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M.A. REGULATIONS 2018 (R-1)
Degree Programme with Semester System

Courses Offered:

- **M.A. - English**
- **M.A.- Political Science**
- **M.A.- Periyar Thought**
- **M.A.- History**
- **M.A.- Tamil**

1. Admission and Eligibility

i. For 1st year:

- Candidate should have passed any Bachelor's Degree or equivalent

ii. Transfer from other University

A candidate can join from any other Universities in the beginning of any semester subject to the recommendations of Equivalence Committee and approval of Competent Authority of the University.

2. Duration of the Programme

The duration of M.A. Programme will be two years, divided into four semesters. The duration of each semester will be 90 teaching days. The maximum number of years to complete the programme is 3 years. The maximum number of years to complete the lateral entry M.A programme is 3 years.

3. Definitions

Programme refers to M.A (English / Political Science / Periyar Thought / History / Tamil).
Course refers to Subject. *Institute* means Periyar Maniammai Institute of Science and Technology (PMIST)

4. Pre-requisite

If a prerequisite is specified for a particular course, then the student shall have taken the prescribed prerequisite course.

5. Medium of Instruction

Medium of instruction is English / Tamil

6. Curriculum and Credit System

The present curriculum of the programme is based on the Outcome Based Education (OBE) in which the teaching, learning and evaluation process are focused towards the skills and ability acquired by the students during the course of their study. The Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) allows the students to earn their credits according to their interests. One credit stands for 1 lecture (or) 2 tutorial / Lab hours. Credits can be obtained only after successful completion of assessments.

7. Programme Structure

The M.A. Programme has 90 credits recommended by the UGC.

Participation in any one of the NSS/NCC/NSO/YRC programme during the course of their study is mandatory.

8. REQUIREMENT FOR END SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

Overall Attendance Requirement

Eligibility constraints

1. Maximum of five marks is allotted for attendance as one of the component in CA3

Percentage of Attendance	76-81	82-87	88-93	94-99	100
Marks	1	2	3	4	5

2. The minimum percentage of attendance required to appear for the end semester examinations is 75% (course wise).

3. If the percentage of attendance is between 65% and below 75% for the individual courses due to medical reasons; then the student is eligible to apply for condonation with a prescribed fee of Rs. 300/ per course and also to produce a medical certificate from a registered medical practitioner not below the rank of a Civil Assistant Surgeon

4. If the percentage of attendance is less than 75% and above 65% (overall attendance), she /he has to appear for the exam as supplementary after gaining the required attendance.

5. If the percentage of attendance is less than 65% (all courses put together) then the student will be categorized under "Redo candidate".

6. If a student falls under Redo category, while rejoining he/she has to again pay the prescribed semester fees along with re-registration fees (Rs.500/-).

9.1.2 The following letter grade will appear in the mark sheet for every course for the attendance gained in that course.

Performance	Letter Grade	% of Attendance
Outstanding	O	$\geq 95\%$
Medium	M	$\geq 85\%$ and $< 95\%$
Satisfactory	S	$\geq 80\%$ and $< 85\%$

9. STUDENT COUNSELORS

Each faculty member of the department will be attached with certain number of students as student counselor, appointed by the respective head of the department, to help the students in planning their courses of study and for general advice on the academic programme throughout their period of study. The student counselor also discuss with or inform the parents about the progress/performance of the students concerned and also monitor the academic/general performance of the students including attendance.

10. Examination and Assessment

Theory Courses F:S = 50:50 (Formative versus Summative)

Sl.No	Assessment	Duration	Weightage	Remarks
1.	CA1 Real Time Evaluation	1 Hour	20%	Conducted during 45th– 80th working day of a semester (Unit IV and V)
3.	CA2	0-82 Days	30%	Seminar, Assignment, Quiz, case study, critique, debate, demonstration, drawing, sketch, essay, exhibition, interview, journal / literature review, model, oral examination, presentation, portfolio, practicum, problem solving, projects, reflection, reports, self-assessment, etc. (0-82 Days)
4.	CA3 End Examinations	3 Hours	50%	After 90 Days (All Portions)
	Total		100	

Projects

Review	%	Schedule
Review 0	0	15 th Day
Review I	30	After 40 Days
Review II	30	After 60 Days
Pre Project Presentation	0	After 75 Days
Review III	40	After 90 Days

11. Attendance Requirements (End Semester Examinations)

1	Overall 80% and above	Eligibility to write all examinations.
2	Overall 70% and above but below 80%	Shortage of attendance is to be condoned on medical grounds with proper documents. Condonation fee of Rs. 300/- per course is to be paid by the students. <i>Medical reasons – Granting of permission on production of all the necessary medical documents (like hospitalization, medical problem, treatment, Medical bills etc) and medical certificate from a registered medical practitioner not below the rank of a Civil assistant surgeon.</i>
3	Overall Below 70%	Not eligible to write all the regular courses of that semester and will fall under redo category. The students have to redo the semester during the subsequent year.

12. Special Exams

Student's participation on behalf of Institution Curriculum / Sports Event or related work or any other activities recommended by the HOD/Authorities will only be considered only after prior permission from the authorities concerned. This is applicable for all exams.

The following letter grade will appear in the mark sheet for every course for the attendance gained in that course.

Performance	Letter Grade	% of Attendance
Outstanding	O	>=95%
Medium	M	>=85% and <95%
Satisfactory	S	>=80% and <85%

13. Minimum Marks for passing and Grade versus Marks

A minimum requirement of marks to pass the course is that the students should gain not less than 40% of marks in formative and summative separately and should gain 50% in both combined formative and summative as per the following structure.

Type of Assessment	% of marks
Formative	40%
Summative	40%
Total= Formative + Summative	50%

All assessment of course will be done on absolute marks basis. However for the purpose of the reporting the performance of a candidate, letter grades, each carrying certain points, will be awarded as per the range of total marks (out of 100) obtained by the candidate as detailed below

Grade Letter	Grade Point	Performance	Actual Marks
O	10	Outstanding	A ₁ >91
A+	9	Excellent	81≤A<91
A	8	Very Good	71≤A<81
B+	7	Good	61≤A<71
B	6	Above Average	55≤A<61
C	5	Average	50≤A<55
U	0	Reappear/Absent	A<50
W	0	Withdrawal	

14. Calculation of Grade Points

Institute uses Grade Point Average (GPA), an internationally recognized calculation which is used to find the average result of all grades achieved.

The GPA for each semester is calculated by taking the sum of the products of grade points with the corresponding credits earned by the student divided by sum of credits in that semester. The formula for calculating GPA is given in equation (1).

$$GPA = \frac{\sum_i C_{ni} G_{ni}}{\sum_i C_{ni}} \quad (1)$$

Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) is the sum of the products of grade points with the corresponding credits of all semesters divided by the sum of all credits of all semesters. The formula for calculating CGPA is given in equation (2).

$$CGPA = \frac{\sum_n \sum_i C_{ni} G_{ni}}{\sum_n \sum_i C_{ni}} \quad (2)$$

where C denotes course G denotes grade point n denotes semester number and i denotes course number.

15. Rules for Withdrawal from Programme

A student can withdraw from a programme temporarily or permanently due to whatsoever reasons. In that case she/he can rejoin the programme, if she/he has temporarily withdrawn from a programme. However the maximum number of years to complete the programme is 3. In addition, a student can withdraw maximum of three courses in a semester and this withdrawal shall be considered for only one semester of the programme.

16. Rules for changing Branches

A student can change a branch of study with the due permission from Dean of the respected School and Dean (Academic) before completing 15 working days of the 1st semester of the programme.

17. Eligibility for the Degree and Classification of Classes

A Student shall be declared to be eligible for the award of the degree provided, if the student has successfully completed the programme requirements and has passed all the prescribed examinations within a maximum period of programme.

CGPA	7.50 and above and passed in first attempt Maximum number of courses which can be withdrawn is three and withdrawal considered for only one semester of the programme.	First Class with Distinction
CGPA	6.0 (in any attempt) and above in $n + 1$ consecutive years where n is the number of years for a programme	First Class
CGPA	Less than 6.0	Second Class

In order to motivate the students towards research, it is mandatory for the award of the degree that each student should make presentation and publish research articles (2 Papers [1-National/International Journal and 1-National/International conference]) during their study period.

18. IDENTIFICATION AND SUPPORT FOR SLOW, MEDIUM AND ADVANCED LEARNERS

18.1. Advanced learners, slow learners and medium learners are identified based on the CGPA.

Category	CGPA
Advanced learners	7.5 and above
Medium learners	Above 6 and below 7.5
Slow learners	Less than 6

18.2. The advanced learners are asked to learn NTPL, MOOC, Swayam platform courses. These skills are taught by the senior teachers of the department and also by external experts.

18.3. Medium learners are given special coaching/tutorials classes for the courses which they are currently undergoing.

18.4. Slow learners are given remedial classes (coaching /tuition) for the courses which they have to reappear from previous semesters and in weak courses during the current semester.