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(Abstract)

FYUG – Political Science Programme – Inclusion of New Courses w.e.f. 2024,2025 &2026 Admissions-Replacement and renaming of Courses w.e.f. 2024 admission – Approved and Implemented – Orders Issued

ACADEMIC C SECTION

ACAD C/ACAD C4/22015/2024

Dated: 10.06.2026

- Read:-
1. U.O. of even no. dated 22/11/2024 and 28/07/2025
 2. U.O No. ACAD C/ACAD C4/22015/2025(1) dated.28/07/2025
 3. U.O. of even no. dated 30/12/2025
 4. U.O. of even no. dated 06/01/2026
 - 5.The Minutes of the Meeting of Board of Studies in Political Sciences (Cd), held on 21.02.2026
 6. E-mail dated: 05.03.2026 from the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Political Sciences (Cd)
 7. E-mail dated: 17.04.2026 from the Dean , Faculty of Social Sciences.
 8. Minutes of the Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Academic Council held on 16.05.2026
 9. Orders of the Vice Chancellor in file of even number dtd. 04.06.2025

ORDER

- The Scheme and Syllabus of the Political Science programme (First to Eighth Semesters) under the FYUGP pattern were approved and implemented in affiliated colleges under the University w.e.f. 2024 admission vide paper read as (1) above and the modified Scheme and Syllabus for First and Second Semesters were approved and implemented w.e.f. 2025 admission, vide paper read as (2) above.
- The modified Scheme and Syllabus for the IV Semester of the Political Science Programme was approved and implemented w.e.f. 2024 admission, vide paper read as (3) above and the addition of two DSC Courses to the Second Semester Syllabus was approved and implemented w.e.f 2025 Admission, vide paper read as (4) above.
- Meanwhile, the Board of Studies in Political Sciences (Cd), at its meeting held on 21.02.2026 ,vide paper read (5) above, recommended to include new Courses to the Course Basket of FYUG – Political Science Programme w.e.f. 2024, 2025 &2026 Admissions and also to replace the Core Course Human Rights (Course code KU6DSCPOL305) with Political Ideologies (Course Code KU6DSEPOL308) and vice versa and to rename Human Rights (Course code KU6DSCPOL305) as Human Rights in India and Political Ideologies (KU6DSCPOL305) as Modern Political Ideologies w.e.f 2024 admission.
- The minutes of the above meeting of the Board of Studies, along with the syllabi of the proposed courses submitted by the Chairperson vide paper read as (6) above, were forwarded to the Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences and the Dean, after vetting the syllabus vide paper read as (7) above, recommended its approval.
- The Vice-Chancellor after considering the matter in detail, ordered to place the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Political Sciences (Cd), along with the syllabi of the proposed courses and the remarks of the Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences , before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council for consideration.
- The Standing Committee of the Academic Council, at its meeting held on 16.05.2026, vide paper read (8) above , recommended to approve the same.
- The Vice-Chancellor, after considering the recommendations of the Standing Committee of the Academic Council and in exercise of the powers of the Academic Council conferred under



Section 11(1), Chapter III of the Kannur University Act, 1996 and all other enabling provisions read together with has approved the

i. Inclusion of new courses in the course basket of the Political Science programme w.e.f. 2024 admission:

- a) KU5DSEPOL305 – Introduction to Good Governance (Elective)
- b) KU5SECPOL302 – Data Collection and Processing Methods (SEC)
- c) KU6DSEPOL309 – Contemporary Global Issues (Elective)
- d) KU6SECPOL304 – Skills of Report Writing (SEC)

ii. Inclusion of the new DSC courses KU3DSCPOL205 – Understanding Core Political Theories (w.e.f.2025 admn) and KU1DSCPOL104 – Principles of Political Science (w.e.f 2026 admn).

iii. Replacement of Core Course Human Rights (Course code KU6DSCPOL305) with Political Ideologies (Course Code KU6DSEPOL308) and Vice Versa.

iv. Renaming of Human Rights (Course code KU6DSCPOL305) as KU6DSEPOL308 Human Rights in India and Political Ideologies (KU6DSCPOL305) as Modern Political Ideologies w.e.f 2024 admission.

as recommended by the Board of Studies in Political Science (Cd) and accorded sanction to implement the modified Scheme and Syllabus in affiliated colleges under the University , subject to reporting to the Academic Council.

- The modified Scheme and Syllabus are appended with this U.O. and uploaded on the University website.
- Orders are issued accordingly.

Sd/-

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
Assistant Registrar II

For REGISTRAR

To: 1.The Controller of Examinations(through the PA)
2.The Principals of Arts and Science Colleges affiliated to Kannur University
3.The Chairperson ,Board of Studies in Political Science (Cd)

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SECTION OFFICER



KU1DSCPOL104 PRINCIPLES OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Semester	Course Type	Course Level	Course Code	Credits	Total Hours
1	DSC	100- 199	KU1DSCPOL104	4	60

Learning Approach (Hours/ Week)			Marks Distribution			Duration of ESE (Hours)
Lecture	Practical/ Internship	Tutorial	CE	ESE	Total	
4	-	1	30	70	100	2 Hrs

Course Description:

This foundational course explores core concepts in political science. This course introduces students to the fundamental concepts, institutions, and processes that define the study of politics. We begin by defining the scope of Political Science as a discipline before examining the essential relationship between the State and the Society it governs. Students will pull back the curtain on the Structure of Government, analysing how laws are made, enforced, and interpreted. Finally, the course explores Political Dynamics, focusing on the "living" elements of politics—such as political parties, interest groups, and public opinion—that drive change within a system.

Course Prerequisite: NIL

Course Outcomes:

CO No.	Expected Outcome	Learning Domains
1	Understand political science's scope and significance	An
2	Analyse state, society, and government relationships	E
3	Analyse governance challenges and propose appropriate reforms	E
4	Identify government structures and functions	C
5	Grasp political dynamics and processes	C

**Remember (R), Understand (U), Apply (A), Analyse (An), Evaluate (E), Create (C)*

Mapping of Course Outcomes to PSOs

	PSO 1	PSO 2	PSO 3	PSO 4	PSO 5	PSO 6	PSO 7
CO 1		✓	✓				
CO 2		✓	✓				

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CO 3			✓				✓
CO 4			✓				✓
CO 5			✓				✓

COURSE CONTENTS

Contents for Classroom Transaction:

MODULE	UNIT	DESCRIPTION	HOURS
1		Meaning of Political Science	12
	a	Political Science- Meaning and Definitions	
	b	Nature and scope of Political Science	
	c	Traditional –Philosophical, Historical, Legal, Institutional	
	d	Modern- Behavioural, Post-Behavioural, Marxian	
2		State and Society	12
	a	State- Definitions, Elements of State	
	b	Theories of Origin of State (Social Contract , Evolutionary)	
	c	Sovereignty- Meaning and types	
	d	Theories of Sovereignty-Monism and Pluralism	
3		Structure of Government	12
	a	Theory of Separation of powers	
	b	Rule Making-Legislature- Functions –Types	
	c	Rule application- Executive - Functions –Types	
	d	Rule adjudication-Judiciary-Functions –Judicial review	
4		Political Dynamics	12
	a	Political Parties – meaning and Functions	
	b	Types of Political Parties	
	c	Interest Groups- meaning and Importance	
	d	Types of Interest Groups	
5		Teacher Specific Module	12
	a	Directions	
	b	Space to fill the selected area/ activity	

Essential Readings:

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Suggested Readings:

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4. Barker, E. (1976). Principles of Social & Political Theory. Calcutta: Oxford University Press.
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6. Laski, H. J (2006). Grammar of Politics. New Delhi: Surjeeth Publications.
8. Ramswamy, Suseela (2002). Political Theory: Ideas & Concepts. Delhi: Macmillan.
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Assessment Rubrics:

Evaluation Type		Marks
End Semester Evaluation		70
Continuous Evaluation		30
a)	Test Paper- 1	10
b)	Test Paper-2/Quiz	10
c)	Assignment/Seminar/Book/Article Review/Field Report/Viva Voce/ Group Discussion (Any of the two)	10
Total		100