FACULTY OF ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES

SYLLABUS

FOR

Pre Ph.D. Course in
POLITICAL SCIENCE
(Credit Based Evaluation and Grading System)
(SEMESTER: I-II)

Examinations: 2019-20

GURU NANAK DEV UNIVERSITY
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The programme has been divided into two Semesters. Course: PSL 901 and Course: PSL 902 to be taught in Semester I (July-December) and for Semester II (January – June) any two courses to be selected from Course: PSL 903, Course: PSL 904 and Course: PSL 905. The candidates are to opt for fifth course from the allied subjects.

**Semester I**

Course: PSL 901 : Methods and Techniques of Social Science Research

Course: PSL 902 : Civil Society Thinkers

**Semester II:**

*Any two to be selected from the following:*

Course PSL 903 : International Politics

Course PSL 904 : State Politics with special reference to Punjab

Course PSL 905 : Working of the Indian Political System
PRE-PH.D COURSE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (SEMESTER-I)  
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SEMESTER-I  

Course: PSL-901  

Methods and Techniques of Social Science Research  

Credits  3-0-0  

Time: 3Hrs.  

Total: 100 Marks  
Mid Semester: 20 Marks  
End Semester: 80 Marks  

Mid Semester Examination: 20% weightage  
End Semester Examination: 80% weightage  

Instructions for the Paper Setters:  
Eight questions of equal marks (Specified in the syllabus) are to be set, two in each of the four Sections (A-D). Questions may be subdivided into parts (not exceeding four). Candidates are required to attempt five questions, selecting at least one question from each Section. The fifth question may be attempted from any Section.  

Section - A  
1. Nature of scientific research and its major steps. Induction and Deduction as a process of scientific research; Question of subjectivity in social research.  
2. Selection and Formulation of a research problem. Theory as a guide to the research process.  
3. Concept, Hypothesis and Theory Building.  

Section - B  
4. Research Design; Making of research design on a problem related to Survey, Field and Documentary studies and Content Analysis.  
6. Sampling and Sampling techniques  

Section - C  
7. Methods and Techniques of Data Collection.  
   a. Document Analysis  
   b. Field Study: Observation  
   c. Survey Research: Questionnaire and Interview.  

Section - D  
8. Analysis and interpretation of data  
9. Writing of the Research Report  
10. Writing of Notes, References and Bibliography
Suggested Readings

38. Www. Socialresearchmethods.net
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Course: PSL 902  
Civil Society Thinkers  

Credit 3-0-0  

Time: 3 Hrs.  
Total: 100 Marks  
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End Semester: 80 Marks  
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Section – A  
Hobbes, Locke,  
Benthan, J.S.Mill  

Section - B  

Section – C  
Hegel, Marx  

Section – D  
Marx, Gramsci  

Suggested Readings  

   Press, New Delhi.  

   New Delhi  


   Cambridge University Press, Cambridge  

5. Bhargava, Rajiv and Reifeld, Helmut (2005) (ed.), Civil Society, Public Sphere and  
   Citizenship: Dialogues and Perceptions, Sage, New Delhi


PRE-PH.D COURSE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (SEMESTERII)
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Course: PSL 903
International Politics

Credits 3-0-0

Time: 3Hrs. Total: 100 Marks
Mid Semester: 20 Marks
End Semester: 80 Marks

Mid Semester Examination: 20% weightage
End Semester Examination: 80% weightage

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Section – A
3. Marxist and Dependency perspectives on International Politics.

Section - B
4. Emergence of Central Asia and Re-emergence of South–Asia in Global Politics.
5. Nuclear Proliferation: Problems of Nuclear Arms Control; International Nuclear Regime, the politics of near-nuclear countries.
6. Terrorism and Its Impact on global politics.

Section - C
7. Politics of Sustainable Development; Measures Adopted for Protecting Environment.
8. Political Economy of International Relations with focus on WTO.

Section – D
9. Ethno-nationalism in International Politics
10. Nature of Conflict in Post Soviet Era
11. From Security to Political Economy: Liberalism, Mercantilism & Globalisation
Suggested Readings

PRE-PH.D COURSE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (SEMESTER-II)
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PSL- 904
State Politics with Special Reference to Punjab

Credits 3-0-0

Time: 3Hrs.                                                                                                         Total: 100 Marks
Mid Semester: 20 Marks
End Semester: 80 Marks

Mid Semester Examination: 20% weightage
End Semester Examination: 80% weightage

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Section - A
1. Theoretical Framework for the Study of State Politics in India (Myron Weiner and Iqbal Narain)
2. Ten Theses of State Politics in India (Yogendra Yadav and Suhas Palshiker)

Section - B
3. Issues of State Autonomy with Special Reference to Punjab; Akali Dal’s Memorandum to Sarkaria Commission

Section - C
5. Terrorism in Punjab: Explanation of its Rise and Impact on Social Structures.
6. Problems of Drugs and Its Consequences.

Section – D
7. Dynamics of Electoral Politics Since 1967
8. Contemporary Issues in Politics: (Farmer's Movements and Suicides, Political Vendetta)
Suggested Readings


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SEMESTER-II

PSL-905

Working of the Indian Political System

Credit  3-0-0

Time: 3Hrs.  
Total: 100 Marks
Mid Semester: 20 Marks
End Semester: 80 Marks

Mid Semester Examination: 20% weightage
End Semester Examination: 80% weightage

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Section- A

Textual Study of the following works:

2. Atul Kohli, India’s Democracy and Democracy and Discontent in India.

Section -B

4. Various dimensions of Regionalism and Communalism and Rising demand for new states.

Section -C

5. Coalition Politics at the Centre since 1996.
6. Changing Nature of Parties and Party System

Section –D

7. Centre- State Relations: Tension Areas, Sarkaia Commission and NCRWC
8. State Government: Governor and Chief Minister
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Texts for Study


Suggested Readings

32. _Sarkaria Commission Report_, Part – I & II.