

**Tribhuvan University**  
**Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences**  
**Central Department of Political Science**

**Courses of Study of M.A. In Political Science**

Kirtipur, Kathmandu

Nepal

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## **Master of Arts in Political Science (MAPS)**

### **Background**

Political Science is a separate discipline of social science from the very beginning of the University education system in the world and in Nepal has undergone significant changes in the course of political development and development of the approaches to the study of political phenomena. Important changes have also occurred in the field of political theories. In this globalized world of the 21<sup>st</sup> century national, regional and global politics are interdependent and have reciprocal effects. Political Science as a master discipline of social science in Nepal has contributed significantly to academic, administrative and political arena of Nepal. Keeping in view of all these facts, CDPS, has offered this course of M.A. in Political Science (MAPS).

### **Program**

MA in Political Science (MAPS) is a major discipline under the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Tribhuvan University. It is one of the oldest and most reputed postgraduate program dedicated to develop qualified students having knowledge about theory and practices in political field. The MAPS is a four semester program in which every semester is of six months time. This program is to be launched by 2014 February academic session. The interdisciplinary approach of this program is tended to provide theoretical knowledge of political science in general and the understanding of Nepalese politics and political system in particular. This program offers:

- i. an opportunity to get theoretical and practical knowledge about different sub disciplines of political science.
- ii. an in-depth knowledge about multi dimensional approaches to the study of political science in the globalized context. And,
- iii. offers various methods of research including qualitative and quantitative techniques in general and their application in the study of political field.

### **Entry requirements**

The students opting to get MAPS degree must hold at least Bachelor's Degree from any University or TU. According to the current rules and regulations of the TU. the students have to pass the entrance examination, conducted by the TU and should get passing grade in the entrance exam. The department (CDPS) will publish notice for that.

### **Medium of instruction**

As per the rules of the TU, the medium of instruction will be English and students are required to develop skills in English language and have to write in English in the exam of assessment and other internal and external tests.

### **Course requirements**

As per the TU rules, 75 % attendance will be considered compulsory. The students failing to fulfill this precondition will not be allowed to sit in the final examination. They are also required to submit their home assignments, reports and thesis in the given time.

### **Fee structure**

To be decided by TU with consultation with the CDPS.

### **Thesis writing**

Thesis will be compulsory and should be written in English language.

### **Expected out comes**

On the completion of the MAPS, the students will have detailed theoretical and critical knowledge about the various sub disciplines of political science. They will be able to analyze contemporary world politics including the skill of regional and global issues. The students will be able to conduct research in the political field. They will also have knowledge about Nepalese politics, administration and foreign policy.

### **Administering examination**

The Final/Board examination will be conducted by the Dean's Office, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in consultation with the CDPS. The final result will be published within a month of the examination.

### **Criteria for internal assessment**

The students are required to submit the internal assessments, seminar papers, reports and thesis in time, as decided by the CDPS. The overall grading will be conducted from the evaluation of final exam, terminal exam, presentation of assignment paper and attendance. The measurement of grading will be based on the following criteria-

<b>S.N.</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Weightage/ value</b>
1	Attendance and active participation in class room teaching	75% Compulsory attendance of total classes	10%
2	Individual and group research paper (GRP)	Presentation in class room	10%
3	Term paper and midterm exam.	Presentation in house seminar	20%
4	Written Examination	written exam conducted by Dean's Office	60%

## Course of Study

### Political Philosophy

First Semester

Course Title: Political Philosophy

Course code No : MAPS-551

Credit Hours : 3

Teaching Hours : 48

#### Course Description

Political philosophy is one of the most basic and root areas of Political Science. The understanding of the recent development in the field of political theory is possible only with the basic knowledge on political philosophy. Political thought and theories enable the students to do political theorizing and political reflection in the study of political science.

#### Course Objectives

- i. To familiarize the students with the critical understanding of the history and relevance of Political Philosophy.
- ii. To impart the students with the knowledge of teaching and philosophy of the great political thinkers of the past and present, and
- iii. To sensitize the students to the contemporary issues, debates, trends and challenges of Political Philosophy and their implications to the society and politics.

	Teaching hours
<b>Unit I : Political Philosophy :</b> Concept, Nature and Relevance	4 hours
<b>Unit II : Classical Greek Political Thinkers</b> a) Plato: Plato as an Archetypal philosopher, Ideal state and concept of status, Plato's ancient and modern critics b) Aristotle : New Science of Politics, Classification of Governments, Constitution and Citizenship	10 hours
<b>Unit III : Renaissance and Modernity</b> Niccolo Machiavelli : Statecraft and Power	4 hours

<b>Unit IV : Contractualist Thinkers</b>	9 hours
a) Thomas Hobbes : Historical context of Hobbesian Philosophy, State and Natural Law, Leviathan and Authoritarian rule	
b) John Locke : Liberalism, Individual and Property Rights, Right to Revolution	
c) Jean Jeques Rousseau : State of Nature and 'Noble Savage', General Will.	10 hours

**Unit V : Marxian and Left Thinking**

- a) Karl Marx : Basic Foundations of Marxian Political Philosophy, Crises of communism and its emerging Trends
- b) Mao-Tse-Tung and his contributions to Marxism
- c) Democratic Socialism: Concept, Characteristics and Relevance.

<b>Unit VI : Great Eastern Political Thinkers:</b>	6 hours
Mahatma Gandhi; Manu; Kautilya; and Confucious	

<b>Unit VII : Contemporary and Post-Modern Thinkers</b>	5 hours
Antonio Gramsci; Jurgen Habermas; John Rawls; Michel Foucault	

**Recommend Readings**

- Abter, D.E. (1978). *Introduction to political analysis* : New Delhi: Prentice Hall of India.
- Baradat, L.P. (1991). *Political ideologies : their origins and impact*. Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey: Prentice Hall.
- Berki R.N. (1977). *The history of political thought: a short introduction*, London: J.M. Dent & Sons Ltd.
- Bishop, D.H. ed. (2001), *Chinese thought, an introduction*. Delhi: Ideas Publishers.
- Boucher, D. and Paul K. (2003). *Political thinkers: from socrates to the present*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Cohen, M. (1996). *Princeton reading in political thought: essential texts since plato*. Promotion, N.J. Princeton University Press
- Crespingny, A.D. and K.M. (1978). *Contemporary political philosophers*, New York: Washington Square Press.

- Eatwell, R. and A.W. (1993). *Contemporary political Ideologies*, Boulder, Colorado: Westview Press.
- Germino, Dante. (1972). *Modern political thought: Machiavelli to Marx*. Chicago: Pand Mc Harry & Co.
- Goodin, R.E. and Hans-Dieter K. (1998). *A new handbook of political science*, New York: Oxford University Press.
- Gunnell, John G. (1979). *Political theory: tradition and interpretation*. Cambridge: Winthrop Publishers.
- Gupta, M.G. (1972). *History of political thought*. 2 Vols. Allahabad, India, Chaitanya Publishing House.
- Gupta, R.C. (1986). *Great political thinkers; east and west*. Agra, India: Laxmi Narayan Agarwal.
- Klosko, G. (2013). *The oxford handbook of the history of political philosophies*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Maxey, C.C. (2007). *Political philosophies*. Delhi, India: Surbjeet Publications.
- Mukhrjee, S. and Sushila R.S. (1999). *A history of political thought' plato to marx*, New Delhi: Prentice Hall of India.
- Pantham, T. and Kenneth L. Deutsch (1986). *Political thought in modern india*, New Delhi: Sage Publications
- Parekh, B. and Thomas P., eds. *Political discourse: explorations in indian and western political thought*, New Delhi: Sage Publications.
- Parekh, B., (1982). *Contemporary political thinkers*. Oxford: Martin Robertson
- Russell, B. (1979). *History of western philosophy*, London: Unwin Paperbacks.
- Sabine, G.H. and Thomas Thorson, (1973). *A history of political theory*, Hinsdale, Illinois: Dryden Press.
- Sibley, M. (1981). *Political ideas and ideologies*, Delhi: Surjeet Publications
- Sills, David (1968). *International encyclopedia of social science*, New York: The Macmillan, Co & The Free Press.
- Strauss, Leo (1988). *What is political philosophy? and other studies*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Strauss, Leo and Joseph C. (1987). *History of political philosophy*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press
- Verma, S.P. (1975). *Modern political theory: A Aritical aurvey*, New Delhi: Vikas Publishing House Pvt. Ltd.
- Wayper, C.L. (1965). *Teach yourself political thought*, London: The English Universities Press Ltd.
- Wolin, S.S. (2004). *Politics and vision: continuity and innovation in western political thought, princeto*, USA: Princeton University Press.

**Course of Study**  
**Modern Political Theory**  
First Semester

Course Title: Modern Political Theory

Course code No: MAPS-552

Credit Hours: 3

Total Teaching Hours: 48

**Course Description**

Modern political theory provides the students a comparative perspective on the basic concepts, methods and approaches to the study of political science as an interdisciplinary subject. This course also makes students familiar with discourses on contemporary issues of political analysis.

**Objectives**

- i. To inform the origin of political science as a separate discipline and its growth with contemporary political theories and discourses;
- ii. To make student familiar with key concepts of political studies;
- iii. To provide knowledge on major themes of contemporary politics

**Units I : Modern Political Theory:** 4 hours

Concept, Evolution and Recent Trend

**Unit II : Approaches to the Study of Political Science:** 12 hours

- a. Traditional and Modern Approaches
- b. System Theory (Input-Output and Structural-Functional Analysis)
- c. Behavioral and Post-Behavioral Approaches
- d. Inter-Disciplinary Approach

**Unit III : Models of Political Analysis** 16 hours

- a. Political Culture
- b. Political Communication
- c. Political Socialization and mobilization
- d. Political Development and modernization
- e. Political movement/revolutions

**Unit IV : Political Theories and Discourses** 16 hours

- a. Democracy and Representation
- b. Federalism and Autonomy
- c. Pluralism, Multiculturalism, Consociationalism
- d. Nationalism, State-Building and Nation-Building

## **Recommend Readings**

- Almond, G.A. and Powell, Bingham (1966). *Comparative politics: A developmental Approaches*, New York: Feffer and Simons Ink.
- Anderson, George (2008). *Federalism: an introduction*, Oxford: Oxford University Press,
- Apter, David and Eckstien, Harry (1989). *Comparative politics* (Indian reprint), New Delhi: Surjeet Publications,
- Connolly, William E. (2005). *Pluralism*, Durham: Duke University Press,
- Easton, David (1971). *The political system*, New York: Alfred A. Knoff Publishers.
- Fukuyama, Francis (2004). *State building*, London: Profile Books.
- Goodin, Robert E. and Klingemann, Hans-D. (1996). *A new handbook of political Science*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Hague, Rod and Harrop, Martin (1982). *Comparative government and politics*, New York: Palgrave.
- Held, David (1996). *Models of democracy*, Cambridge: Polity.
- International IDEA, (2005). *Electoral system design*, Stockholm: International IDEA.
- Lijphart, Arendt (1977). *Democracy in plural societies*, New Haven: Yale University Press,
- Paul R. Brass, (1991). *Ethnicity and nationalism: theory and comparison*, New Delhi: Sage,
- Phadnis, Urmila and Ganguly, Rajat, (1989). *Ethnicity and Nation-building in South Asia*, New Delhi: Sage,
- Saxena, Rekha (2011). *Varieties of federal governance*, Delhi: Foundation Books.
- Verma, S.P. (1975). *Modern political theory*, New Delhi: Vikas Publication.
- Watson, C.W. (2002). *Multiculturalism*, (Indian reprint), New Delhi.



**Course of Study**  
**International Politics**  
First Semester

Course Title-International Politics

Course Code: MAPS-553

Total Credit Hours: 3

Teaching Hours - 48

**Course Description**

International Politics is one of the core areas of political science. World politics, the major area of international politics is the key issue of political science. This course provides the students with the knowledge and applied skill on the actors and their power in international politics including the conceptual knowledge and historical developments and trends in international Politics.

**Course Objectives**

- i. To conceptualize the theories and approaches to the study of International politics.
- ii. To enrich students with the understanding of analytical history of international politics insight about political behavior of the nation states.
- iii. To make students able to understand about the actors and their power in international politics and,
- iv. To familiarize the students with the contemporary issues of world politics.

**Unit I: Introduction to International Politics**

**10 hours**

- a) Concept of International Politics
- b) Scope of International Politics
- c) The Approaches to the Study of International Politics: Idealist, Realist, Liberal and Marxist approaches

**Unit II: Theories of International Politics**

**8 hours**

- a) System Theory
- b) Game Theory
- c) Decision Making Theory
- d) Geopolitical Theory

**Unit III: Power in International Politics**

**12 hours**

- a) Concept and Elements of Power
- b) Hierarchy of Power
- c) History of Power Struggle: Early Beginning, Colonial Era, Cold War And Contemporary World Order

**Unit IV: The Actors in International Politics** **10 hours**

- a) The State as an Actor
- b) The Supra State Organizations (UN, EU, SAARC and INGOs)
- c) The Agencies of Globalization (Britton Wood Institutions and MNCs)

**Unit V: The Contemporary Issues of International Politics** **8 hours**

- a) Developmental and Humanitarian Aids
- b) Environment and Natural Resources
- c) Refugee and Migration
- d) Terrorism and International Peace

**Recommended Readings**

- Ayoob, Mohammed (1995). *The third world security predicaments: state making and regional conflict*. Boulder : Lynne Rienner.
- Christian, Reus-Smit and Snidal Duncan (2008). *The oxford handbook of international relations*. Oxford University Press.
- Friedman, J., and Randeria, S. (2004). *Worlds on the move: globalization, migration and cultural security*, London, New York: I.B. Tauris.
- Fukuyama, Francis (1992). *The end of history and the last man*, New York.
- Gilpin, Robert (1981). *War and change in world politics*, Cambridge University Press.
- Gilpin, Robert (2001). *The global political economy: understanding the global economic order*, Princeton University Press.
- Graham, Evans (1999). *The penguin dictionary of international relations*, Penguin
- Harvey, David (2007). *A brief history of neo liberalism*, Oxford University Press.
- Heywood, Andrew (2011). *Global politics*, London: Palgrave Foundation.
- Huntington, S. (1996). *The clash of civilizations*, New York.
- M. Farrell, B. Hettne and L. Langenhove (2005) Eds., *Global politics of regionalism: theory and practice*, London: Pluto Press.
- Machiavelli, Nicholo (1961). *The prince*, London: Penguin
- Martin Griffiths, (2007). *Encyclopedia of international relations and global politics*, Routledge.
- Morgenthau, Hans J. (1985). *Politics among nations*, (6<sup>Th</sup> Eds.). New York.

- Nye, J.S. (2012). *Understanding global conflict and cooperation: an introduction to theory and history*, New York: Pearson.
- Robert J. Art & Robert Jervis (2005). *International politics: enduring concepts and Contemporary Issues*, New York: Pearson.
- Sondhi, Sunil (2005). *International relations: search for security and development*, New Delhi: South Asia Publication.
- T. Troung & D. Gasper (2011). *Transnational migration and human security: The migration development Security Nexus*, (Eds.), Heidelberg: Springer.
- Telo M. (2007). *European union and new regionalism: regional actors and global governance in a Post-hegemonic Era*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Burlington VT: Ashgate.
- Trivedi, Sonu (2005). *A handbook of international organizations*, New Delhi: Atlantic Publishers & Dist.
- Weiner, M. (1995). *The global migration crisis: challenges to states and to human rights*. New York: Harper Collins College Publishers,

**Course of Study**  
**Public Administration**  
First Semester

Course Title:- Public Administration

Course Code No: MAPS 554

Credit hours: 3

Teaching Hours: 48

**Course Description**

Public Administration is the core subject of political science. The course on public administration includes the conceptual and theoretical knowledge of administration. It provides the models and approaches to the study of administration including development, personnel administration and public policy.

**Course Objectives:**

- i. To impart theoretical knowledge of administration with analytical skills.
- ii. To enable the students to understand new developments in administrative organizations ;
- iii. To familiarize the students with the current trends, developments and process of administrative system and public policy.
- iv. To provide knowledge about the problems of public administration and contemporary policy problems.

**Unit I: Public Administration: Concept** **8 hours**

- a) Concept and scope
- b) Public administration and society
- c) Public administration and economy
- d) Public administration and politics
- e) Public administration and leadership

**Unit II: Models, Approaches and Theories** **10 hours**

- a) Scientific management theory
- b) Human relation approach
- c) Weber's bureaucratic model
- d) Riggs prismatic model
- e) Institution building model

**Unit III Development Administration** **8 hours**

- a) Development administration: concept and characteristics
- b) Development administration and good governance

**Unit IV Personnel Administration** **10 hours**

- a) Concept, function and importance
- b) Personnel policies, procedures and problems
- c) Employee organizations and collective bargaining

**Unit V: Public policy: Concept, Theory and Action**

**12 hours**

- a) Concept, scope and policy issues
- b) Group theory
- c) Elite theory
- d) Institutional theory
- e) Implementation of Public Policy

**Recommended Readings**

- Anderson, J., (1979). *Public policy making*, Rinehart and Winston, New World Holt.
- Bava, Noorjahan (2010). *Public administration in the twenty first century*, (ed.), New Delhi: Krishna Publishers.
- Charles, L.C. and F.M. Eloise (2007). *Public policy perspectives and choices*, New Delhi: Viva Books.
- Hill, M. and P. Hupe (2006). *Implementing public policy: governance in theory and practice*, New Delhi: Sage Publication,
- Nigro, Felix A. (1970). *Modern public administration*, New York: Harper and Row,
- Parson, W. (1995). *Public policy: an introduction to the theory and practice of policy analysis*, Aldershot: Edward Elgar.
- Ramani, R.K. (2008). *Issues and crisis of public administration codes and guideline*
- Rathod, P.B. (2004). *Personnel administration dynamics and dimensions*, New Delhi: Commonwealth publishers.
- Rigg, Fred W. (1978). *Applied prismatic: a developmental perspective*, Kathmandu: CEDA.
- , (1975). *The Evelopment of Public Administration*, New Delhi Asia Publication House.
- Sapru, R. K. (2002). *Development Administration*, New Delhi: Sterling Publications.
- Sharma, M.P., Sadhana B.L. and Kaur, Harpreet (2011). *Public administration in theory and practice*, Patna: Kitab Mahal.
- Srivastava, Smita, (2012) Ed., *Theory and practices of public administration*, India: Dorling Kindrsley.
- White, L.W., 2007, *Introduction to the Study of Public Administration*, Surjeet Publications, New Delhi.

**Course of Study**  
**Research Methodology**  
First Semester

Course Title: Research Methodology

Course code No: MAPS-555

Credit Hours: 3

Teaching Hours: 48

**Course Description**

The course on research methodology is to familiarize the students with basic research in relating to political science improving their ability to make a logical argument based on empirical evidences. Students will be familiarized with both the qualitative and quantitative approaches of social science research. The course focuses on the concepts, techniques, terminologies and tools of research, data analysis and research writing. The first part deals with the conceptual and theoretical aspect of social science research. The second forwards with the practical aspect of research.

**Objectives**

1. To impart the knowledge of research in political science.
2. To acquaint the students with the methods and process of research to achieve the scientific knowledge in political field.
3. To familiarize the students with some basic tools in statistics to help them understand the fast changing discipline of political science in the contemporary world.

**Unit 1. Introduction: 6 hours**

Significance of Research Methodology, Traditional and Modern Political Science Research, Common sense and Empirical research, Objection to the science of politics.

**Unit 2. Research Terminology: 12 hours**

Qualitative and Quantitative, Quantification, Operational definition, Reliability and Validity, Relationship, Hypotheses and Research Problems/ Statement of the problem, Laws and Theories, Inductive and Deductive method, Dependent and Independent variables, Foot Note, End Note, Bibliography, Index.

**Unit 3. Research Design 5 hours**

Exploratory, Descriptive, Cross Sectional, Comparative and Longitudinal Design.

**Unit 4. Data and Data collection: 5 hours**

Interviewing, Questionnaire, Observation and Survey methods.

**Unit 5: Elementary Statistics** **8 hours**

Meaning and nature of statistics, use of statistics in Social Science, Relations and Measurement Scales, Sampling, Tabulation, Ratio, Proportion, Percentage, Bar Graph, Coordinate Graph, Circle and Half Circle Graph (with illustration of pie-chart, histograms and frequency polygon).

**Unit 6. Polimetrics** **8 hours**

Introduction to applied statistical approaches to research question in Political Science, Introduction to applied Computer application in research enterprises , Some statistical tools: Co-efficient of Correlation, Chi-Square test , Gini index.

**Unit 7. Writing a Research Proposal and Report** **4 hours**

**Recommended Readings**

- Bryman, Alan. (2001). *Social research methods*, Oxford University Press, Oxford.
- Galtung, Johan. (1973). *Theory and methods of social research*, London: George Allen & Unwin Ltd.
- Ghosh, B.N. (1986). *A dictionary of research methods*, New Delhi: Arnold Heinemann.
- Gupta, Santosh, (2003). *Research methodology and statistical techniques*, Delhi: Deep. Co.
- Johnson, Janet Buttolph and Richard A. Joslyn, (1989). *Political science research*
- Kerlinger, Fred N. (1978). *Foundations of behavioral research*, Delhi: Surjeet Publication,
- McNabb, David, E. (2004). *Research methods for political science*, New Delhi: Prentice-Hall of India.
- Nachmias, David, Chava Nachmias, (1987). *Research methods in the social sciences*, New York: St. Martin's Press.
- Pant, Prem Raj and Wolf (2003). *Introduction in research methods: a guide for thesis writing*.