

Semester V Lecture Plan – Project Work (OA-38)

Name of the college: Government College of Arts, Science and Commerce – Sanquelim, Goa

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Paper Code:	POL-307	Program/Course:	TYBA – Project Work (OA-38)
Academic Year:	2026 – 2027	Semester:	V
Division:	A	Total Lectures:	15

Course Objectives:

1. To orient students to the purpose, nature and structure of Project Work under Ordinance OA-38.
2. To develop skills in identifying, framing and finalising a research topic in Political Science.
3. To build competence in literature review, research methodology and data collection techniques.
4. To prepare students for field/library work, ethical research practices and report writing (to be completed in Semester VI).

Course Learning Outcome:

The student will be able to:

1. Identify a research problem and finalise a project topic in Political Science.
2. Review literature and design an appropriate research methodology.
3. Apply correct citation practices and maintain research records/work diaries.
4. Undertake preliminary field/library work in preparation for analysis and report writing in Semester VI.

Month	From	To	No. of Lectures Allotted	Topic, Subtopic to be Covered	Learning Outcome	ICT Tools	Reference Books
July	23/07/2026	23/07/2026	1	General Orientation to Project Work: Purpose, Nature of Activity and OA-38 Time Schedule	Students will understand the purpose, scope and semester-wise schedule of the Project as per OA-38.	PowerPoint Presentation / Discussion	Goa University, Project Guidelines OA-38, 2025
July/Aug	28/07/2026	30/07/2026	2	Nature of Project Activity: Disciplinary, Interdisciplinary and Multi-disciplinary Study; Identifying Broad Areas in Political Science	Students will distinguish types of project work and identify broad areas of study relevant to Political Science.	Discussion / Brainstorming	Goa University, Project Guidelines OA-38, 2025

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August	04/08/2026	06/08/2026	2	Reviewing Literature: Library and Database Search Techniques; Formulating the Research Problem	Students will learn to search and review existing literature and frame a clear research problem.	Library Session / Demonstration	M. Laxmikanth, Indian Polity, McGraw Hill, 2023
August	11/08/2026	13/08/2026	2	Brainstorming and Shortlisting Project Topics; Peer Discussion and Preliminary Presentations	Students will generate and evaluate possible project topics through peer discussion.	Group Discussion / Presentation	Goa University, Project Guidelines OA-38, 2025
August	18/08/2026	20/08/2026	2	Finalisation of Topic; Writing the Project Proposal (Annexure I Format)	Students will finalise their project topic and draft a proposal in the prescribed format.	Individual Consultation / Template Discussion	Goa University, Project Guidelines OA-38, Annexure I, 2025
Aug/Sep	25/08/2026	27/08/2026	2	Final Registration of Students and Submission Procedure; Introduction to Research Methodology	Students will understand the registration process and basics of qualitative and quantitative research methods.	PowerPoint Presentation / Discussion	M.P. Jain, Indian Constitutional Law, LexisNexis, 2018
September	01/09/2026	03/09/2026	2	Data Collection Tools and Techniques: Questionnaire, Interview Schedule and Observation; Sampling Methods	Students will learn to design data collection instruments and select appropriate sampling methods.	PPT / Case Study Discussion	M. Laxmikanth, Indian Polity, McGraw Hill, 2023
September	08/09/2026	10/09/2026	2	Submission of Registration Form (Annexure II) to Controller of Examinations; Maintaining the Work Diary (Annexure III)	Students will complete formal registration requirements and understand record-keeping for project work.	Documentation Workshop	Goa University, Project Guidelines OA-38, Annexures II & III, 2025
September	14/09/2026	19/09/2026	Nil	Ganesh Chaturthi Break	—	—	—
September	22/09/2026	24/09/2026	2	Citation Styles (APA/MLA/Chicago) and Academic Integrity; Understanding the Similarity Index and Plagiarism Guidelines	Students will apply correct citation practices and understand plagiarism and similarity index norms.	Demonstration / Discussion	Goa University, Project Guidelines OA-38, 2025
Sep/Oct	29/09/2026	01/10/2026	2	Overview of Report Writing Structure: Preliminaries, Text and End-Matter; Planning the Field/Library Work Schedule	Students will preview the report structure and plan their field or library work timeline.	PowerPoint Presentation / Discussion	Goa University, Project Guidelines OA-38, 2025
October	06/10/2026	08/10/2026	2	Individual Supervisor Consultation - Progress Review I; Preliminary Field/Library Work - Initial Data and Source Collection	Students will receive individual guidance and begin preliminary data/source collection.	Individual Consultation / Fieldwork	Subhash C. Kashyap, Our Constitution, National Book Trust, 2011

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October	13/10/2026	13/10/2026	1	Consolidation of Semester V Work and Roadmap for Semester VI (Field Work, Analysis and Report Writing)	Students will review progress made and understand the plan of work for Semester VI.	Discussion / Review	Goa University, Project Guidelines OA-38, 2025

Assessment Components:

Component	Max Marks
Internal Individual Assessment	20
External Group Assessment	30
External Individual Assessment	50
Total (evaluated in Semester VI)	100

Note: This plan covers Semester V activities only (Orientation, Topic Finalisation, Registration, Methodology and Preliminary Field/Library Work) as per OA-38 Project Guidelines. Field/Library Work, Data Analysis, Report Writing and Evaluation (Presentation & Viva Voce) continue in Semester VI.