

Your Path to Political Expertise

Master of Arts in Political Science
(Online MA Political Science)



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Eligibility

- ◆ Candidates must have completed 10+2+3-year bachelor's degree from a recognized university/institution, or an equivalent qualification as recognized by the Association of Indian Universities.
- ◆ Candidates who have completed their 10+2 or graduate level education outside India must produce a certificate of equivalence issued by the Association of Indian Universities.

Duration

Minimum 2 years (divided into four semesters)

Career Prospects

- ◆ Policy Analyst
- ◆ Political Journalist
- ◆ Legislative Assistant
- ◆ Political Researcher
- ◆ Political Science Lecturer
- ◆ Civil Services / Government Administrator
- ◆ Public Relations Officer
- ◆ NGO/Nonprofit Program Manager
- ◆ Diplomacy/International Relations Associate

Master
of Arts

Online MA Political Science

Gain advanced knowledge and skills by learning theory and practice of politics, political concepts on a national and global level, and more.



MA in Political Science Fees

| Nationality | Semester Fee | Course Fee |
|------------------|--------------|------------|
| Indian Nationals | INR 18,750 | INR 75,000 |
| Other Nationals | USD 245 | USD 980 |

A non-refundable additional application fee of INR 500 is to be paid by Indian, Nepalese, Bhutanese, Bangladeshi, and Sri Lankan students.

Applicants from Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka are required to pay their fees in Indian Rupees (INR).



Program Delivery

Quality education, delivered seamlessly through state-of-the-art technology, so learning never slows down.

- ◆ Online program entitled by UGC
- ◆ 24x7 learning with best-suited content
- ◆ Expert faculty and mentors
- ◆ Industry expert sessions, webinars and projects
- ◆ Scholarships for deserving candidates
- ◆ AI-enabled Learning Management System (LMS)



About SMU

Sikkim Manipal University (SMU), established in 1995, is a NAAC A+ accredited institution offering UGC-entitled degrees. With a strong legacy of academic excellence, SMU leverages state-of-the-art technology to deliver accessible, industry-relevant programs, ensuring students gain quality education.

SMU's distance education arm, founded in 2001, has educated over 500,000 students, becoming a top provider of professional programs in India. Recognized for its excellence, including the 'Most Preferred Distance Education University Among Students' award, SMU now delivers affordable online degree programs in India, further extending its commitment to accessible education.

“

Give an individual
a professional education
and you have given him
a lifestyle. ”

Padma Shri Dr. T.M.A. Pai

1898 - 1979
Founder - Manipal Group



Dr GK Prabhu
Vice Chancellor,
Sikkim Manipal University



Prof (Dr) Sourav Dhar
Director, Centre for Distance
& Online Education

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Sikkim Manipal University (SMU) Accolades

ACCREDITED



Accredited A+ Grade By
National Assessment and
Accreditation Council (NAAC)



UGC-entitled Online Degrees
Equivalent to On-campus
Degree

RANKED 151-200



Amongst India's
Top #151-200 Universities
in 2025

RANKED 06



Among India's top
multidisciplinary universities
in East Zone (2025)

RANKED 01



Amongst Top Private
Universities in North East (2025)

RANK 15



Among Top Leading
Universities Showcasing
Entrepreneurial Spirit

RANK 330



Amongst South Asia's Top
Universities (2026)

RANK 601+



#601+ in Asia University
Rankings (2025)

Online MA Political Science | Program Structure

First Semester

- ◆ Political Theory
- ◆ Indian Government and Politics
- ◆ Major Ideas and Issues in Public Administration
- ◆ Comparative Politics: Concepts and Methods
- ◆ Interpreting Modern India

Second Semester

- ◆ Western Political Thought
- ◆ International Politics: Theory and Issues
- ◆ Politics in India
- ◆ Political Sociology of India
- ◆ Environment & Climate Change

Third Semester

- ◆ Modern Indian Political Thought
- ◆ Research Methodology
- ◆ Governance and Public Policy in India
- ◆ Theory and Practice of Democracy
- ◆ India's Foreign Policy

Fourth Semester

- ◆ Gender and Politics
- ◆ Indo-Pacific Emerging Trends
- ◆ International Political Economy
- ◆ Dissertation and Viva Voce

- ◆ Total credits: 80
- ◆ Each semester carries a total of 20 credits
- ◆ Each subject carries 4 credits
- ◆ Dissertation carries 8 credits

Note: SMU reserves the right to change the program curriculum, subjects, eligibility, fee structure, number of sessions, duration, certificate format, admission process, and other terms in the program and can incorporate any such changes deemed necessary by the institute without prior intimation.

eLearning: The Future Is Now!

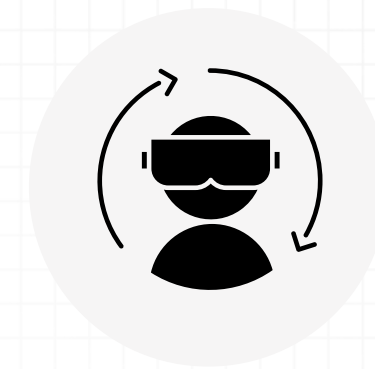
The eLearning material will be made available to you on the Learning Management System (LMS) based on the four-quadrant approach, as per UGC (Credit Framework for online learning courses through SWAYAM) Regulations, 2016.



Video Lectures



Virtual Classrooms



Virtual Simulation



e-Content



Interactive Material



Discussion Forums



The More You Know

Evaluation

The assessment system has been conceived, developed, and administered on a rigorous and fair basis to bring out the best in you and prepare you for a challenging career. Your performance evaluation will be based on both continuous evaluation and term-end examinations.

Results

The results will be published on the student portal. If you fail to clear any of the papers (either in TEE or CA or both), you have to re appear for the relevant paper by applying to the university through the resitting application along with relevant fees, within the due date.

Jurisdiction

All disputes relating to university program and activities are subject to local jurisdiction (Sikkim) only.

Examination

The university semester-end examinations will be held digitally viz. computer-based and online proctored. You can appear for the exams from the comfort and safety of your homes. A laptop or desktop computer with a functioning webcam connected to the Internet is required to appear for the exams. The details of the examination schedule will be made available in the photo admit card issued for appearing for the term end theory examinations. The university will share all examination details via the student portal.

Theory papers

The theory part is assessed by performance based on continuous assessment (CA) through assignments and term-end examinations TEE. The assessment ratio for TEE to CA is 70:30. The CA is based on assignments prepared by the university. TEE will comprise descriptive and multiple-choice type questions. You must score at least 40% in both CA and TEE to be declared as pass.

Right to amend rules

The university reserves the right to add / delete / change / amend the syllabi, program structure, rules and regulations wherever considered necessary and appropriate without any prior notice. You are advised to go through the website frequently where all circulars and important information will be hosted from time to time. Promulgation of any such information on the website in the form of circulars / notices is considered to be adequate.

Awards and degree

Successful students, on satisfying all criteria stipulated by the university, will be awarded the respective degrees by the university.

Application Process

Program Registration

Fill in your basic, education & work experience-related details and pay the application fee to register.

Fee Payment

Pay the admission fee for the first semester/year or full program.

Document Upload

Upload supporting documents & submit your application.

University Approval

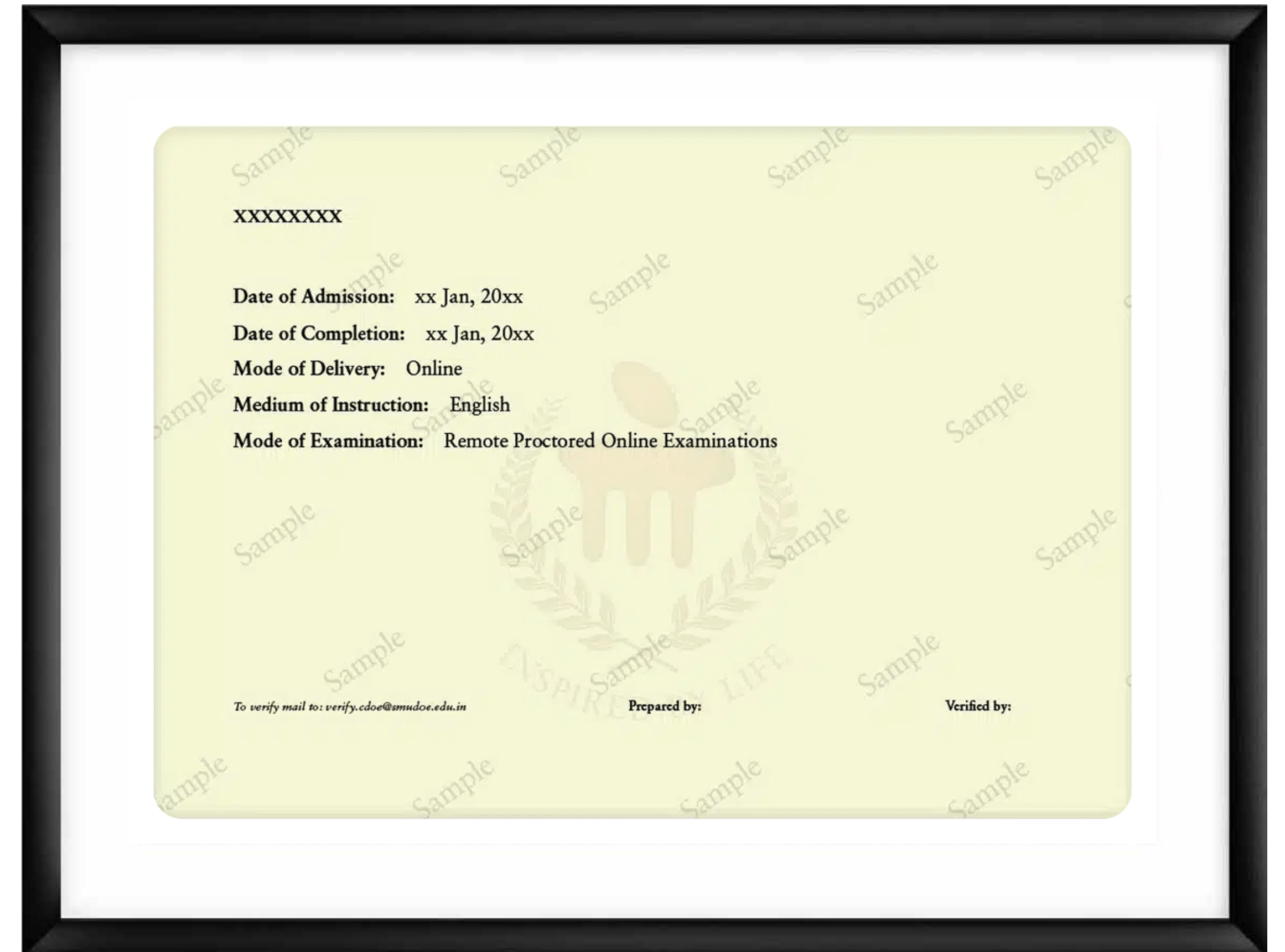
The university will evaluate your documents to confirm your admission.

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Your Degree





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