



**Dept of Political Science  
The University of Burdwan**

**SYLLABUS OF MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY(MPHIL)  
PROGRAMME IN POLITICAL SCIENCE(effective from session  
2017-2019, as per New Regulations of B.U./2016)**

**MPHIL 1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR(COURSEWORK)**

**SEMESTER-I**

**COURSE CODE-MPHILPOL 101 (COMPULSORY PAPER)**

**COURSE TITLE-RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

**FULL MARKS-50 CREDIT VALUE-4**

- 1. Theoretical foundations of Research: A brief outline of Positivism. Post-Positivism, Empiricism and their critiques.**
- 2. Methodology of Research: Varieties and their significance**
- 3. Vocabulary of Research: Concept, Variable, Proposition, Hypothesis, Causality, Theory**
- 4. Components of Research Design: Problemation, Hypothesis formulation, Data collection, and testing of hypothesis-validity and reliability of procedures**
- 5. Major methods and techniques of Data Collection: Survey method, Observation and Questionnaire, Participant Observation and Interview, Sampling, Study of official records, Content analysis and Case study**
- 6. Data processing, Data Analysis, Basic statistical tools and techniques, Report writing**
- 7. Internet and electronic resources as research tools.**

**COURSE CODE-MPHILPOL 102(COMPULSORY PAPER)  
COURSE TITLE-DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE IN INDIA  
FULL MARKS-50 CREDIT VALUE-4**

- 1. Governance, Democratic Governance and accountability**
- 2. Policy formulation: The Institutions and processes of Political Governance-Parliamentary Mechanisms and Decentralized Democracy**
- 3. Administrative Governance: The Challenges of Policy Implementation-Transparency, Accountability, and Redressal of Citizen's Grievances-Right to Information Act 2005.**
- 4. The role and influence of Non-State Actors in Policy Making and Administrative Governance-NGOs, Pressure Groups and Media.**
- 5. Social diversity and the question of Discrimination in policy –making and Administrative Governance**
- 6. Changing Paradigms of Governance-From the Administrative Welfare State to Neo-Liberal state.**
- 7. New Local Governance: Changing contours**
- 8. Public policy in practice: Public Health, Education and Environment**

**COURSE CODE-MPHILPOL 103(TERM PAPER AND RELATED SEMINAR PRESENTATION)  
FULL MARKS-50(25+25) CREDIT VALUE-4**

**MPHIL 1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR(COURSEWORK)**

**SEMESTER-II**

**(Candidates are to choose any two optional papers )**

**(Term Paper and Seminar Presentation is compulsory)**

**COURSE CODE-MPHILPOL 201 (OPTIONAL PAPER)**

**COURSE TITLE-MODERN INDIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT: ONGOING DEBATES**

**FULL MARKS-50 CREDIT VALUE-4**

**1. Rammohan Roy**

**2. Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay.**

**3. Rabindranath Tagore**

**4. Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi**

**5. Syed Ahmed Khan and Mohammad Ali Jinnah**

**6.Damodar Vinayak Savarkar and Golwalkar**

**7.B.R Ambedkar**

**8.Jawaharlal Nehru**

**9. M.N. Roy**

**COURSE CODE-MPHILPOL 202 (OPTIONAL PAPER)**

**COURSE TITLE-INDIA AND THE WORLD  
FULL MARKS-50 CREDIT VALUE-4**

- 1. The World at India's Independence: security related and economic implications, India and non-alignment.**
- 2. India in a nuclearizing world.**
- 3. India and the major powers.**
- 4. India and global terrorism.**
- 5. India and the United Nations.**
- 6. India and Human Rights at the global level.**
- 7. India and global environmental politics.**
- 8. India and the contemporary international political economy.**

**COURSE CODE-MPHILPOL 203 (OPTIONAL PAPER)**

**COURSE TITLE-HUMAN RIGHTS-THEORY AND PRACTICE(with special reference to India)**

**FULL MARKS-50 CREDIT VALUE-4**

**1. Introduction: Definition and scope of the study of politics of human rights.**

**2. Contending issues of Human Rights; torture, death penalty, censorship, slavery, apartheid and genocide**

**3.Documentary history of Human Rights; from Magna Carta(1215) to Vienna Conference(1993) and Bangkok Declaration(1993)**

**4. Theoretical approaches to Human Rights-universalism and cultural relativism, Individual vs Collective rights, modernity and post-modernity, democratization and human rights.**

**5. Indian Constitution and Human Rights-scope and ongoing debates.**

**6.Violation of Human Rights and Human Rights Movements in India**

**7.Protection of Human Rights in India: Judiciary, Human Rights Commissions, Decentralization and Human Rights.**

**COURSE CODE-MPHILPOL 204 (OPTIONAL PAPER)**

**COURSE TITLE-POST-MODERNISM, POST-STRUCTURALISM AND POST-COLONIALISM IN SOCIAL SCIENCE  
FULL MARKS-50 CREDIT VALUE-4**

**1. Enlightenment and Modernity: Basic features; From Modernism to Post-Modernism**

**2. Post-modernism and Post-structuralism: Lyotard, Foucault and Derrida.**

**3. Post-Feminism: Butler and Kristeva**

**4. Post-Colonialism: Frantz Fanon, Edward Said, Homi Bhabha**

**5. The 'Post-Condition' and its critics: Eagleton, Chatterjee, Kaviraj and Ahmed**

**COURSE CODE-MPHILPOL 205(TERM PAPER AND RELATED SEMINAR PRESENTATION)  
FULL MARKS-50(25+25) CREDIT VALUE-4**

## **MPHIL 2nd YEAR**

**SEMESTER-III& IV**

**MPHILPOL-301**

**DISSERTATION -150 MARKS -12 CREDITS  
VIVA-VOCE -50 MARKS- 4 CREDITS**