



DIRECTORATE OF **DISTANCE & ONLINE** **EDUCATION**

M.A. (POLITICAL SCIENCE)

COURSE BROCHURE (2026-27)

INTRODUCTION

The M.A. in Political Science programme at Mangalayatan University (online distance learning) is a two-year (four-semester) postgraduate degree course designed by expert educators. The course curriculum is designed to shape students' political concepts with theoretical knowledge and to compare political systems, institutions, and theories to sharpen decision-making abilities, strategic thinking, research aptitude, and effective communication. With structured curriculum modules, pre-modern and contemporary political theories, globalization, governance, public policy, and human rights topics are covered with advanced academic pursuits. Students can explore diverse professional roles in policy analysis, public administration, nonprofit organizations, academia, and journalism.

MISSION

- ❖ To encourage students to foster analytical thinking and research methods to understand the regional political concepts and theories.
- ❖ To equip students to critically engage with political theories, social challenges, governance, and policy-making.
- ❖ To motivate students to pursue academic research and build careers in teaching, policy research, public service, and non-governmental sectors.
- ❖ To enhance their critical thinking & decision-making skills to evaluate political arguments and make informed decisions in public and social contexts.
- ❖ To familiarize them with the political theories, models, and governance order in political science.
- ❖ To prepare them for diverse career paths in academia, civil services, policy research, public administration, NGO's and media to develop professional competence.

OBJECTIVES

The primary goal of the MA in Political Science (Online Distance Learning) at Mangalayatan University is to cultivate students' critical thinking abilities, fostering their academic excellence to question assumptions and make informed decisions. The advanced programme curriculum shapes students' theoretical competence with comparative politics, real-world political circumstances with governance order, and research skills to enhance academic writing. The course subjects also emphasize issues of justice, gender, rights, and governance to be informed citizens and build professional competence.

INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN

The program is divided into four semesters and minimum credit requirement is 80 to get M.A (Political Science) degree in OL mode from Mangalayatan University. Minimum time period for acquiring M.A (Political Science) degree will be two years and maximum time period to acquire MA (Political Science) degree is 2 years.

SEMESTER - I						
S.No.	Course Code	Course	Credit	Continuous Assessment	Term End Exam	Grand Total
		Theory		MAX	MAX	
1	PLM-6111	Western Political Thought	4	30	70	100
2	PLM-6112	Politics in India	4	30	70	100
3	PLM-6113	Indian political System	4	30	70	100
4	PLM-6114	Urban Politics in the age of Globalization	4	30	70	100
5	PLM-6115	Contemporary Political Theory	4	30	70	100
TOTAL			20	150	350	500



SEMESTER - II						
S.No.	Course Code	Course	Credit	Continuous Assessment	Term End Exam	Grand Total
		Theory		MAX	MAX	
1	PLM-6211	Modern western political thought	4	30	70	100
2	PLM-6212	Comparative political analysis	4	30	70	100
3	PLM-6213	International Politics	4	30	70	100
4	PLM-6214	Indian government and Politics	4	30	70	100
5	PLM-6215	Governance and Public Policy in India	4	30	70	100
TOTAL			20	150	350	500

SEMESTER - III						
S.No.	Course Code	Course	Credit	Continuous Assessment	Term End Exam	Grand Total
		Theory		MAX	MAX	
1	PLM-7111	Democracy in India	4	30	70	100
2	PLM-7112	Indian Political Thought	4	30	70	100
3	PLM-7113	Contemporary Debates in Political Theory	4	30	70	100
4	PLM-7114	Research Methodology	4	30	70	100
5	PLM-7115	Political Sociology: Issues and Concepts	4	30	70	100
TOTAL			20	150	350	500

SEMESTER - IV						
S.No.	Course Code	Course	Credit	Continuous Assessment	Term End Exam	Grand Total
		Theory		MAX	MAX	
1	PLM-7211	Contemporary issues in G.P.	4	30	70	100
2	PLM-7212	Public Administration	4	30	70	100
3	PLM-7213	Gender and Politics	4	30	70	100
4	PLM-7214	Human Rights in India	4	30	70	100
5	PLM-7291	Dissertation	4	30	70	100
TOTAL			20	150	350	500

SYLLABI AND COURSE MATERIALS

Our experienced faculty members of Mangalayatan University develop syllabi and self-learning materials. The course content is approved by CIQA and the Board of Studies/Academic Council/Executive Council of India (UGC).

STUDY MATERIAL

The study material for the programme is developed in a digital format and shall be supplied to the students unit-wise for each course per semester.

ONLINE COUNSELLING SESSIONS

The online counselling sessions shall be scheduled beforehand by the subject coordinator. There shall be 6 online counselling sessions of 1 hour each for a 4-credit course, held on Saturdays and Sundays. For courses with 2 credits, there shall be 4 sessions of 1 hour each; for 6-credit classes, 8 sessions of 1 hour each.

STUDENT SUPPORT SYSTEMS

The university appoints programme coordinators, course coordinators, and course mentors to support learners in their studies. Additionally, the university has made appropriate arrangements for various support services, including online counselling and resource-oriented services and evaluation methods for both online and offline modes, for efficient and smooth assistance to the students through the online mode.

PROCEDURE FOR ADMISSIONS, CURRICULUM, TRANSACTION AND EVALUATION

FEE STRUCTURE

Name of the Program	Degree	Duration	One Time Reg. Fee	Semester Fee	Exam Fee Per Semester	Full Year Fee	Total Fees
M.A. (Political Science)	PG	2 Years	1000	8000	1000	19000	37000
Total							37000

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

S.NO.	Name of the Activity	Tentative months schedule (specify months) during year			
		July Division		January Division	
		From(Month)	To (Month)	From(Month)	To (Month)
1	Admission	Jul	Sep	Jan	Mar
2	Assignment submission (if any)	Sep	Oct	Mar	Apr
3	Evaluation of Assignment	Oct	Nov	Apr	May
4	Examination	Dec	Dec	Jun	Jun
5	Declaration of Result	Jan	Jan	Jul	Jul
6	Re-registration	Jul	Jul	Jan	Jan

CREDIT SYSTEM

Duration of the Programme	Credits	Name of the Programme	Level of the Programme
2 Yrs to 4 Yrs	80	M.A. (Political Science)	Master's Degree

WHY DISTANCE EDUCATION?

- ❖ Convenience of studying classes from home.
- ❖ Cost-Effective.
- ❖ Time saving.
- ❖ No commuting.
- ❖ Monetary benefits- No textbooks required.
- ❖ Study anytime, anywhere.

ADMISSION PROCESS

- ❖ Register with Mangalayatan Distance learning Programmes
- ❖ Pay Registration fees through our available payment gateways
- ❖ Upload relevant documents and mark sheets
- ❖ Get provisional admission
- ❖ Pay semester fees
- ❖ Get admission confirmation from the University
- ❖ Roll number allotted to every student



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