

# **TRIPURA UNIVERSITY**

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (Ph.D.)  
IN  
POLITICAL SCIENCE**



**Ph.D. PROGRAMME STRUCTURE**

**Tripura University (A Central University)  
Suryamaninagar, Agartala, Tripura West-  
799022**

## **Ph.D. Programme**

The Political Science Doctoral Program is designed to produce broadly educated and well-trained scholars and teachers. Our aim is to produce PhDs who have the breadth and vision to grapple with crucial questions related to the state, individual, governance and policy making - both internal and external; the training to make original contributions to research that addresses those questions; and the ability to communicate research results to students, their peers, and society at large. The program also focusses on producing quality research related to politics in northeast India; a region which still remain largely unexplored.

### **Programme Objectives**

1. Expose the students to theoretical models in political and social research,
2. Provide sophisticated training in the methods and techniques of research in political science,
3. Develop expertise among the students in their primary area of interest,
4. Provide students with exposure to classroom teaching, and
5. Expose students to the discipline's professional norms and practices.

### **Programme Outcomes**

1. Produce and defend an original and significant contribution to knowledge in the discipline of Political Science.
2. Develop expertise in the important subject matters of Political Science especially Public Policy, Comparative Politics, International Relations, Political Theory, and politics in Northeast India.
3. Participate in professional academic community activities, such as attending seminar series, presenting papers at conferences, and submitting papers to academic journals.
4. Be able to teach the discipline at the undergraduate and post-graduate level.

### **Admission in Ph.D. Programme**

The Ph.D. admission in the Department of Political Science, Tripura University, happens through Research Eligibility Test (RET). The qualified candidate in RET subsequently appears for the Viva-Voce examination to secure final admission into the Ph.D. programme.

### **Duration of Ph.D. Programme**

The minimum duration of Ph.D. programme is three (3) years, including Ph.D. coursework, and the maximum of six (6) years from the date of admission into the Ph.D. programme. However, the women candidates and persons with disabilities (more than 40% disability) may be allowed a relaxation of two (2) years for the Ph.D. in the maximum duration.

### **Eligibility Criteria for Ph.D. Admission**

Interested candidates shall have a Master's degree with atleast 55% marks in Political Science or other relevant fields. Relaxation of 5%, from 55% to 50%, maybe allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/ differently-abled categories of candidates.

### **Credits, Credit Distribution and Semesters in Ph.D. Programme**

In the Ph.D. programme, each six months duration comprises a semester. Usually, the odd semester starts w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> day of July every year and the even semester from 1<sup>st</sup> day of January every year.

**Minimum credits to be earned to qualify for subsequent semester/activities of  
Ph.D. Programme**

<b>Codes</b>	<b>Semester/ Particulars</b>	<b>Minimum Credits required to be qualified</b>
	Passing Ph.D. Coursework	16
PHD-9005	Semester- 1 (1 <sup>st</sup> Progress Report)	8
PHD-9006	Semester- II (2 <sup>nd</sup> Progress Report)	8
PHD-9007	Semester- III (3 <sup>rd</sup> Progress Report)	8
PHD-9008	Semester- IV (4 <sup>th</sup> Progress Report)	8
PHD-9009	Semester- V (5 <sup>th</sup> Progress Report)	8
PHD-9010	Successful Submission of Synopsis	8
PHD-9011	Successful Submission of Summary (5000words)	16
PHD-9012	Successful Submission of a Thesis (positive comments of all adjudicators)	16
PHD-9013	Successful Defense of a Thesis through Viva-Voce examination	8
PHD-9014	Teaching Assistantship/ Evaluation of Answer Scripts	2 +2 =4
<b>Total Credits required for awarding Ph.D. Degree</b>		<b>100</b>

## Ph.D. Coursework

Department of Political Science, Tripura University

Paper Code	Paper Name	Credit Distribution			Total Credits	Marks
		L	T	P		
PHD-9001	Research Methodology-I	4	0	0	4	100
PHD-9002 (Paper-II)	Research Methodology-II	4	0	0	4	100
PHD- 9003 (Paper-III)	Advanced Areas of Research in Political Science	4	0	0	4	100
PHD- 9004 (Paper-IV)	Synopsis/Book Review/Presentation/Viva	0	0	4	4	100
<b>Total</b>		<b>12</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>400</b>

\*L-Lecture; T –Tutorial, P–Practical/ Project

## **Paper 1 (Common Paper)**

### **Research Methodology-1**

#### **Unit-I**

Research- Issues & Significance: Types of Research- Quantitative, Qualitative/ Descriptive. Analytical/ Applied, Fundamental/ Conceptual, Empirical, etc; Identification & Formulation of Research Problems; Research Design; Tools to conduct Research.

Qualitative Research – Qualitative Data collection techniques- Biography, Phenomenology, Grounded Theory, Ethnography, Case Study; Quantitative Research – Interpretation.

#### **Unit-II**

Data sources & Data collection – Sources for Collection of data, Methods of data collection - Observation method, Interview method, Questionnaires, Case Study method, etc; Classification, Tabulation, Representation of data; Validation of Data- averages, Dispersion, Cross Tabulation, etc.

#### **Unit-III**

Concept of Population & Samples: Types of Sampling; Sampling & Sampling Distribution; Sampling from a population; Sampling Error and Non-sampling Error; Selection of a Random sample; Sampling of Variables – small and large sample; Sampling of Attributes; Sampling Design- Defining the target population, Representative sample, Potential consequences of unrepresentative sampling, Over representative subgroups/weighting; sampling methods, etc, Population point Estimation and Population interval Estimation; some other continuous Probability distribution.

#### **Unit-IV**

Computer applications- computer & internet in research, computer system (s); Threats & challenges to research work, Application of Computer – Spreadsheet, Presentation, Outlook, Google application – drive, cloud etc.

#### **Selected References:**

1. Gupta, S.C. Fundamental of Statistics”. Himalaya Publishing House.
2. Kothari, C.R., “Research Methodology: Methods & Techniques”, New Age International, New Delhi.

## **Paper II (Common Paper)**

### **Research Methodology- II**

#### **Unit- I**

Review of Literature- Review Concepts; Literature Review, Published, Unpublished papers, books and other sources of information: Research Ethics- Plagiarism, etc: Citation Methods & Rules: Indexing- Rule and Different Procedures.

#### **Unit- II**

Data Analysis & Interpretation- Processing & Interpreting Qualitative & Quantitative data, Tools for Data Analysis: Statistics in Research- Descriptive Statistics Summarizing & Describing a collection of Data: Univariate & Bivariate Analysis, Identifying Randomness & Uncertainty in Data- Missing Data, Inferential Statistics: Methods of Data Analysis- Quantitative & Qualitative; Interpretation of Results.

#### **Unit- III**

Hypothesis Testing- Concept & Errors of Hypothesis, Formulation and Testing of Hypothesis, Test of Significance Approach, Parametric and Non- Parametric Test of Difference.

Regression Analysis- Functional Forms of Regression Models; Steps in Regression Analysis; Regression Diagnostics; the problem of estimation; the problem of inference; Dummy Variable, Regression Models.

#### **Unit- IV**

Application of Social Science Software- Demonstration & Interpretation through SPSS, STATA, R & other available softwares.

#### **Selected References:**

1. Gujrati, D.N; Dawn e Porter & Sangeeta Gunasekar “Basic Econometrics”, McGraw Hill.
2. Bhaumik, S.K. “Principles of Econometrics”, Oxford.
3. Chatterjee, S. and Ali S Hadi, “Regression Analysis by Example”, Willey.

**Paper-III (Advanced Area of Research in Political Science)**

**Unit-I**

MIGRATION STUDIES

- a. Internal Migration
- b. International Migration
- c. Diaspora
- d. Multiculturalism
- e. Socio-Political Change

NORTH-EAST POLITICS

- a. Ethnicity
- b. Right to Self-Determination Movements
- c. Students' Movements
- d. Identity Crisis
- e. Regionalism

**Unit-II**

DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

- a. Empowerment and Development
- b. Development of the ST/SC Minorities in India
- c. Political Participation and Development

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

- a. Good Governance
- b. Grassroots Democracy
- c. Recent Trends in Public Administration

**Unit-III**

- a. Globalisation, Culture and Religion
- b. Globalisation and Economic Systems
- c. Globalisation and Global Politics
- d. Globalisation and Gender Studies

**Unit-IV**

GENDER STUDIES

- a. Liberal Feminism
- b. Marxist Feminism
- c. Radical Feminism
- d. Gender Inequality and Property



## HUMAN RIGHTS

- a. Evolution of the concept of Human Rights
- b. Approaches and Perspective
- c. Human Rights: Indian Perspective
- d. Human Rights and Women Rights

## Unit- V

## THOUGHT AND MOVEMENTS

- a. Nationalism
- b. Federal Polity
- c. Thought of Social Movements

## **Paper – IV**

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| 1. Synopsis     | 25 Marks |
| 2. Book Review  | 25 Marks |
| 3. Presentation | 25 Marks |
| 4. Viva Voce    | 25 Marks |