

**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**Guidelines and Syllabus for Ph. D Coursework in Political  
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**Kazi Nazrul University**

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### **The University:**

Kazi Nazrul University was established under the **West Bengal Act XIX of 2012**. The Assent of the Governor was first published in the *Kolkata Gazette Extraordinary* **16<sup>th</sup> August 2012**. Named after the rebel poet, **Kazi Nazrul Islam** (1899-1976) of India – who is also the national poet of Bangladesh – this university aims at achieving an ideal of creative freedom that marks the life of the mind and the intellectual traffic of ideas. The revolutionary poet, Kazi Nazrul, has been immortalised in Bengali cultural memory because of his acute thirst for a spirit of independence and his attentiveness to the syncretism that characterises knowledge traditions as well as transactions. This university has been established with the explicit aim of achieving this same syncretism of purpose and its allied commitment to the dream of a transformed future. The founding vision of the University is to function effectively as an institutional space encouraging and providing instruction, teaching, training and research in various branches of learning and courses of study – with a view to promoting advancement and dissemination of knowledge, and extending higher education to meet the immediate needs of society.

### **Department of Political Science:**

The Department of Political Science is established in the year of 2014. The Department offers M.A., M. Phil and Ph. D Courses. The students are allowed to choose elective courses like Public Administration and International Relations at the PG Level. The Department owns a library to offer access of books and journals to the students pursuing Ph. D/ M. Phil/ M. A. Programmes.

### **Programme Offered in the Department:**

M.A. in Political Science

M. Phil in Political Science

Ph. D in Political Science

### **Vision:**

The Department of Political Science will create a climate on campus and in the greater community that promotes tolerance and acceptance of differing viewpoints which will foster civic-mindedness and civic responsibility. The Department will contribute to a better understanding of the world by engaging in and supporting intercultural and interdisciplinary studies. In addition, the Department shall work to offer our students the best education possible by continuing to explore appropriate know-hows for inclusion in the learning experience. The Department shall continue to explore emerging issues in pedagogy that make for a more productive learning environment. Using a value-added approach to education and learning, it will contribute to the future success of our students by helping them to develop skill sets that can make them competitive in the employment market, inclined to be active in the political arena, and committed to life-long learning experiences. The department is also committed to the process of developing, refining, and implementing an active assessment process that provides us with information and insight into how to improve our educational and co-curricular

offerings. Therefore, the goal of the department is to transmit the knowledge of the discipline by providing courses, characterized by academic excellence as well as social relevance.

### **Mission & Goals:**

- To translate the vision into reality.
- To provide basic knowledge regarding concepts, theories, issues and debates that characterize the study of contemporary Political Science so that students can confidently appear in NET, SET and other competitive examinations.
- To identify probable areas of future research and enhance skills so that some of the students can be at the forefront of research in the near future.
- To initiate intellectual urge among the students for understandings most pressing political issues in terms of historical, comparative, theoretical and policy-oriented perspectives.
- To give importance to our educational mission and learning in both high quality and innovative teaching and support for outstanding student experience.
- Commitment to the highest standards of academic consistency and vitality. Serving the social, cultural and economic needs of the community & the society.
- To give importance to a strong research of students and faculty.
- The Department should build its distinctive heritage and archive a better integration among different dimensions of our work.
- To create a highly manifested academic environment to support better student experience and teaching as well as research.
- To provide some special lectures of some eminent Professors of Political Science and its allied subjects to the students.
- Provide new technologies for teaching-learning and research, e.g. OHP, Virtual Classrooms, Wi-Fi etc.

### **Course Description:**

1 Lecture of 1 hour per week = 1Credit
Core Courses - 16 credits
Total Credit Hours = 16
Total Marks in Ph. D Programme =200
In Semester- I & II, all courses are compulsory.

### **Course Objectives:**

The major objectives of the syllabus are as follows:

- The basic objective is basically to improve and enhance the orientation for research among the students so that new and fundamental findings may crop up. The students actually oriented to Ph. D. works may produce quality research in the fields of social science, particularly in the field of Political Science. They should know how to write quality research paper following some particular techniques and methods.
- The Department has introduced Research Methodology, Book Review and Computer Application to enhance the research ability, analysis ability of the students following particular methods using computer application

- Literature survey, writing research proposal and open seminar presentation would enhance the ability of the students to write and defend their writings in scholastic manner.

### Course Regulations:

In exercise of the power conferred upon it by Section 53 and 54 of Kazi Nazrul University Act, 2012 (West Bengal Act XIX. of 2012) the University makes the “Regulations relating to Post Graduate Courses of Study and Examinations under CBCS” for postgraduate courses of study and examinations under the Choice Based Credit System with effect from the academic session 2016-17

### Course Structure:

#### Semester - I

Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	(L-T-P)	Credit	Marks
PHDPOLSC101	Research Methodology	Core	4 - 0 - 0	4	40+10
PHDPOLSC102	Book Review	Core	0 - 0 - 2	2	25
PHDPOLSC103	Computer Application	Core	1 - 0 - 1	2	25
<b>Total</b>				<b>8</b>	<b>100</b>

#### Semester - II

Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	(L-T-P)	Credit	Marks
PHDPOLSC201	Survey of Literature	Core	0 - 0 - 2	2	25
PHDPOLSC202	Writing of Research proposal	Core	0 - 0 - 4	4	50
PHDPOLSC203	Open Seminar presentation	Core	0 - 0 - 2	2	25
<b>Total</b>				<b>8</b>	<b>100</b>

**Total Credits: 16**

### Examinations:

A candidate shall be eligible for appearing at any of the Semesters of Ph. D Coursework Examination, fulfilling the following two essential conditions:

- Minimum 75% attendance of lectures delivered.
- Submission of stipulated fees as prescribed by the University In case of non-fulfilment of the first condition mentioned above the candidate is to take readmission in the subsequent year.

### Marks Distribution and Question Pattern:

Written Examination = 40 Marks

Internal Assessment = 10 Marks

There should be two categories of questions—(a) short and (b) essay type.

There should be 6 questions under essay type. Each question will carry 10 Marks; out of 6 questions 3 questions will be attempted.

Under short category there should be 4 questions, out of which 2 questions will be attempted.

A particular course will be of 50 marks irrespective of their credit content. Marks for Continuous Assessment and end semester examinations are as under:

- A. There will be 40 marks in theoretical part of each end semester examination
- B. B. Internal 10 marks may be awarded by MCQ/Class Test/Assignments/PPT

**Internal Assessment:**

All the internal continuous evaluation will be conducted by the internal teachers of the Department. It shall be on the basis of MCQ/Seminar presentations/Class tests or any combinations thereof, evenly distributed over the entire period of study. The modalities of such assessment be recorded and documents will be preserved by the respective departments and those must be submitted to the Controller of Examinations in schedule time as notified by the Department of Controller of Examinations..

**Semester - I**

Course Code: PHDPOLSC101

Title of the Course: Research Methodology

**CORE PAPER**

**Objectives:**

- To do research in particular ways
- To know how to differentiate method and methodology
- To know how to control the background variables in social science research
- To know what types of methods should be used for different types of research problem
- To orient the students about different techniques of qualitative and quantitative methods
- To know how to collect data from among the populace

**Learning outcome:** To enrich the knowledge of the students how to formulate research questions, to formulate hypothesis, to predict, to test hypothesis and build theory

**Topics:**

1. Major Debates in Social Science Research-Contending Perspective of Social Science Research- Preparation of Research Proposal-Writing a Research Proposal
2. (a) Quantitative Method: Methods of Data Collection and Data Analysis- Sampling Structured and Unstructured Interview-Ethnography- Participant observation- Case Study Method-Focus Group Discussion.  
(b) Qualitative Method: Difference from Quantitative method- Content Analysis – Ethnography Unstructured
4. Review of Literature: How to review a Book and Article in Journal: Content Study-Finding the Research Gaps- Suggestions to be offered.
5. Research Ethics: Needs for Research Ethics- Principles Value Edition to the Knowledge- Responsibility of Researcher.

**Semester - I**

Course Code: PHDPOLSC102

Title of the Course: Book Review

**CORE PAPER**

**Objective:**

- To know how to analyse and explain documents and information following particular methods.
- To know how to contextualize the situation with particular text or texts
- To know how to substantiate primary data with the secondary one

[At least, two books on the same topic are to be reviewed in a comparative manner]

**Semester - I**

Course Code: PHDPOLSC103

Title of the Course: Computer Application

**CORE PAPER**

**Learning Objectives:**

- To make use of computer as a research tool for data collection, data presentation and data analysis.

**Learning Outcome:**

- The students shall be able to develop skills of handling different application softwares used for data analysis and research reporting.

**Topics:**

1. Ms Word
2. Ms Excel
3. Ms Power Point
4. Internet
5. SPSS



**Semester - II**

Course Code: PHDPOLSC201

Title of the Course: Survey of Literature

**CORE PAPER**

**Learning Objective:**

- To identify the research gap and to frame research questions or to formulate hypothesis (es).

**Learning Outcome:**

- The students shall be able to formulate research questions/ hypothesis (es).

**[The students are required to submit a Literature Survey Report on their respective research topic/ research problem.]**

**Semester - II**

Course Code: PHDPOLSC202

Title of the Course: Writing of Research Proposal

**CORE PAPER**

**Learning Objective:**

- To let the students know how to write a Research Proposal.

**Learning Outcome:**

- The students shall be able to be familiar with the various aspects of developing a Research Proposal

**(The students are required to submit a Research Proposal to the Department)**

**Semester - II**

Course Code: PHDPOLSC203

Title of the Course: Open Presentation of Research Proposal

**CORE PAPER**

**Learning Objective:**

- To let the students know how to present a research proposal.

**Learning Outcome:**

- The students shall be able to be familiar with the various aspects of Presentation of Research Proposal

**(The students are required to present and defend the Research Proposal before the Board of Research Studies)**

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