

Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE)

Jamia Millia Islamia

New Delhi – 110025

PROGRAMME PROJECT REPORT

MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.) POLITICAL SCIENCE

1. Programme's Mission and Objectives

Mission:

The mission of the M.A. Political Science Programme offered by the Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE), Jamia Millia Islamia, is to provide quality higher education in Political Science through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) and Online modes. The programme seeks to develop an advanced understanding of political ideas, institutions, governance processes, public policy, international relations, and contemporary political developments, while promoting critical inquiry, democratic values, social responsibility, and academic excellence through a structured, rigorous 2-year syllabus.

Objectives:

- To provide advanced knowledge of political theories, political institutions, public administration, governance, and international relations.
- To develop critical thinking, analytical reasoning, and research skills for understanding political phenomena.
- To familiarise learners with constitutional values, democratic processes, public policies, and governance structures.
- To equip learners with conceptual and methodological tools for political and social research.
- To promote awareness of national, regional, and global political issues.
- To prepare learners for careers in academics, public administration, policy analysis, media, civil services, research organisations, and international institutions.
- To encourage informed citizenship, ethical leadership, and commitment to democratic values.

2. Relevance of Programme with HEI Mission and Goals

The M.A. Political Science Programme aligns with and positions itself in line with the vision and mission of Jamia Millia Islamia, which emphasise inclusive education, social responsibility, academic excellence, and national development.

- The programme provides opportunities for higher education to learners who cannot access conventional classroom-based education.
- It supports the University's commitment to equity, accessibility, and learning through ODL and Online modes.
- It promotes critical understanding of democracy, governance, constitutionalism, human rights, and international cooperation.
- It contributes to capacity building in public affairs, policy-making, and governance.
- It enhances employability and academic progression through interdisciplinary and research-oriented learning.

3. Nature of Prospective Target Group of Learners

The programme is designed for a diverse group of learners, including:

- Graduates seeking advanced education in Political Science and related disciplines.
- Working professionals in government, public administration, education, media, development organisations, and civil society.
- Aspirants preparing for Civil Services, State Services, UGC-NET, and other competitive examinations.
- Researchers and academicians seeking advanced disciplinary knowledge.
- Learners from rural and urban areas requiring flexible learning opportunities.
- Women learners and individuals unable to pursue regular higher education due to personal or professional commitments.
- Lifelong learners interested in political processes, governance, public policy, and international affairs.

4. Appropriateness of Programme for ODL/Online Mode

The M.A. Political Science Programme is highly suitable for delivery through ODL and Online modes because of its conceptual, analytical, and research-oriented nature.

- Political Science subjects can be effectively delivered through self-learning materials, online lectures, webinars, and digital resources.
- Flexible learning enables students to balance education with professional and personal responsibilities.
- Learning Management Systems (LMS) facilitate interaction, discussions, assignments, and academic support.

- The programme promotes independent learning, critical analysis, and research-based understanding.
- Continuous assessment and project work support learner engagement and academic achievement.
- Digital learning resources provide access to contemporary political debates, policy discussions, and global developments.

5. Instructional Design

The instructional design of the programme includes:

- Self-Learning Materials (SLMs) developed according to UGC-DEB guidelines.
- Course content organised into blocks and units for systematic learning.
- Online and offline learner support services.
- Academic counselling sessions through offline mode and digital platforms.
- Learning Management System (LMS)-based teaching-learning activities.
- Assignments, discussions, presentations, and project work.
- Multimedia resources including recorded lectures, e-content, and digital readings.
- Continuous internal assessment and semester-end examinations.
- Research-based learning through a Project Report and Viva Voce in the final semester.

6. Programme Structure

The programme is a two-year postgraduate degree consisting of four semesters with a total of twenty courses, including core, choice-based, ability enhancement, skill enhancement, and project components.

Semester - I

Program Code	Programme Title	Credits	Evaluation Scheme		
			Theory	Assignment	Total
DMPS-101	Political Theory	4	75	25	100

DMPS-102	Western Political Thought -I	4	75	25	100
DMPS-103	Comparative Politics	4	75	25	100
DMPS-104	International Politics: Concepts and Theories	4	75	25	100
DMPSX-105 (Choice-Based)	Foreign Policies of Major Powers	4	75	25	100
		20	375	125	500

Semester - II

Program Code	Programme Title	Credits	Evaluation Scheme		
			Theory	Assignment	Total
DMPS-201	Western Political Thought -I	4	75	25	100
DMPS-202	Indian Political System: Constitution and Institution	4	75	25	100
DMPS-203	International Politics: Themes and Issues	4	75	25	100
DMPS-204	India's Foreign Policy	4	75	25	100
DMPSX-205 (Choice-Based)	Indian Political Thought	4	75	25	100
		20	375	125	500

Semester - III

Program Code	Programme Title	Credits	Evaluation Scheme		
			Theory	Assignment	Total
DMPS-301	Public Administration and Governance: Concepts and Theories	4	75	25	100
DMPS-302	Human Rights: Philosophical and Historical Foundations	4	75	25	100
DMPS-303	International Organization	4	75	25	100
DMPSX-3.1 (Choice Based)	State Politics in India	4	75	25	100
DMPSX-3.2 (Ability Enhancement)	Research Methodology	4	75	25	100
		20	375	125	500

Semester - IV

Program Code	Programme Title	Credits	Evaluation Scheme		
			Theory	Assignment	Total
DMPS-405	Political Development in South Asia	4	75	25	100
DMPS-406	Political Development in West Asia	4	75	25	100
DMPSX-401 (Choice Based)	Government and Politics in Sub-Saharan Africa	4	75	25	100
DMPS-403 (Skill Enhancement)	Global Political Economy and Governance	4	75	25	100
DMPAS-409	Project and Viva Voce	4	75 (Project Report)	25 (Viva Voce)	100
		20	375	125	500

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Curriculum Transaction:

- Delivered through LMS, printed materials, and online sessions
- Academic calendar for structured learning
- Regular interaction between learners and faculty

7. Evaluation System:

- Internal Assessment: Assignments, quizzes, projects
- University Examination (UE)
- Practical/project evaluation where applicable
- Grading system as per university norms

8. Institutional Support and Library Resources

- CDOE library (journals, books, case studies)
- Study materials in print and digital formats

9. Cost Estimate of the Programme

The financial structure of the programme includes:

- Curriculum and content development cost
- LMS development and maintenance cost
- Faculty and academic counsellor remuneration
- Student support service cost
- Examination and evaluation cost
- Administrative and operational expenses

10. The programme is designed to remain cost-effective while ensuring high-quality education delivery.

1 st Year	2 nd Year
Rs 11000	Rs 1100

11. Quality Assurance Mechanism and Expected Programme Outcomes

Quality Assurance Mechanism:

- Monitoring by Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)
- Regular curriculum review and updates
- Feedback from learners, faculty, and industry experts
- Continuous improvement of learning materials and delivery methods
- Compliance with UGC-DEB regulations

12. Expected Programme Outcomes:

After completion, learners will be able to:

- Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of political theories, institutions, governance systems, public administration, and international relations.
- Apply critical thinking, analytical reasoning, and research skills to examine political, social, and public policy issues at national and global levels.
- Exhibit leadership, ethical awareness, and informed citizenship while engaging with democratic processes and public affairs.
- Communicate effectively and present political arguments, research findings, and policy analyses in academic, professional, and public settings.
- Adapt to evolving political, social, and global developments and contribute meaningfully to careers in public service, research, academia, media, civil society, and international organizations.