

## **DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**

### **COURSE OUTCOMES**

A student who graduates with Political Science as one of the options should be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge and analytical proficiency across the political science subfields.
2. Use writing skills to communicate theoretical perspectives, findings, and interpretations of political issues.
3. Apply theoretical perspectives and research methods to generate positions about contemporary political issues and/or explanations of political phenomena.
4. Utilize critical thinking skills to assess political ideas and events.
5. Identify opportunities for civic engagement and participation in political processes.
6. Integrate political knowledge with faith, ethnic, race, and/or gender identities.

### **PROGRAM SPECIFIC OUTCOMES**

A student who graduates with Political Science as one of the options will acquire:

#### 1. Substantive Knowledge

- a) Political Science students will be able to define and apply concepts and theories in political science.
- b) Political Science students will be able to demonstrate substantive knowledge of institutions, processes and values that shape politics within and among states.
- c) Political Science students will be able to use major theories, concepts, and methodologies in the study of politics.
- d) Students will be able to identify the structure and operations of the Indian and other political systems.

## 2. Critical Thinking and Writing Skills

- a) Political Science students will graduate with the ability to think critically about political concepts and systems.
- b) Political Science students will demonstrate the ability to apply their knowledge of politics by using the major analytic and theoretical frameworks in several subfields of political science.
- c) Students will demonstrate the ability to construct and evaluate analytical arguments and write clear logical prose.

## 3. Engagement in Politics

- a) Political Science students shall be prepared for active citizenship and demonstrate an ongoing interest in national and global politics.
- b) Political Science students will demonstrate a sense of political agency and be able to identify the specific ways in which an individual can participate meaningfully in politics.