FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Syllabus

For

Master in Social Sciences (HS)
(Semester III-IV)

(Under Credit Based Continuous Evaluation Grading System)

Examinations: 2012-13

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A Bachelor’s Degree (10+2+3) or equivalent degree or Post-Graduate Degree of the Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar or any other degree recognized by the Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar as equivalent thereto with not less than 50% marks in the aggregate.

**SCHEME CODE: SSB**

**SCHEME OF COURSE**

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**Note:** Topics for dissertation will be allocated by the Board of Control in the beginning of second semester.
SSL 601 (A): CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL THEORY

Credits: 4-0-0

UNIT-I
Positivist and new-positivist conceptions of Political theory.
Theories of state and its legitimation-classical Liberal, Liberal democrats, classical Marxist Neo Marxist (Poulantzes).

UNIT-II
State and Civil society, concept of Hegemony with reference to Weber and Gramsci.
Theories of democracy: Liberal-Elite, pluralist and participatory, Marxian-people’s Democracy (Lenin) and New Democracy (Mao).

UNIT-III
Contemporary Political Ideologies:
➢ Modernism and Post-modernism;
➢ Ecologism,
➢ Feminism;
➢ Multiculturalism.

Suggested Readings:

3. Stanisalu Andreski, Social Sciences as Sercery.
4. Rajni Kothari, State Against Democracy.
SSL 602 (B): Advance Micro Economics

Credits: 4-0-0

UNIT-I
1. Basics of Economics and Consumer Behavior
Scope and Methods of Economics, Basic questions regarding allocation of resources, Demand and Supply framework (laws of utility, demand and supply), Elasticity of demand and supply, Market Equilibrium: Marshallian and Walrasian approaches to price determination.

UNIT-II
2. Production, Cost and Revenue Functions
Theory of Production and Cost: Returns to factor and scale, Theories of cost: traditional and modern, Revenue curves: TR, AR and MR.
3. Forms of Market
Perfect Competition, Monopoly, Monopolistic, Oligopoly, Monopsony, Bilateral Monopoly.

UNIT-III
4. Factor Pricing
Marginal Productivity Theory, Determination of rent, wages, interests and profit (elementary view).
5. Welfare Economics
Concepts of Welfare: Pigou, Pareto and Bergson Samuelson (Elementary View).
Macroeconomics: Investment function: Marginal Efficiency of Capital (MEC) v/s Marginal efficiency of investment.

Note: Mathematical interpretations of each concept are compulsory.

Suggested Readings:
SSL 603 (A): WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT

Credits: 4-0-0

UNIT-I

Plato - Ideal State: Theory of Justice, Communism, Education.
Aristotle - Organic Theory of State; Classification of States; Theory of Slavery and Property; Theory of Revolution

UNIT-II

Machiavelli - Separation of ethics from Politics, State craft.
Hobbes - Individualism; social contract
J.S. Mill - Revision of utilitarianism; Theory of liberty.

UNIT-III

Hegel - Dialectics, Theory of the State.
Marx - Historical Materialism and Class Struggle; Dialectical materialism; Theory of Surplus value.
Mao-Tse-Tung Theory of Revolution, Democracy.

Suggested Readings:

Master in Social Sciences (Honours School) (Semester – III)
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SSL 604 (B) MACRO-ECONOMICS: THEORY AND PRACTICE

Credits: 4-0-0

UNIT-I
1. Basics of National Income
National Income identities, measures and methods of national income, Social Accounting methods.

2. Classical and Keynes Ideologies
Classical and Keynes Approaches (Commodity, Labour, Money and Bond Markets), Theory of effective demand, wage price flexibility, Keynes consumption function and Psychological law, derivation of saving function from consumption function.

UNIT-II
3. Multiplier/Accelerator Theories and Business Cycles
Types of Multipliers: Employment Multiplier, Derivation of Investment multiplier, Balanced Budget Multiplier and Foreign Trade multiplier using Keynes two sectors, three sectors and four sectors economy, respectively. Accelerator principle.
Business Cycle: Phases of Business cycle and Samuelson, Hicks and Kaldor models.

UNIT-III
4. IS-LM Framework
Introduction to IS-LM, situation of IS-LM and equilibrium in product and money markets, Movement along and shift in IS-LM curves. Effectiveness of monetary and fiscal policies through IS-LM framework.

5. Inflation
Types of inflation, causes of inflation, policy instruments to control inflation, Phillip curve, debate over the existence of Phillip curve.

Suggested Readings:
SSL 605 (A): INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION: THEORY AND PRACTICE
Credits: 4-0-0

UNIT-I
Theoretical Perspective:
(a) Meaning, nature and setting of International organization: basic assumptions.
(b) Basis of International Organizations; Nation-State System, international intercourse and cooperation, International Politics and International Law.

Evolution of International Organization:
(a) International Organizations up to the end of 19th century.
(b) The League Experiment: A general review of the organization.
(c) The origin of the UN.

UNIT-II
The United Nations and Its Organs:
(a) The purpose and principles of the U.N.
(b) The General Assembly.
(c) The Security Council.
(d) The Economic and Social Council.
(e) The Trusteeship System.
(f) The International Court of Justice.
(g) The Secretariat.

Constitutional and Legal issues in the U.N.
(a) Economic and Social Cooperation in the U.N.
(b) Decision Making in the U.N.
(c) The Changing Role of the U.N. Secretary General
(d) The UN and International Law.
(e) The UN and Human Rights.
(f) Revision of the UN Charter.

UNIT-III
Functional Co-operation, Maintenance of International Peace and Security and contemporary role of the UN:
(a) Role of the Specialized Agencies: ILO, WHO, UNESCO and FAO
(b) Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes and the UN in the New World Order
(c) Collective Security and the UN.
(d) The UN Peace Keeping.
(e) The UN and Disarmament.
(f) Achievements and Limitations of the UN.
(g) Changing Role of the U.N. in the 21st Century.
Suggested Readings:

UNIT-I

UNIT-II

UNIT-III

Suggested Readings:
5. Ghatak, S. : An Introduction to Development Economics.
10. Dension, E.P. : Why Growth Rates Differ?
Master in Social Sciences (Honours School) (Semester – III)
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SSL 607 (A) INTERNATIONAL LAW

Credits: 4-0-0

UNIT-I
Meaning, Nature, Scope, Subjects and Basis of International Law
Recognition of States and Governments
State Succession
State Jurisdiction Over its Territory, Air Space and Outer Space

UNIT-II
Legal Order Related to Sea; Open Sea, Maritime Belt, Continental Self, Contiguous Zone and Exclusive Economic Zone
State Responsibility
Relationship between State and Individuals in International Legal Order: Nationality, Extradition, Rendition, Asylum and Rights and Duties of States with regard to Aliens/Foreigners

UNIT-III
International Economic and Monetary Legal Order
Agents of International Business: Diplomatic Envoys and Consuls
International Legal Framework on Environment
Treaties

Suggested Readings:


Journals:

1. American Journal of International Law
2. British Year Book of International Law
SSL 608 (B)  MATHEMATICS FOR ECONOMICS

Credits: 4-0-0

UNIT-I

UNIT-II

UNIT-III

Suggested Readings:
MASTER IN SOCIAL SCIENCES (HONOURS SCHOOL) (SEMESTER – III)
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SSL 609 (A) RESEARCH METHODS IN SOCIAL SCIENCES

Credits: 4-0-0

UNIT-I

- Theories of knowledge: Rationalism, Empiricism, and Postivism. Kuhn’s paradigm of knowledge, Popper’s principle of falsification.
- Nature of scientific research, major steps involved in the conduct of scientific research. Role of induction and deduction in the conduct of scientific inquiry. Micro and Macro Research.

UNIT-II

- Research design. Quantification: uses and limitations, Reliability and validity. Explanation and prediction; sampling techniques.

UNIT-III


Suggested Readings:
5. Dawson, Catherine (2003), Practical Research Methods, New Delhi, UBS Publishers.
9. Dyke, Vernon, Van (1960), Political Science: A Philosophical Analysis, California, Stanford University Press.
15. Guy, Rebecca F., et. al (1987), Social Research Methods, Puzzles and Solutions, Massachusetts, Allyn and Bacon Inc.
36. Www. Socialresearchmethods.net
37. Young, P.V. (1984), Scientific Social Survey and Research, New Delhi, Prentice Hall.
SSL 610 (B) RESEARCH METHODOLOGY FOR ECONOMICS

Credits: 4-0-0

UNIT-I
1. *Introductory Econometrics*


UNIT-II
2. *Multivariate Models*


3. *Problems of Regression*

Hetroscedasticity, Autocorrelation and Multicollinearity: Problem, Consequences, Methods to Detect and Methods to Solve.

UNIT-III
4. *Simultaneous Equations Modeling*

Simultaneous Equation Models (SEMs): Concept and Problem of Identification, Methods of Identification. Solution of SEMs: Methods of ILS, 2SLS and 3SLS

Suggested Readings:
SSL614 (A): GEO POLITICS AND SECURITY IN SOUTH ASIA

Credits: 4-0-0

UNIT-I

Geo-political structure and geo-strategic significance of South Asia.
Theories and Approaches to the study of Security.
Regional & extra-regional threats in South Asia.

UNIT-II

Defense policies of South Asian states with special reference to India and Pakistan.
Ethnic conflicts, separatism, insurgency and terrorism in South Asia – Causes and Responses.

UNIT-III

Political, economic and security co-operation in South Asia with particular reference to SAARC.
Nuclear and missiles proliferation in South Asia
Narco-terrorism and small arms proliferation in South Asia.

Suggested Readings:
1. Agwani, M.S, South Asian, stability and Regional Cooperation
SSL615 (B): INDUSTRIAL ECONOMICS

Credits: 4-0-0

UNIT-I


UNIT-II


4. Industrial Productivity: Concept and measurement, Capacity utilization – concept and measurement.

UNIT-III

5. Industrial structure and economic development, MNC’s and transfer of technology, Public policy and industrialization, Privatization – concept, scope and relevance (in Indian context also).

Suggested Readings:

SSL616 (A): INDIA’S FOREIGN-ECONOMIC RELATIONS

Credits: 4-0-0

UNIT-I
Economic Diplomacy and its significant for foreign policy.
India and its Neighbours
India, SAARC, and Prospects of Economic Integration in South Asia.
India’s Look-East Policy.

UNIT-II
India’s West-Asia Policy
India and Central Asia
India and the European Union
India and IBSA

UNIT-III
India and major powers: USA, Russia, China and Japan.
India and the International Trading and Financial System: WTO, IMF & WB
Oil and Nuclear Diplomacy for India’s Energy Security.
India and Multilateral Institutions : The United Nations and Non-Aligned Movement

Suggested Readings:
4. Dutt, V.P., India’s Foreign Policy, New Delhi: Vikas, 1984.
5. Dutt, V.P., India’s Foreign Policy in the Changing World, New Delhi, Vikas, 1998
7. Foreign Services Institute, Indian Foreign Policy: Challenges and Opportunities, Academic Foundation, New Delhi.Chopra, Surendra(Ed.,) Studies in India’s Foreign Policy, Amritsar: Guru Nanak Dev University, 1980.]
8. Gansalves, Eric and Jetely, Nancy (Ed.), The Dynamics of South Asia: Regional Cooperation and SAARC, New Delhi: Sage, 1999.]
SSL617 (B): INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS

Credits: 4-0-0

UNIT-I

UNIT-II
Balance of Payments : Meaning, concept, equilibrium and disequilibrium in balance of payments, methods of correcting fundamental disequilibrium in the balance of payments. Devaluation and revaluation, elasticity, absorption and monetary appoach to balance of payments.

UNIT-III
Exchange Rates : Determination of exchange rates, purchasing power parity, the concept of equilibrium exchange rate, fixed, flexible and managed floating exchange rates.

International Monetary System: Problems of International liquidity, I.M.F. special Drawing rights (SDR’s); Breakdown of the Bretton wood system, the present International Monetary system.

Suggested Readings:
SSL618 (A): INDIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT

Credits: 4-0-0

UNIT-I

Manu - Theory of Law; Dandaniti.
Kautilya - Theory of State Craft.

UNIT-II

Aurbindo Ghosh - His Life and Times
M.N.Roy - New Humanism
M.K.Gandhi - Religion & Politics; Satyagraha; Trusteeship.

UNIT-III

Ambedkar - Political liberty & Socio-economic equality; Safeguards for minorities.
Jawaharlal Nehru - Socialism and Internationalism
Jai Parkash Narayan - Party less democracy

Suggested Readings:

UNIT-I

Agricultural Economics: Meaning, scope and role in economics development; changing importance of agriculture in the process of Economics development; characteristics of subsistence agriculture. Schultz’s prescription of transforming traditional agriculture; Interface between agriculture and industry.

Institutional Structure: Relationship between institutional structure and agricultural development; Land reforms - nature, progress and assessment; Nature of emerging agrarian structure, farm size and Productivity in Indian agriculture; Agricultural finance and credit. Problem of rural indebtedness.

UNIT-II

New agricultural technology and its impact on production, employment and income distribution; Growth and Productivity trends in Indian agriculture; Spatial pattern of agricultural development in India; New technology and labour absorption in Indian agriculture.

UNIT-III

Price Instability in Agriculture: Methods to stabilize income and prices in agriculture; Acreage and output response to prices in agriculture. Agricultural price policy in India -instruments and assessment; Agricultural marketing in India; public Distribution system (PDS)

Agricultural Taxation: Inter-sectoral terms of trade; Agricultural subsidies - nature, trends and distributional implications; WTO and Indian agriculture.

Suggested Readings:

8. Chaudhari, Pramit Readings in Indian Agriculture Development.
SSL620 (A): ISSUES AND TRENDS IN STATE POLITICS

Credits: 4-0-0

UNIT-I
Theoretical Framework for the study of State Politics: Perspective for Rajni Kothari, Myron Weiner and Iqbal Narain.
Patterns of State Politics in India.
Socio Economic basis of State Politics.

UNIT-II
Socio-cultural determinants of State Politics

UNIT-III
Dynamics of Federalism in India: An Overview
   a) Working of the federal arrangements since 1967.
   b) State of Federal Polity today: Areas of tension and conflict.
   d) Dalit Movements in State politics: Maharashtra and UP;
   e) Problems of tribal’s and state politics in the north-east Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar.

Suggested Readings:
Master in Social Sciences (Honours School) (Semester – IV)  
(Under Credit Based Continuous Evaluation Grading System)  

**SSL621 (B): ECONOMETRICS AND FORECASTING**

**Credits: 4-0-0**

**UNIT-I**
1. **Dynamic Econometric Model:** Autoregressive and distributed lag models - Koyck model, partial adjustment model, adaptive expectations; Instrumental variables; Almon approach to distributed-lag model: Error correlation mechanism, casualty test, Granger test and Sim's test.
2. **Generalized least-square Method:** Estimation; properties of GLS estimators; pooling of cross-sectional and time series data.

**UNIT-II**
3. **Time Series Analysis:** Stationary time series and their properties; Time series forecasting methods: based on single equation model, simultaneous equations model, moving averages, exponential smoothing; Unit roots, co-integration-squurious regression, tests of stationarity; Random walk model, Forecasting with ARIMA modelling; Box-Jenkins methodology. Vector autoregression; Problems with VAR modelling-applications.

**UNIT-III**

**Suggested Readings:**

UNIT-I
Comparative Politics: Nature and major approaches; political economy and political sociology perspectives; limitations of the comparative method.
State in comparative perspective: Characteristics and changing nature of the state in capitalist and socialist economies, and, advanced industrial and developing societies.

UNIT-II
Classification of Political systems: Democratic and Authoritarian, characteristics of political system in the third world.
Typologies of constitutions; Basic features of these constitutions & governments: including U.K., USA, France, Germany, China, and South Africa.

UNIT-III
Politics of Representation and Participation: Political practices, pressure groups and social movements in advanced industrial and developing societies (Political Parties in the third world, Patterns of coalition politics).
Globalization: Responses from developed and developing societies.

Suggested Readings:
5. J.C. Joheri, Comparative Politics, 1999, New Delhi, Sterling Publication.

11. Almond and Verba (Eds.), *The Civil Culture* (Boston: Little Brown, 1965); also, the recent revised edition, The Civic Culture Revisited (Boston: Little Brown, 1980.)


UNIT-I

Operations Research: Definition, scope and limitations; linear programming, sensitivity analysis, Parametric programming, Transport model.

UNIT-II

Project scheduling by PERT and CPM, Game Theory: Competitive games, pure strategy, by Dominance, mixed strategy (2x2, 2xn, mx2). Two persons zero sum game, ‘n’ persons zero sum game, solution of game problem with linear programming.

UNIT-III

Queuing models: characteristics, single channel queuing models: (M/M/1) (FCFS/∞/∞), (M/M/1): (STRO/∞/∞), (M/M/1): (FCFS/N/∞), (M/M/1): (FCFS/n/N) Multichannel queuing model: (M/M/C), (FCFS/∞/∞).
Inventory models with deterministic and probabilistic demand.

Suggested Readings: