

BSc (Hons) Political Science – SH345

1. Objectives

The degree programme in Political Science is designed to provide knowledge and competence in the field of Politics at local, regional and international level, to sharpen critical outlook and to promote cognitive, writing and analytical skills in the study of the discipline. It is expected that graduates in Political Science would pursue their career in regional and international organisations, central and local government, parastatal bodies and journalism.

2. General Entry Requirements

In accordance with the University General Entry Requirements for admission to undergraduate degree Programmes.

3. Programme Requirements

- A credit in English Language at Cambridge School Certificate/‘O’ Level or equivalent;
- 2 GCE ‘A’ Level passes in relevant subjects. Relevant fields include the following: Social Sciences, Languages and/or any other subject acceptable to the Department.

4. Programme Duration

	Normal	Maximum
Degree:	3 years	5 years

5. Minimum Credits Required for Degree Award –105

Breakdown as follows:

Degree	Core Modules	Electives	Dissertation /or (Research Project + 1 Elective)
	87	9	9 or (6 + 3)

6. Credits per Year

As per University Regulations.

7. Assessment

Each module will be assessed over 100 marks with details as follows (unless otherwise specified):

Written examinations for all modules will be carried out at the end of the academic year except for semester modules (unless otherwise stated).

Continuous Assessment will be based on a compulsory written class test and assignments/or oral presentations. The continuous assessment will count for 30% of the overall percentage mark of the module(s), except for a Programme where the structure makes for other specific provision(s).

An overall total of 40% for combined continuous assessment and written examination components would be required to pass the module, without minimum thresholds within the individual continuous assessment and written examination. The same criterion will apply for modules being assessed jointly. Note that all overall mark for the two modules will be considered and not the individual marks for each of the two modules.

8. Submission Deadline for Dissertation / Research Project.

Three copies of the dissertation (two spiral-bound copies and one soft copy in a single PDF text file on electronic storage media) should be submitted to the Faculty/Centre Registry and **in addition, a soft copy of the dissertation in a single PDF text file should be uploaded on the "Turnitin' Platform", in the final assignment submission link indicated by the Programme/Project Coordinator.**

All of the above should be submitted not later than the last working day (i.e. excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays) of March of the academic year by 4.00 p.m. at latest, unless specified otherwise in the Programme of Studies

9. Programme Plan

YEAR 1 (33 Credits for Core Modules + 3 Credit Elective = 36 Credits)

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	Credits
Core Modules			
POLI 1001Y (1)	Introduction to Political Theory	3+0	6
IREL 1001Y (1)	Theories and Concepts of International Relations	3+0	6
HIST 1004Y(1)	International History since the end of the 19th Century	3+ 0	6
POLI 1002Y (1)	Colonial and Post – Independence Political History of Mauritius	3+0	6
ECON1012Y(1)	Introduction to Economic Theory	3+0	6
COMS 1008(1)	Written Skills in English ¹	3+0	3
Electives : Choose any one 3 credit module from the list below			
SOCI 1005(1)	Introduction to Sociological Analysis ¹	3+0	3
COMS 1005 (1)	Introduction to Media and Communication ¹	3+0	3
COMS 1007 (1)	Principles of Journalism ¹	3+0	3
POLI 1104 (1)	Heritage and Politics ²	3+0	3

YEAR 2 (30 Credits for Core Modules + 6 Credits Electives = 36 Credits)

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	Credits
Core Modules			
IREL 2001Y (3)	Public International Law	3+0	6
POLI 2002 Y (3)	Political Thought	3+0	6
POLI 2005Y (3)	Public Policy Making	3+0	6
POLI 2007Y (3)	Comparative Government and Politics	3+0	6
POLI 2009(3)	Mauritian Government and Politics ¹	3+0	3
POLI 2107(3)	Research Methods for Political Science ¹	3+0	3
Electives – Choose any two modules amounting to 6 credits the from list below			
HIST 2213(3)	Indian Ocean Studies II ²	3+0	3
POLI 2104 (3)	Government and Politics in South Africa ¹	3+0	3
POLI 2106 (3)	Introduction to Kinship and Political Anthropology ²	3+0	3
POLI 2204 (3)	Democracy and Democratisation ²	3+0	3
IREL 2103(3)	Contemporary Maritime Security Issues ¹	3+0	3
HIST 2214(3)	Contemporary India - History, Politics and Society ²	3+0	3
HIST 2119(3)	Contemporary China - History, Politics and Society ¹	3+0	3

YEAR 3 24 Credits for Core Modules + 9 Credit DISSERTATION / OR (RESEARCH ESSAY + ONE ELECTIVE) = 33 Credits

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	Credits
Core Modules			
IREL 3004Y(5)	Human Rights Issues in International Relations	3+0	6
IREL 3002Y(5)	International Institutions	3+0	6
POLI 3001Y(5)	Political Sociology	3+0	6
POLI 3002Y (5)	African Politics	3+0	6
TO CHOOSE EITHER DISSERTATION OR RESEARCH PROJECT + ONE ELECTIVE OFFERED BY THE DEPARTMENT			
POLI 3000 (5)	Dissertation	-	9
POLI 3016Y(5)RP	Research Project	-	6
	+ 1 Elective		3
List of Electives Offered			
IREL 3106 (5)	International Commercial Arbitration ¹	3+0	3
POLI 3105(5)	Electoral Systems and Voting ²	3+0	3
IREL 3003 (5)	Contemporary Issues in World Politics ¹	3+0	3

* Students are required to earn a CPA of 60 before they are eligible to register on Dissertation, except with special dispensation from the Department.

Notes:

- a) 1 – Module taught and examined in Semester 1
- b) 2 – Module taught and examined in Semester 2
- c) Offering of electives would be subject to the availability of resources and critical mass.