

Minutes of the Board of Studies in International Relations and Politics held at the meeting room of the Central University of Kerala on 6th of February 2018 at 11.am.

Agenda

1. Eligibility Criteria for admission to the MA programme in International Relations & Political Science
2. The structure of the proposed syllabus effective from admissions 2018 (July) onwards.
3. The various optional courses to be offered
4. The content and reading list of the various courses.
5. The proposal to reintroduce an M. Phil. programme in International Relations

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Dr. Uma Parutholthaman and Dr. Lalji Pal participated as invitees.

The eligibility criteria for admission to the MA programme in International Relations and Political Science was viewed as follows.

Bachelor's Degree (under the 1+2+3 system) in International Relations, Political Science, Public Administration, Economics, History, Law and Media and Communication

Studies with not less than 50 percent marks or equivalent grade or other social sciences and Humanities with not less than 50 percent marks or equivalent grade with a minimum of 50 percent marks or equivalent grade in Political Science / World History as subsidiary/complementary.

It was decided to have the modified programme structure in place from 2018 July admission onwards. The course, the course codes and the credits for the various courses offered are detailed below.

Semester I

1. Concepts and Theories in Political Science (C)	GIR 5101	4
2. Indian Government and Politics (C)	GIR 5102	4
3. Contemporary International Relations (C)	GIR 5103	4
4. Theories of International Relations (C)	GIR 5104	4
5. Introduction to Public Administration (C)	GIR 5105	4

Semester II

6. Research Methodology (C)	GIR 5201	4
7. India's Foreign Policy (C)	GIR 5202	4
8. Comparative Political Analysis (C)	GIR 5203	4
9. Optional Course (E)	GIR 50XX	4

Semester III

10. Indian Political and Strategic Thought (C)	GIR 5301	4
11. International Political Economy (C)	GIR 5302	4
12. International and Regional Organisations (C)	GIR 5303	4
13. Optional Course (E)	GIR 50XY	4

Semester IV

14. Western Political Thought (C)	GIR 5401	4
15. International Security (C)	GIR 5402	4
16. Optional Course (E)	GIR 50XZ	4
17. Dissertation (C)	GIR 5403	4
18. Comprehensive Viva Voce	GIR 5404	4

Total

72

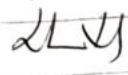
It was decided to have a Comprehensive Viva Voce covering the entire range of courses completed by the learners in addition to the dissertation topic. The optional courses will be offered in second, third and fourth Semesters. The offer of an individual elective course will depend on the availability of the faculty, space and the number of students deciding to take up that course. The following courses were identified as optional courses.

1. Political Economy of Kerala GIR 5001
2. Environment, Development and Politics GIR 5002
3. Gender in International Relations GIR 5003
4. Theory and Practice of Human Rights. GIR 5004
5. Local Governance and Development in India GIR 5005
6. International Law GIR 5006
7. Indian Administration GIR 5007
8. Africa in World Affairs GIR 5008
9. West Asia in International Politics GIR 5009
10. Foreign Policy of USA since World War II GIR 5010
11. China in International Politics GIR 5011
12. Peace and Conflict Resolution Studies GIR 5012
13. Society and Politics in Central Asia GIR 5013
14. State Politics in India GIR 5014
15. Government and Politics in South Asia GIR 5015
16. Contemporary Political Theory GIR 5016.

Further, it was resolved to incorporate the suggestions made by the members of the Board of Studies into the syllabi and circulate the same for obtaining the consent of the members.

It was also resolved to recommend to the University to start the M.Phil programme in International Relations with four courses, each having 4 credits, in the first semester and a dissertation and viva consisting of 16 credits (12+4) in the second semester.

The meeting came to an end at 3 pm with thanks from
and to the Chair.

 Chairman (BOS)
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GIR 5004: Theory and Practice of Human Rights

Course Rationale

Human Rights have acquired a new significance since the end of Second World War in shaping the relations between countries. The United Nations declaration of human rights has given these rights a new meaning and significance. Since then, there has been concerted effort to protect and guarantee these rights. The paper is about the problems of world community in giving effect to these rights in light of different social, economic and culture backgrounds of the individual countries. The learners will understand the key historical, political, legal and moral influences that have shaped the idea of "human rights" and be able to explain the concept of a right, and to analyze the contemporary challenges and trends in human rights theory and practice and to understand the general affinities and divergences in sources, substance and application of rights in international, regional, constitutional and domestic contexts.

Course Outcomes

Explain the evolution of the idea of Human rights
Compare different approaches on Human rights
Critically analyse provisions of UDHR, ICCPR & ICESCR
Identify remedial measures for Human Rights Violations

Course Contents

1. Concept of Human Rights: Historical Development
2. Human Rights: Western and Eastern Perspectives
3. The Internationalization of Human Rights: The Evolving Inter-Governmental Institutional Structure
4. Human Rights and the United Nations: Charter Provisions
5. Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Various other Conventions

6. International Protection of Human Rights: Civil, Political, Social and Economic Rights,
7. Human Rights and Third Generation Collective Rights
8. Problems and Prospects.