

**FACULTY OF HUMANITIES, SOCIAL SCIENCES AND LIBERAL ARTS**  
**SGT UNIVERSITY GURUGRAM**  
**B.A. (Hons/Hons with Research) – Political Science**

## **1. NATURE AND EXTENT OF THE PROGRAM**

The purpose of the B.A. Programme in Political Science (Hons./ Hons. with Research) is to introduce and assess the conventional as well as contemporary approaches to understand politics with a purpose of practicality and employability. The course familiarizes students with central debates in Indian and Western political theory and develop critical and analytical skills among students and the development of their understanding to some of the key concepts in political practices. In 8 semesters, they will learn Indian Political Thought & Theory, World Politics, Indian Constitution, Government and Politics, Indian Foreign Policy, Public Policy, Comparative Politics, Political Journalism, & Political Behavior.

The B.A. Programme in Political Science aims to provide students with both a conceptual and practical understanding of the discipline, along with its applicability in the real world, thereby enhancing their future employability. The course is curated in such a way that students will explore a wide range of topics within political science, including foundational subjects such as political theory and thought, international relations, comparative politics, public policy, and Indian government and politics. Additionally, unique courses like 'Political Journalism' and 'Political Behaviour' will equip them with specialized skills to meet the multidimensional demands of the job market.

The fourth year of the programme is dedicated to research, enabling students to learn research methodology and undertake their own projects. Along with Discipline-Specific Core (DSC) courses, students will take Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC) each semester to further enrich their knowledge with applicability and employability. These include learning foreign language (German/ Spanish/ French), content writing, SPSS training, CSAT preparation, and field-learning techniques.

Students in the Political Science Programme will have a wide range of option for their Minor courses, Multidisciplinary Courses (MDC), Value Added Courses (VAC), and Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC) courses from a range of university-wide options. Minor courses they can choose from Sociology or International Relations subjects provided in the BA Sociology and BA International Relations programme. Value Added Courses (VAC), Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC), and Multidisciplinary Courses (MDC) courses they can choose from a range of university-wide options. For a four-year program, students need 80 credits in their major, while a three-year program requires 60 credits.

The Learning Outcomes-Based Curriculum Framework (LOCF) is designed to align with contemporary academic and professional requirements, ensuring that students are well-prepared for both higher studies and employment opportunities.

The BA (Hons/ Hons. with Research) in Political Science programme empowers students to explore the politics of state, government and other multi-national actors in domestic as well as international politics, offering Political Theory, Comparative

Politics, Political Journalism and Political Behaviour specialisations, culminating in a research-focused program. Students can have major or minor in the above-explained specialisation. Additionally, students can also have minor specialisations in the courses offered by our Faculty like Sociology, International Relations, and Economics depending on the courses' availability and fulfilling credit requirements of 28 credits. The program is embedded with choice of Generic Electives i.e., outside their core discipline, along with choice-based value-added courses (VAC) and Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC) available on the university basket.

The program offers avenues to the students to enter and exit from certificate, diploma three-year degree, four four-year degree with research and finally, the opportunity to integrate with a one-year master's program as per recommendations of National Education Policy 2020. This program is envisaged to be conducted in accordance with Bloom's Taxonomy pedagogy. The layout of all the courses in the program is structurally designed with three levels of thinking and each course learning outcomes have been mapped with program outcomes.

**The course has been designed as per the National Education Policy guidelines and has some specific features, including:**

1. Students exiting the program after earning 44 credits in Semesters I and II will be awarded a Certificate in Political Science. Exiting after 88 credits, at the end of Semester IV, will earn a Diploma in Political Science. Completion of 132 credits by the end of Semester VI qualifies a student for a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, with the major and minor fields specified. For students who continue through Semester VIII, completion of 176 credits will result in a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (Honours with Research) if a dissertation is completed, or a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (Honours) if not. Both major and minor fields of study will be mentioned, provided the student has earned the required credits in each area
2. Each year's curriculum, with two semesters each, has been designed so that after completion of each level, the student can have a complete set of information with specific academic components.
3. The emphasis on practical training through internship meaningfully designed courses has been given for skill development.

## 2. PROGRAM EDUCATION OBJECTIVES (PEOs)

After completing B.A. (Hons/ Hons. with Research) in Political Science, students will be able to:

PEO No.	Education Objective
PEO1	Help formulate graduate attributes, qualification descriptors, programme learning outcomes and course learning outcomes that are expected to be demonstrated by the holder of an undergraduate degree in Political Science.
PEO2	Enable prospective students, parents, employers and others to understand the nature and level of learning outcomes (knowledge, skills, attitudes and values) or attributes a graduate of the BA Political Science programme should be capable of demonstrating on successful completion of the programme of study.

PEO3	Maintain national standards and international comparability of learning outcomes and academic standards to ensure global competitiveness, and to facilitate student/graduate mobility.
PEO4	Provide higher education institutions with an essential reference point for designing teaching-learning strategies, assessing student learning levels, and reviewing programmes and academic standards periodically.

### 3. GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES

S.N.	Attributes	Description
1	Professional / Disciplinary Knowledge	Capable of demonstrating comprehensive knowledge and understanding of political science as part of the undergraduate program.
2	Practical skills	Empower graduates with transferable research and analytical skills. These skills include data analysis, research design, and critical thinking, preparing them to tackle complex problems across diverse careers in Political Science.
3	Communication Skill	Ability to develop adaptable communication skills. They can tailor their message (written, oral, or visual) to effectively engage diverse audiences, whether presenting research findings to academics, crafting policy briefs for government officials, or explaining complex social science concepts to the public.
4	Cooperation/Teamwork	Ability to work effectively and respectfully with diverse teams; facilitate cooperative or coordinated effort on the part of a group, and act together as a group or a team in the interests of a common cause and work efficiently as a member of a team like in the field of conflict resolution, consulting and decision making.
5	Professional ethics	Ability to develop a solid ethical compass. They gain awareness of ethical dilemmas in the Political Science and a commitment to responsible conduct throughout their careers.
6	Research / Innovation-related Skills	Ability to analyse, interpret and draw conclusions from quantitative/qualitative data and critically evaluate ideas, evidence, and experiences from an open-minded and reasoned perspective.
7	Critical thinking and problem-solving	Capability to apply analytic thought to political science fields; analyse and evaluate evidence, arguments, claims, and beliefs on the basis of empirical evidence; identify relevant assumptions or implications; formulate coherent arguments; critically evaluate practices, policies and theories by following scientific approach to knowledge development.
8	Reflective thinking	Critical sensibility to lived experiences, self-awareness, and reflexivity of self and society.
9	Information/digital literacy	Capability to use ICT in a variety of learning situations, demonstrate ability to access, evaluate, and use a variety of relevant information sources; and use appropriate software for analysis of data for understating issues in the social domain.

10	Multi-cultural competence	Possess knowledge of the values and beliefs of multiple cultures and a global perspective; and capability to effectively engage in a multicultural society and interact respectfully with diverse groups.
11	Leadership readiness/qualities	Capability for mapping out the tasks of a team or an organisation, setting direction, formulating an inspiring vision, building a team that can help achieve the vision, motivating and inspiring team members to engage with that vision, and using management skills to guide people to the right destination, smoothly and efficiently.
12	Lifelong learning	Ability to acquire knowledge and skills, including 'learning how to learn', that are necessary for participating in learning activities throughout life through self-paced and self-directed learning aimed at personal development, meeting economic, social and cultural objectives, and adapting to changing trades and demands of the workplace through knowledge/skill development/reskilling.

#### 4. QUALIFICATION DESCRIPTORS:

- **Systematic knowledge and understanding of an academic field:** Students will gain a broad foundation in Political Science with specialisation in political theory and thought, international relations, comparative politics, public policy, and Indian government and politics. Additionally, unique courses like 'Political Journalism' and 'Political Behaviour'. They will develop a critical understanding of core theories, principles, and current issues within each chosen specialisation.
- **Procedural knowledge for different professions:** The program equips students with transferable skills applicable to various professions in research, government, public service, and non-profit sectors. Specialisation courses will introduce students to the practices and methodologies used by professionals in their chosen field (e.g., political analysis, journalistic research, or study of political behaviour).
- **Skills in areas related to specialisation:** Our Political Journalism & Political Behaviour specialisation equips political science students with the research, analysis, and critical thinking skills needed to understand political behaviour on a global scale. Students explore core concepts in political science – like political theory and thought, international relations, comparative politics, public policy, and Indian government and politics and delve into the political factors driving state and government. Through this unique program, graduates gain expertise for tackling complex challenges in today's interconnected world.
- **Comprehensive knowledge of scholarly materials:** Students will be exposed to current research, scholarly literature, and data analysis methods specific to Political Science. The program equips students to identify and critically evaluate sources in their field.
- **Information gathering and data analysis:** Students will develop skills to identify information needs, collect relevant data (both quantitative and qualitative), and analyse it using appropriate methodologies. Depending on the subject, this could involve analysing political polls, political events, or public policy.

- **Critical thinking and problem solving:** The program emphasises critical assessment of complex issues and ideas within the political sciences. Students will learn to apply their knowledge and understanding of political conflict, comparative politics, and international relations.
- **Communication of research results:** Students will be equipped to communicate their findings effectively, both in writing and orally, using the terminology and concepts specific to their chosen specialisation. This could involve writing research papers, presenting findings at conferences, or creating policy briefs.

## 5. PROGRAM OUTCOMES

PO No.	Attribute	Competency
PO1	<b>Understand Core Concepts and Theories</b>	Demonstrate a thorough understanding of key political concepts, ideologies, institutions, processes, and theories in both national and international contexts.
PO2	<b>Analyze Political Systems and Governance</b>	Critically examine the structure and functioning of governments, public institutions, and political systems at the local, national, and global levels.
PO3	<b>Evaluate Political Ideas and Philosophy</b>	Interpret and assess major political ideologies and philosophical traditions, from classical to contemporary thinkers, and their relevance in current times.
PO4	<b>Apply Research and Analytical Skills</b>	Employ qualitative and quantitative research methods to investigate political phenomena, interpret data, and develop coherent arguments based on evidence.
PO5	<b>Engage with Contemporary Global and National Issues</b>	Analyze pressing political issues such as democracy, human rights, globalisation, public policy, conflict, and development from a multidisciplinary perspective.
PO6	<b>Evidence-based practice/learning</b>	Students will critically evaluate existing research, theories, and empirical evidence to inform their decision-making processes, practice interventions, and policy recommendations. This fosters a commitment to evidence-based approaches in their academic and professional endeavours.
PO7	<b>Participate as Informed and Active Citizens</b>	Cultivate civic responsibility and ethical awareness, preparing students to actively engage in democratic processes, policy-making, and public discourse.
PO8	<b>Prepare for Careers and Higher Education</b>	Acquire the foundational knowledge and transferable skills necessary for careers in public service, law, journalism, education, international relations, and for pursuing postgraduate studies.

## 6. PROGRAM SPECIFIC OUTCOMES

PSO No.	Competency
PSO1	The core papers in the B.A. Political Science syllabus are designed in accordance with the UGC and NEP guideline.

	<p>Key subjects include: Indian Political Thought &amp; Theory, Western Political Thought &amp; Theory, Theories of International Relations, Indian Government &amp; Politics, India's Foreign Policy &amp; International Politics, Making of the Indian Constitution &amp; Its Salient Features, Indian Federalism &amp; Distribution of Power, Comparative Politics &amp; Contemporary Global Concerns, &amp; Changing International Political Order.</p> <p>Under SEC, students will learn Content Writing, Statistical Package for the Social Sciences - <b>SPSS</b> to analyze data and make informed decisions; and Film Making.</p>
PSO2	<p>The fifth semester is dedicated to <b>political journalism</b>, with core subjects such as: Basic Journalism Skills, Media &amp; Political Communication, &amp; Election Journalism. Students will learn: News gathering and reporting, writing styles for different media platforms, Fact-checking and verification, Ethical considerations in journalism, The influence of media on public opinion and political discourse, Investigative journalism, particularly in the context of elections, Opinion poll reporting and election coverage, The role of new media, candidate campaigns, and citizen journalism.</p>
PSO3	<p>The sixth semester focuses on political behavior analysis, with core subjects including: Electoral Behavior, Electoral &amp; Coalition Politics, &amp; Political Psychology. Students will explore: Voting patterns and voter turnout, Factors influencing individual voting decisions, Electoral, coalition, and regional politics, public attitude measurement through surveys and polls, psychological factors shaping political beliefs and behaviors, including identity politics and cognitive biases</p>
PSO4	<p>This programme prepares students to become politically conscious citizens with comprehensive knowledge of: Indian Government &amp; Politics, Public Policies, International Relations</p> <p>This knowledge equips students for political leadership roles by helping them understand the mindset of Indian citizens and the governance framework.</p> <p>Opportunities include: Internships in political parties &amp; political consultancies; Field visits &amp; study tours to government offices and meeting with elected representative of Government of India; Hands on experience in election &amp; political psychology.</p>

## 7. COURSE STRUCTURE: B.A. (Hons./ Hons. with Research) in Political Science

### Specialisation:

DSC - Foundation of Indian Politics, Understanding World Politics, Political Journalism, Political Behavior, Indian Constitution & Public Policy, Comparative International Politics, Research Methodology;

Minor - International Relations/ Sociology/ Economics

**Note:** Students in the Political Science program can select courses from various categories. They may choose Minor, Multidisciplinary Courses (MDC), Value Added Courses (VAC), and Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC) courses from a range of university-wide options. In addition, students select Discipline Specific Core courses

to meet their required major or minor credit requirements. For a four-year program, students need 80 credits in their major, while a three-year program requires 60 credits.

**Note** – L: Lecture Hour/week, T: Tutorial Hour/week, P: Practical Hour/week, C: Credits, IAE: Internal Assessment Examination, ESE: End Semester Examination.

#### SEMESTER – I

Course Code	Course Title	Credit Distribution (Hours/Week)				Marks Distribution		
		L	T	P	C	IAE	ESE	Total
DSC 1	Introduction to Politics and Political Theory	3	1		4	60	40	100
DSC 2	Making of Indian Constitution	3	1		4	60	40	100
Minor	Minor				4	60	40	100
MDC (Multidisciplinary Course)	Foundation Course of Any Foreign Language: German/ Spanish/ French)				3			
AEC- 1	Introduction to English				2			
SEC-1	Content Writing	3			3			50
VAC- 1	Value Added Course				2			
<b>Total</b>					<b>22</b>			

#### SEMESTER – II

Course Code	Course Title	Credit Distribution (Hours/Week)				Marks Distribution		
		L	T	P	C	IAE	ESE	Total
DSC 3	Global Politics: Trends and Issues	3	1		4	60	40	100
DSC 4	Theories on International Relations	3	1		4	60	40	100
Minor	Minor				4	60	40	100
MDC	Advance Course of Any Foreign Language: German/ Spanish/ French)				3			
AEC- 2	Communicative English				2			
SEC-2	SPSS	3			3			50
VAC- 2	Value Added Course				2			
<b>Total</b>					<b>22</b>			

#### SEMESTER – III

Course Code	Course Title	Credit Distribution (Hours/Week)	Marks Distribution
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		<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>IAE</b>	<b>ESE</b>	<b>Total</b>
DSC 5	Indian Government and Politics	3	1		4	60	40	100
DSC 6	Comparative Politics	3	1		4	60	40	100
Minor	Minor				4	60	40	100
MDC					3			
AEC-3	English Language to Literature				2			
SEC – 3	Video Making			3	3			50
IACP	Internship				2			
<b>Total</b>					<b>22</b>			

#### SEMESTER – IV

<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credit Distribution (Hours/Week)</b>				<b>Marks Distribution</b>		
		<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>IAE</b>	<b>ESE</b>	<b>Total</b>
DSC 7	Political Thought: Western and Indian	3	1		4	60	40	100
DSC 8	Contemporary Global Political Order	3	1		4	60	40	100
DSC 9	India's Foreign Policy	3	1		4	60	40	100
Minor	Minor				4	60	40	100
AEC-4	Professional English				2			
VAC- 3	Value Added Course				2			
<b>Total</b>					<b>20</b>			

#### SEMESTER – V

<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credit Distribution (Hours/Week)</b>				<b>Marks Distribution</b>		
		<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>IAE</b>	<b>ESE</b>	<b>Total</b>
DSC 10	Media & Political Communication	3	1		4	60	40	100
DSC 11	Election Journalism	3	1		4	60	40	100
DSC 12	Political Ethics	3	1		4	60	40	100
DSC 13	Public Policy	3	1		4	40	60	100
Minor	Minor				4	60	40	100
IACP	Internship			2	2			50
<b>Total</b>					<b>22</b>			



**SEMESTER – VI**

Course Code		Credit Distribution (Hours/Week)				Marks Distribution		
		L	T	P	C	IAE	ESE	Total
DSC 14	Electoral Behavior	3	1		4	60	40	100
DSC 15	Electoral & Coalition Politics	3	1		4	60	40	100
DSC 16	Political Psychology	3	1		4	60	40	100
DSC 17	Indian Federalism	3	1		4	60	40	100
Minor					4	60	40	100
<b>Total</b>					<b>20</b>			

**SEMESTER – VII**

Course Code	Course Title	Credit Distribution (Hours/Week)				Marks Distribution		
		L	T	P	C	IAE	ESE	Total
DSC 18	What is Social Science Research	3	1		4	60	40	
DSC 19	Literature Review & Citation Techniques	3	1		4	60	40	100
DSC 20	Tools & Techniques of Data Collection	3	1		4	60	40	100
DSC 21	Field Learning Techniques	3	1		4	60	40	100
Minor					4	60	40	100
<b>Total</b>					<b>20</b>			

**SEMESTER – VIII**

Course Code	Course Title	Credit Distribution (Hours/Week)				Marks Distribution		
		L	T	P	C	IAE	ESE	Total
DSC 22	Academic Writing Techniques				4	60	40	100
	Minor				4	60	40	100
	Research/ Dissertation				12			
<b>Total</b>					<b>20</b>			

**Discipline Specific Core (DSC)**

Discipline-specific core courses refer to subjects that form the essential foundation of an academic program or major within a broader discipline. These courses provide students with the core knowledge, skills, and methodologies specific to their chosen field. This includes Foundation of Indian Politics, Understanding World Politics, Political Journalism, Political Behavior, Indian Constitution & Public Policy, Comparative International Politics, Research Methodology.

**Minor**

Minor allow students to delve deeper into their chosen field. Unlike core courses that provide foundational knowledge, Minors enable students to explore specific areas of interest within their major. This includes Sociology, International Relations and Economics.

### **Multidisciplinary Courses (MDS)**

Multidisciplinary Courses is credited and choice-based. The students choose from a pool of MDCs offered by the Faculty under the University. (Reference: University Umbrella Multidisciplinary Courses)

### **Value Added Courses (VAC)**

Value Added Courses is credited and choice-based. The students choose from a pool of VAC offered by the Faculty under the University. (Reference: University Umbrella Value Added Courses)

### **Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course (AEC)**

Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses is credited and choice-based. The students choose from a pool of AEC offered by the Faculty under the University. (Reference: University Umbrella Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course)

### **Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC)**

Skill Enhancement Course is compulsory and it is credited. For the BA Political Science programme, we are offering following SECs aligned with the specialisation of that Semester –Content Writing, SPSS, and Video Making.

### **OVERALL CREDIT DISTRIBUTION TABLE**

SEMESTER	HOURS PER WEEK			Total Credit	Marks Distribution		
	L	T	P		IAE	ESE	Total
SEMESTER – I				22			
SEMESTER – II				22			
SEMESTER – III				22			
SEMESTER – IV				20			
SEMESTER – V				22			
SEMESTER – VI				20			
SEMESTER – VII				20			
SEMESTER – VIII				20			
Total				168			

Note – L: Lecture Hour, T: Tutorial Hour, P: Practical Hour, TC: Total Credits, IAE: Internal Assessment Examination, ESE: End Semester Examination.