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COURSE WORK: M.PHIL / PH.D PROGRAMME
POLITICAL SCIENCE

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1	**Theory and Methods of Research in Social Sciences**		Research Methodology	
	UNIT 01: Philosophical Framework and Methodological Issues in Social Sciences		Research Methodology	6
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PAPER 01: THEORY AND METHODS OF RESEARCH IN POLITICAL SCIENCES

UNIT 01: Philosophical Framework and Methodological Issues in Social Sciences

Contents of the Unit

- Traditionalist Approach to Social Inquiry
- Structure of Scientific revolution
- Application of Scientific Methods in Social Sciences
- Advantages and Limitations of Empiricism
- Concept Formation and Theory Building
- Probability, Causation and Validation
- Structuralism and Post Structuralism
- Reading Text: Narratives and Meta Narratives
- Ethnographic Methodology

UNIT 02: Framework and Techniques of Research

Contents of the Unit

- Identification of Problems and Research Designing
- Formulation and testing of Hypothesis
- Data Generation Techniques
    - Use of Available Data
    - Survey Research
    - Case Study Methods
    - Sampling
    - Interview
    - Questionnaire
    - Participatory Research
    - Data Verification, Validation and Quantification

- Data Interpretation
    - Codification, Systemisation and Classification of Data
    - Statistical Methods of Data Interpretation
    - Content Analysis
    - Forms and Structure of Event Analysis
    - Analogy and Comparison of Data

- Application and Use of Information Technology in Social Science Research
    - Use of Computer in Data Storage and Representation
    - Use of E Mail and Web Sources
    - Use of Audio Visual Media

Research Writing and Style Sheet Manual
    - Research Finding, Concept Formation and Standardisation
    - Use of Tables and Graphics
    - Citations, Notes and Bibliography

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PAPER 02: POLITICAL SCIENCE: TEXT, BOUNDARIES AND CRITICAL CHALLENGES

UNIT 01: Theories, Concepts and Paradigms

Content of the Unit

- Key Elements of Political Philosophy
- Approaches and Methodology of Political Analysis
- Key Concepts of Political Science
  - State
  - Democracy
  - Nationalism
  - Multiculturalism
  - Power and Authority
  - Citizenship
  - Rights, Freedom and Justice

- Critical Political Theory and Emerging Challenges
  - Cultural Studies
  - Environmentalism
  - Dissent, Protest and Social Change
  - Globalisation
  - Political Economy and Development Studies
  - Public Policy

UNIT 02: Constitution, Institutions and Political Systems

Content of the Unit

- State Formation
- Constitutionalism
- Approaches to Comparative Politics
- Comparing Legislatures
- Separation of Powers
- Comparative Federalism
- Comparative Judicial System
- Theories of Coalition and Government Formation
- New Institutionalism and Regulatory System
- Political Executives and Bureaucracy
- Local Governance
- Governing Globalisation
- Instruments of Political Mobilisation and Participation
- Parties and Party System
- Electoral System and Representation

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