPOL-203	MJR	Paper-III:International Politics-II	6	0	0	40	60	100	40
4	MPOL-204	MJR	Paper-IV:Theory and Practice of Public Administration-II	6	0	0	40	60	100	40
5	MPOL-205		project	6	0	0		100	100	40
TOTAL MARKS = 500										

1. MPOL–201 (MJR)

Paper–I: Western Political Thought – II

Unit–I: Idealism

- G.W.F. Hegel’s Theory of the State
- T.H. Green’s Ethical Liberalism

Unit–II: Marxism

- Karl Marx’s Historical Materialism
- Theory of Class Struggle
- State and Revolution

Unit–III: Modern Political Thought

- Vladimir Lenin
- Antonio Gramsci
- Mao Tse-tung (Mao Zedong)

Unit–IV: Contemporary Ideologies

- Neo-Liberalism
- Anarchism
- Feminism
- Environmentalism

2. MPOL–202 (MJR)

Paper–II: Indian Political Thought – II

Unit–I: Nationalist Thinkers

- Bal Gangadhar Tilak
- Mahatma Gandhi – Satyagraha and Gram Swaraj
- Jawaharlal Nehru – Socialism

Unit–II: Social Reformers and Philosophers

- B.R. Ambedkar – Theory of Social Justice
- Ram Manohar Lohia
- Jayaprakash Narayan

Unit–III: Contemporary Indian Political Thought

- Secularism
- Socialism
- Democracy and Development

Unit–IV: Basic Features of the Indian Constitution

- Preamble
 - Fundamental Rights and Duties
 - Directive Principles of State Policy
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3. MPOL–203 (MJR)

Paper–III: International Politics – II

Unit–I: Modern Theories of International Relations

- Neo-Realism
- Neo-Liberalism
- Constructivism

Unit–II: Cold War and Post–Cold War Era

- Origin of the Cold War
- Bipolar World Order
- Post–Cold War Politics

Unit–III: Foreign Policy

- Determinants of Foreign Policy
- Principles of India's Foreign Policy
- Non-Aligned Movement (NAM)

Unit–IV: International Organizations and Globalization

- Structure and Functions of the United Nations
- World Trade Organization (WTO)

- Political Dimensions of Globalization
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4. MPOL–204 (MJR)

Paper–IV: Theory and Practice of Public Administration – II

Unit–I: Development of Administrative Theories

- New Public Administration
- Development Administration
- Comparative Public Administration

Unit–II: Financial Administration

- Budget Process
- Financial Control
- Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG)

Unit–III: Personnel Administration

- Public Service Commission
- Recruitment and Training
- Administrative Reforms

Unit–IV: E-Governance and Good Governance

- Concept of E-Governance
 - Transparency and Accountability
 - Right to Information
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5. Project Work

- Selection of Research Topic
- Writing of Research Proposal

- Field Study / Data Collection
- Report Writing and Presentation

REFERENCES

MPOL–201: Western Political Thought – II

1. **G. W. F. Hegel** – *Philosophy of Right*
 2. **Karl Marx** – *Capital (Vol. I)*
 3. **Vladimir Lenin** – *State and Revolution*
 4. **Antonio Gramsci** – *Prison Notebooks*
 5. Andrew Heywood – *Political Ideologies*
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MPOL–202: Indian Political Thought – II

1. **Jawaharlal Nehru** – *Discovery of India*
 2. **B. R. Ambedkar** – *Annihilation of Caste*
 3. **Ram Manohar Lohia** – *Selected Works*
 4. **Jayaprakash Narayan** – *Towards Total Revolution*
 5. D. D. Basu – *Introduction to the Constitution of India*
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MPOL–203: International Politics – II

1. **Kenneth Waltz** – *Theory of International Politics*
 2. Robert Keohane & Joseph Nye – *Power and Interdependence*
 3. John Baylis, Steve Smith & Patricia Owens – *The Globalization of World Politics*
 4. **World Trade Organization** – WTO Agreement
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MPOL–204: Public Administration – II

1. **Dwight Waldo** – *The Administrative State*
 2. Nicholas Henry – *Public Administration and Public Affairs*
 3. **Comptroller and Auditor General of India** – Official Reports
 4. Mohit Bhattacharya – *New Horizons of Public Administration*
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Year – 2

Semester – III

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1	MPOL-301	MJR	Paper-I: Comparative Politics and Institutions-I	6	0	0	40	60	100	40
2	MPOL-302	MJR	Paper-II: Indian Government & Politics (Constitutional Framework)	6	0	0	40	60	100	40
3	MPOL-303	MJR	Paper-I: Modern Indian Political Thought-I	6	0	0	40	60	100	40
4	MPOL-304	MJR	Paper-II: Foundation of Gandhian Thought-I	6	0	0	40	60	100	40
5	MPOL-305		Journalism and Mass communication	6	0	0		100	100	40
							TOTAL MARKS = 500			

1. MPOL–301 (MJR)

Paper–I: Comparative Politics and Institutions – I

Unit–I: Introduction to Comparative Politics

- Meaning, Nature and Scope
- Traditional and Modern Approaches
- Comparative Method

Unit–II: Concept of the State

- Elements of the State
- Sovereignty
- Power and Legitimacy

Unit–III: Systems of Government

- Parliamentary System
- Presidential System
- Semi-Presidential System

Unit–IV: Political Institutions

- Legislature
- Executive
- Judiciary
- Political Parties and Pressure Groups

2. MPOL–302 (MJR)

Paper–II: Indian Government and Politics (Constitutional Framework)

Unit–I: Background of the Indian Constitution

- Constitution-Making Process
- Constituent Assembly of India
- Features of the Constitution

Unit–II: Basic Features of the Constitution

- Preamble
- Fundamental Rights
- Directive Principles of State Policy
- Fundamental Duties

Unit–III: Federal System

- Centre–State Relations
- Legislative, Administrative and Financial Relations
- Emergency Provisions

Unit–IV: Constitutional Institutions

- President
- Prime Minister and Council of Ministers
- Parliament
- Supreme Court
- Election Commission

3. MPOL–303 (MJR)

Paper–III: Modern Indian Political Thought – I

Unit–I: Early Nationalist Thinkers

- Raja Ram Mohan Roy
- Swami Vivekananda
- Dayanand Saraswati

Unit–II: Extremist Nationalism

- Bal Gangadhar Tilak
- Bipin Chandra Pal
- Lala Lajpat Rai

Unit–III: Liberal Thought

- Gopal Krishna Gokhale
- Dadabhai Naoroji

Unit–IV: Concept of Social Justice

- B.R. Ambedkar
 - Jyotiba Phule
 - Periyar E.V. Ramasamy
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4. MPOL–304 (MJR)

Paper–IV: Foundations of Gandhian Thought – I

Unit–I: Gandhi’s Life and Philosophical Background

- Biography of Mahatma Gandhi
- Truth and Non-Violence

Unit–II: Concept of Satyagraha

- Non-Cooperation Movement
- Civil Disobedience Movement
- Individual Satyagraha

Unit–III: Gandhi’s Social Thought

- Abolition of Untouchability
- Gram Swaraj
- Theory of Trusteeship

Unit–IV: Gandhi’s Economic and Political Ideas

- Decentralization
- Concept of Ram Rajya

- Moral Politics
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5. Journalism and Mass Communication

- Concept and Development of Journalism
- Print and Electronic Media
- Media and Democracy
- Public Opinion and Media Ethics

REFERENCES

MPOL–301: Comparative Politics

1. **Gabriel Almond & Powell** – *Comparative Politics*
 2. **Arend Lijphart** – *Patterns of Democracy*
 3. **Ronald Chilcote** – *Theories of Comparative Politics*
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MPOL–302: Indian Government and Politics

1. **Constituent Assembly of India** – Debates (Official Reports)
 2. **D. D. Basu** – *Introduction to the Constitution of India*
 3. **Granville Austin** – *The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation*
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MPOL–303: Modern Indian Political Thought – I

1. **Swami Vivekananda** – Selected Speeches
 2. **Dadabhai Naoroji** – *Poverty and Un-British Rule in India*
 3. **Jyotiba Phule** – *Gulamgiri*
 4. **V. P. Verma** – *Modern Indian Political Thought*
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MPOL–304: Foundations of Gandhian Thought

1. **Mahatma Gandhi** – *My Experiments with Truth*

2. **Hind Swaraj**
3. B. R. Nanda – *Mahatma Gandhi: A Biography*

Year – 2

Semester – IV

Name of Programme: P G- M.A.(POLITICAL SCIENCE)										
Subject/ Discipline: POLITICAL SCIENCE										
Sr no	Subject code	Sub-type	Subject Title	CREDITS = 4			Internal Marks	External Marks	Total Marks	Minimum Passing
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1	MPOL-401	MJR	Paper-I: Contemporary Political Theory	6	0	0	40	60	100	40
2	MPOL-402	MJR	Paper-II : Indian Government & Politics (Practice & Processes)	6	0	0	40	60	100	40
3	MPOL-403	MJR	Paper-I :Modern Indian Political Thought-II	6	0	0	40	60	100	40
4	MPOL-404	MJR	Research Methodology	6	0	0	40	60	100	40
5	MPOL-405		Dissertation	6	0	0		100	100	40
TOTAL MARKS = 500										

1. MPOL–401 (MJR)

Paper–I: Contemporary Political Theory

Unit–I: Contemporary Liberalism

- John Rawls – Theory of Justice
- Robert Nozick – Liberalism
- Communitarianism

Unit–II: Contemporary Forms of Marxism

- Neo-Marxism
- Antonio Gramsci – Theory of Hegemony
- Frankfurt School

Unit–III: Postmodern and Feminist Thought

- Postmodernism
- Feminism (Liberal, Socialist, Radical)
- Environmentalism

Unit–IV: Multiculturalism and Identity Politics

- Multiculturalism
- Identity Politics
- Human Rights Discourse

2. MPOL–402 (MJR)

Paper–II: Indian Government and Politics (Processes and Practices)

Unit–I: Functioning of Indian Democracy

- Electoral System
- Election Commission of India
- Party System

Unit–II: Practical Aspects of Centre–State Relations

- Finance Commission
- Inter-State Council
- Cooperative Federalism

Unit–III: Local Self-Government

- Panchayati Raj System
- Municipal System
- 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments

Unit–IV: Public Policy and Administrative Processes

- Policy-Making Process
 - Implementation of Public Policy
 - Good Governance and Transparency
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3. MPOL–403 (MJR)

Paper–III: Modern Indian Political Thought – II

Unit–I: Concept of Nation-Building

- Jawaharlal Nehru – Democratic Socialism
- B.R. Ambedkar – Constitutional Vision

Unit–II: Socialist and Alternative Thought

- Ram Manohar Lohia
- Jayaprakash Narayan

Unit–III: Contemporary Discourses

- Secularism
- Social Justice
- Regionalism and Caste Politics

Unit–IV: Development and Democracy

- Political Economy of Development
 - Impact of Globalization
 - Civil Society and Social Movements
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4. MPOL–404 (MJR)

Research Methodology

Unit–I: Introduction to Research

- Meaning, Nature and Objectives of Research
- Methods of Political Research

Unit–II: Research Techniques

- Survey Method
- Interview
- Questionnaire Design

Unit–III: Data Analysis

- Qualitative and Quantitative Methods
- Introduction to Statistical Tools

Unit–IV: Research Writing

- References and Bibliography
 - Report Writing
 - Research Ethics
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5. Dissertation

- Selection of Topic and Research Proposal
- Literature Review
- Data Collection and Analysis
- Dissertation Writing
- Viva-Voce Examination

REFERENCES

MPOL–401: Contemporary Political Theory

1. **John Rawls** – *A Theory of Justice*
 2. **Robert Nozick** – *Anarchy, State and Utopia*
 3. **Michael Sandel** – *Liberalism and the Limits of Justice*
 4. Andrew Heywood – *Political Theory*
-

MPOL–402: Indian Government and Politics (Processes)

1. Rajni Kothari – *Politics in India*
 2. Subhash Kashyap – *Our Constitution*
 3. **Election Commission of India** – Official Reports
-

MPOL–403: Modern Indian Political Thought – II

1. **Jawaharlal Nehru** – *Discovery of India*
 2. **B. R. Ambedkar** – Constituent Assembly Speeches
 3. Christophe Jaffrelot – *India's Silent Revolution*
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MPOL–404: Research Methodology

1. **C. R. Kothari** – *Research Methodology*
2. Earl Babbie – *The Practice of Social Research*
3. APA / MLA Handbook (Latest Edition)
4. **University Grants Commission** – Research & Plagiarism Guidelines

