

Department of Political Science, PDUAM, Dalgaon

Programme Outcomes for B.A.


The programme outcome expected to be demonstrated by a student after completion of the course of Bachelor of Arts are mentioned below:

1. A student should be able to demonstrate comprehensive knowledge and understanding of all fundamental concepts, philosophy, values and ethics, methods, and skills of the subject.
2. A student must be able to apply analytic thought to the subject knowledge; analyse and evaluate pieces of evidence from the real world, frame arguments and beliefs based on empirical knowledge; identify relevant assumptions or implications; critically evaluate processes, policies and theories by a scientific approach to knowledge development
3. A student must have the capacity to deduce from the knowledge learned and apply their aptitude to solve problems in the real world and apply their learning to real-life situations
4. A student must be able to apply the subject knowledge to evaluate the reliability and relevance of pieces of evidence; identify logical flaws and holes in the arguments; analyse and synthesise data from a variety of sources; draw valid conclusions and support them with evidence and examples
5. A student must be able to develop a sense of scientific inquiry and the capability to problematize, synthesise and articulate the ability to define problems, formulate and test hypotheses, analyse, interpret and draw conclusions from data; ability to plan, execute and report the results of an experiment or investigation
6. A student must be able to embrace moral and ethical values in conducting one's life, formulate arguments about an ethical issue from multiple perspectives and use of ethical practices in all work and avoid unethical behaviour
7. A student must be able to learn from their surroundings and acquire knowledge and skills through self-paced and self-directed learning aimed at personal development, meeting economic, social, political and cultural objectives and adapting to changing trends and demands of the workplace through knowledge/skill development/re-skilling

Program Specific Outcomes: Political Science

The programme specific outcome of the subject of Political Science can be summarised as:

- **Knowledge and Understanding:** A comprehensive understanding of major political theories, their historical context and their application to contemporary political issues. To possess in-depth knowledge of the structure, functioning and dynamics of Indian Political System
- **Intellectual Skill:** Analysing and evaluation of theories and practices in public administration and a strong analytical skill to critically assess political concepts, debates and policies


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- **Comprehensive understanding:** Demonstrating a comprehensive understanding of international relations theories and public policy frameworks and develop analytical skills to critically evaluate political phenomena, international events and public policies
- **Cultivation of perspective:** Cultivation of a global perspective on political issues including understanding the dynamics of international relations, global governance and diplomacy
- **Ethical understanding:** Familiarising with major political thinkers, ideologies and debates that have shaped political discourse globally and understanding the ethical dimensions of political decisions and policies and also understand the ethical responsibilities associated with political analysis and decision-making
- **Comparative perspective:** Introducing towards various ideas about human rights and women studies and analysing political systems and issues from a global and comparative perspective and acquire problem-solving skills to address contemporary political challenges at local, national and international levels
- **Practical skills:** Knowing how to assess and evaluate data from various sources of information

Course Outcomes

The course as per syllabus of Gauhati University aims at helping students on various ways which are reflected below:

Semester 1

POL O1-01: Introduction to Political Theory

To make the students better equipped in understanding the key concepts in political theory and various related conceptual categories and to engage in application of concepts and understand the limitations and develop critical thinking regarding the functioning of the political system

Semester 2

POL 02-01: Indian Government and Politics

To develop an understanding of the legacy of national movement and principles that shaped the formation and functioning of the Constituent Assembly of India, understand what is Constitution, understand the significance of the concepts of citizenship and rights, develop an understanding of the role of ideas and various norms that shaped the democracy in India and also help the students in understanding the concept of federalism and its changing character in India



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Semester 3

POL 03-01: Perspectives on Public Administration

To help the students in understanding personnel administration in an administrative system and issues related to it as well as understanding recent debates in public administration

Semester 4

POL 04-01: Understanding International Relations (compulsory)

Understanding International Relations To familiarise the students with key theoretical approaches to international relations, the history of evolution of international relations, demonstrate basic knowledge of some of the contemporary global issues and global economy.

POL 04-02: Political Theory: Concepts and Debates(compulsory)

To reflect upon important debates in political theory and various dimensions of political values and concepts and develop analytical skills.

POL 04-03: Political Processes in India (compulsory)

Helping the students with the better knowledge of electoral process and its trends, party system in India and various dynamics of Indian politics.

POL 04-04: Public Policy and Administration in India (compulsory)

To explain various aspects of public policy and public financial administration and give an introduction relation between public policy and administration in India and provide knowledge on various social-welfare programmes in India and role of governance in it.

Semester 5

POL 05-01: Western Political Philosophy (compulsory)


To help in analysing the debates and arguments of many eminent Western and interconnectedness of philosophy and policies and provide an idea of the significance of political philosophy in understanding contemporary politics.


POL 05-02: Indian Political Thought (compulsory)

To help in better understanding of the themes and issues in political thought of India, make a comparison of ideas of eminent political thinkers in India on issues that are constitutive of modern India.

Help in assessing the relevance of Indian political thought in understanding contemporary politics.

POL 05-03a: United Nations and Global Conflict (optional)


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To enable students to understand the political processes of the UN, importance of UNO and its relevance and to identify and analyse the conflicts which shaped contemporary politics and role played by UNO in it.

POL 05-03b: Comparative Government and Politics(optional)

To help students in understanding different forms of government, assessing the working of different institutions and analysing of different comparative methods.

POL 05-4a: Introduction to India's Foreign Policy(optional)

It seeks to provide students with basic knowledge of India's Foreign Policy with its various aspects and equip them with the basic knowledge necessary to understand India's foreign issues and debates and familiarising students with the nature of India's evolving relationship with major powers of the world and its neighbours.

POL 05-04b: Understanding South Asia (optional)

To analyse the socio-economic and political issues of the South-Asian region and help students in understanding the relevance of regionalism in South Asia.

Semester 6:

POL 06-01: Human Rights: Traditions and Debates (compulsory)

To help in understanding various dimensions of Human Rights and its challenges and provide knowledge on different theoretical perspectives of Human Rights.

POL 06-02: Feminism: Theory and Practice (compulsory)


To help to understand the meaning of feminism including its evolution, theoretical developments on it, understanding of gender inequality, women movements in India and help in analysing and understanding the importance of Gender in North-East India.

POL 06-03a: Politics in North-East India (optional)

To help in better understanding of the political development in North-east India and comprehend various ethnic movements in Northeast and understanding the importance of issues in Northeast in certain key aspects.

POL 06-03b: Conflict and Peace Building(optional)

It seeks to provide better understanding of the basic concepts about conflict and peace building; different approaches and theories to peace and conflict studies and to learn various skills to response to conflicts in the society; understanding the nature of socio-cultural conflicts based


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on religion, ethnicity and gender and to develop a critical understanding of how societies non-violent means of basic societal change and also prevent it from reoccurring in future.

POL 06-04a: Rural Local Governance: Theory and Practice(optional)

To help students in understanding the structure of rural local bodies; importance of grass root political institutions in empowering people and importance and significance of rural local governance.

POL-06-04b: Urban Local Governance: Theory and Practice(optional)

To help students in understanding of the basic constitutional structure of urban governance; understand different dimensions of urban governance highlighting major debates in contemporary period; evaluation of importance of urban governance in the globalised world and equip students with the skill to analyse good governance.



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