UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

Core Course in POLITICAL SCIENCE

for the students of BA Degree Programme in Political Science under CBCSS

SYLLABUS

Semester: **5** Type of course: **Core**
Course Code: **PS1544** Course Name: **RESEARCH METHODS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE**
Instruction Hours/Week: **4** Number of credits: **4**

Aim of the Course

The course intend to familiarize the students with the research methods in Political Science.

Objectives of the course

1. To enable for the practical use of students in their Project/Dissertation in the Sixth Semester.
2. To identify the different methods and techniques applicable to Political Science research.

MODULE I - Introduction: Social Science Research and its social significance.
Types of Research: Fundamental and applied research, action research.
Important Concepts: What is Hypothesis, Sampling – Relevance and types of Sampling

MODULE II - Selection of a Topic and Formulation of Research Problem – Review of Literature – Data Collection – Data Processing and Analysis.

MODULE III - Sources of Data (Primary and Secondary) - Observation, Interview, Questionnaire, and Document.
(Suggestion for Assignment: Students can prepare Group Project guided by teachers)

MODULE IV - 1. Data Processing and Analysis: Editing, Coding, Tabulation. Elementary knowledge of statistical methods.
2. Report Writing: Structure of the Report- The Preliminary Part, the Main Text and the End Matter. Citation or referencing styles.

BOOKS

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3. Dwivedi R S, Research Methods in Behavioural Science, (Mac Millan India Ltd. New Dellhi, 1997)
4. Agnihotri V, Techniques of Social Research, (M N Publishers, New Delhi, 1980)
5. Jayapalan N, Research Methods in Political Science, (Atlantic Publishers and Distributers, New Delhi,2000)
6. Pennings Paul (et al), Doing Research in PoliticalScience, (Sage Publications, New Delhi 1999)
7. Ghosh B N, Scientific Method and Social Research, (Sterling Punlishers Pvt Ltd New Delhi, 1987, 4th Edn
8. Johnson, JB and Richard A Joslyn, Political Science Research Methods, (Prentice-Hall of India Pvt Ltd, New Delhi, 1989
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