

**Central University of South Bihar
School of Social Sciences and Policy
Department of Political Studies
Board of Studies
Minutes of the Meeting**

Date: 17-18 October 2022

Venue: Department of Political Studies' Office
(Room Number 223), Chankya Bhawan

Members Present:

1. Prof. Pranav Kumar: Chairperson
2. Prof. Ashok Acharya: External Member
3. Prof. Arvind Kumar: External Member
4. Prof. Krishnan Chalil: Cognate Member
5. Dr. Samapika Mohapatra: Cognate Member
6. Dr. Praveen Kumar: Member
7. Dr. Sumit Kumar Pathak: Member
8. Dr. Abhay Kumar: Member
9. Dr. Pawan Kumar Singh: Member

In pursuance of the directives of the competent authority vide letter No.s F. No. CUSB/Acad/58-1/2020-413, dated 28 and 29 Mar 2022, CUSB/Acad/58-1/2020-413/AE208, dated 28 Apr 2022, and CUSB/Acad/58-1/2020-413/AE 544, dated 06 Jul 2022 (enclosed), a meeting of the Board of Studies (BoS) of the Department of Political Studies was held on 17 and 18 Oct 2022 to make amendments/revisions of the courses for the following programmes:

- (1) MA (two-year) in Political Science and International Relations
- (2) Ph.D in Political Science and International Relations,

And to decide the structure, contents and modalities of delivery of

- (3) New short-term Certificate Course and Post Graduate Diploma, to be offered in future.

2. The meeting began with the welcome of the members of the BoS and the Chairperson apprised the Board about the requirement of reviewing the Course Curriculum for M.A. in Political Science and International Relations and Ph.D programme in the light of the template provided by the University in order to make necessary changes to make the hitherto existing CBCS based Course Curriculum more suitable to the National Education Policy, 2020 (NEP, 2020).

3. While the changes/revisions or amendments were made in the light of the model framework for the implementation of the New Education Policy (NEP) that was developed by the CUSB Task Force for the implementation of the NEP-2020, it was underlined that the course structure and contents are being kept flexible to suit the changing requirements of the programme and also to meet the needs of the stakeholders. The teachers shall have the autonomy to teach the courses in a flexible manner. The syllabi of the courses are comprehensive in covering the large gamut of the issues in a given course. However, the course instructor can give the students choices from among the contents of the course so that the necessary topics can be covered and the requirements of the Programme too can be addressed. It was further highlighted that the ordinance of the Programmes and other modalities shall follow the university ordinance and directives that may be issued by the competent authorities from time to time.

3. In addition, it was decided that successful completion of the following courses would make a candidate eligible to earn a certificate in the area of the course, subject to the fulfilment of other required conditions. Thus, the Department shall offer the following three self-financed job-oriented and skill-based certificate courses for the outside candidates and the latter can attend the courses along with the regular students of the Department.

Sl. No.	Certificate in	Course to be successfully completed
1.	Leadership, Election Management and Strategies	Leadership, Election Management and Strategies
2.	Teaching, Public Speaking and Writing Skills in Political Science and IR	Teaching, Public Speaking and Writing Skills in Political Science and IR
3.	Public Policy: Process, Monitoring and Evaluation	Public Policy: Process, Monitoring and Evaluation

4. It was further decided that the students who shall complete the Level-8 shall be awarded "Post Graduate Diploma in Political Science and International Relations with specialisation in Leadership, Election Management and Strategies" that is a job-oriented course.


5. The board took note of the inputs and feedback that were provided by various stakeholders including students while making the necessary changes.

6. The changes and amendments were made after two days of intense discussions during which the external and cognate members, in addition to the members from the Department critically reviewed all the courses prepared by the faculty members of the Department. The suggestions and critical inputs thus offered were incorporated in the Course Curriculum.

7. The Board unanimously accorded approval to the Course Structures of M.A. in Political Science and International Relations (Annexure I) and Ph.D. Programme (Annexure II). The Board also accorded approval to the Certificate and Diploma courses as mentioned in the Para 3 and Para 4 above.

8. The Board further entrusted upon the Department to make necessary changes in the light of any future Ordinance/Regulation/Document issued by the competent authority in the University, as and when required.


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