

UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI  
CENTRE FOR CENTRAL EURASIAN STUDIES  
**M. A. IN EURASIAN STUDIES**

REVISED SYLLABUS OF M.A. PROGRAMME IN  
EURASIAN STUDIES

(Semester –III and Semester - IV)

52 credits (III-Semester- 30 credits, -IV –Semester-22 credits) Syllabus

CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM

TO BE INTRODUCED FROM THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-2018 onwards  
FOR SEMESTER III & IV

## M.A. Part II

### Semester III (Elective Papers)

Course Code	Course Title	End Sem Exam	Internal Assessment	Hrs per week	Credits
Paper 1	<b>Perspectives on Central Eurasia</b> Elective Paper – I	60	40	4	6
Paper 2	<b>Energy Resources in Central Eurasia</b> Elective Paper – II	60	40	4	6
Paper 3	<b>Russian Foreign Policy</b> Elective Paper – III	60	40	4	6
Paper 4	<b>Russian Politics and Economy</b> Elective Paper – IV	60	40	4	6
Paper 5	<b>India – Eurasia Relations</b> Elective Paper – V	60	40	4	6

### Semester IV

Course Code		End Sem Exam	Internal Assessment	Hrs per week	Credits
Paper 1	<b>Ability Enhancement Course</b>				<b>6</b>
a)	Research Methodology	100	----		
Paper 1I	<b>Inter-Disciplinary Papers</b>				6
a)	Russian Literature	100	---		
b)	<b>Russian Society and Culture</b>	100	---		
c)	<b>Tourism in Russia</b>	100	---		
Paper 1II	<b>Project Based Course</b>	100	---		10

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Elective Paper – I

Credits : 06

**Perspectives on Central Eurasia**

**Preamble : The course aims to introduce Central Eurasia as a key component of Area Studies programme and its significance.**

**Learning objectives**

1. **To understand Central Eurasia as a region**
2. **To analyze the Socio-Political and geo-political issues in the region.**

**Module I : Area studies and its Significance**

- a. Central Eurasia as Area Studies Programme.
- b. Eurasian study Centres in India.
- c. Central Eurasia: Theory and Practice.
- d. Geography, Topography, Climate and Environment.

**Module II : Relevance of Central Eurasia**

- a. Post-Cold War Central Eurasia.
- b. Nation Building.
- c. Ethnic Issues, Religious Fundamentalism and Terrorism.
- d. The Great Game.

**Module III : Economy and Polity of Central Eurasia**

- a. Economic Transformations.
- b. Political Structure and Processes.
- c. Social and Cultural Issues.
- d. Personality Cult and Leadership Issues.

**Module IV : Geo-Politics in Central Eurasia**

- a. The Politics of Energy Resources of Central Eurasia.
- b. Caspian Sea Disputes.
- c. Role of Russia, US and China in Central Eurasia.
- d. Role of Regional Powers and Non-State Actors.

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Elective Paper –II

Credits : 06

**Energy Resources in Central Eurasia**

**Preamble : This paper aims to understand the dynamics of energy resources in Central Eurasia and to study the new energy routes across the region.**

**Learning objectives**

- 1. To examine the Central Eurasian energy sector and its impact on world economy.**
- 2. To throw light on emerging energy pipelines and new markets.**

**Module I : Hydrocarbon Resources in Eurasia**

- a. Energy Sector in Eurasia.
- b. Role of Natural Resources in Central Eurasian Economic Development.
- c. Energy Pipelines in Central Eurasia.
- d. Inter- Relation between Energy and Economy.

**Module II : Energy Transit Routes in Eurasia**

- a. Soviet Legacy in Oil & Gas Pipelines.
- b. Impact of Soviet Disintegration on Transit Routes in Eurasia.
- c. Conflict over Energy Transit Routes.
- d. New Energy Transit Routes.

**Module III : New Great Game**

- a. Great Game and New Great Game.
- b. Politics of Energy Pipelines.
- c. Major and Regional Players.
- d. Non-State Actors.

**Module IV : Shift of focus in Energy Markets.**

- a. Traditional European Market.
- b. Role and Significance of Emerging Asian Markets.
- c. New Transit Routes Connecting Asia and Asia- Pacific.
- d. Opportunities and Challenges in Energy Markets.

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Semester III

Elective Paper –III

Credits : 06

### **Russian Foreign Policy**

**Preamble : This paper aims to study Russia's foreign policy since its inception. It will also cover Russian involvement in all the regions of the world.**

#### **Learning objectives**

- 1. To assess the foreign policy of Russia with major and regional powers.**
- 2. To estimate the resurgence of Russian foreign policy in contemporary world.**

#### **Module I : Soviet Disintegration and Russian Foreign Policy.**

- a. Impact of Soviet Collapse on Russia's Foreign Policy.
- b. Determinants of Russia's Foreign Policy.
- c. Evolution of Russia's Foreign Policy.
- d. Atlanticism Versus Eurasianism.

#### **Module II : Russia and Near Abroad**

- a. The Concept of Near Abroad.
- b. Russia's Policy Perspective with Central Asia.
- c. Russia's Policy Towards Trans-Caucasus.
- d. Russia and the Baltic States.

#### **Module III : Russia and the West**

- a. Contemporary Russia – US Relations.
- b. Russia and European Union.
- c. Russia's Relations with Former East European Socialist Countries.
- d. Russia and the European Regional Organizations.

#### **Module IV : Russia and Rest of the World**

- a. Russia and East Asia with Special Reference to China.
- b. Russia's Policy Towards West-Asia.
- c. Russia and Asia- Pacific, South East Asia, South Asia.
- d. Russia's Policy Towards Africa.

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Elective Paper –IV

Credits : 06

**Russian Politics and Economy**

**Preamble :** This paper aims to study the political and economic system in Russia. It also seeks to highlight Russia as an energy superpower and its role in global economic affairs.

**Learning objectives**

1. To throw light on political Institutions and economic reforms in post-Soviet period.
2. To study the role of energy in Russian economy.

**Module I : Impact of Soviet Disintegration on Russian polity and Economy.**

- a. Soviet Legacy with Respect to Russian Economy.
- b. The Post-Soviet Economic Transition: Chaos Versus Stability.
- c. Soviet and Russian Political Systems in Comparative Perspective.
- d. Evolving Russian Political System.

**Module II : Russia's Democratic Institutions.**

- a. Presidency as an Institution.
- b. Legislature and Judiciary
- c. Multi-Party System in Russia.
- d. Russian Federalism.

**Module III : Economic Transition**

- a. Economic Reforms under President Yeltsin.
- b. Economic Recovery under President Putin.
- c. Challenges to Russian Economy.
- d. Russian Economy and Regional Organizations.

**Module IV : Resource Nationalism and Economic Reforms**

- a. Specifics and Peculiarities of Russian Economy.
- b. The Role of Natural and Mineral Resources in Russia's Economic Development.
- c. Energy as a Tool of Russia's Foreign Policy
- d. Russia and Major Financial Organizations.

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Elective Paper –V

Credits : 06

**India – Eurasia Relations**

**Preamble : The paper aims to broaden the perspective of India- Central Eurasia relations It will analyze traditional and non- traditional security concerns**

**Learning objectives**

- 1. To study India’s relations with Russia, Central Asia and Trans-Caucasus.**
- 2. To highlight the new connecting routes to this region, opportunities and challenges.**

**Module I : India- Russia Relations.**

- a. Significance of Indo-Russian Relations.
- b. India-Russia Economic and Cultural Relations.
- c. India-Russia Defence ties
- d. India-Russia Co-operation in the Framework of BRICS and SCO.

**Module II : India- Central Asia Relations**

- a. India’s Historic and Cultural Relations: Revival of Old Silk Route.
- b. India- Central Asia Economic Relations in view of New Transit Routes.
- c. India’s Connect Central Asia Policy.
- d. Challenges to Indo-Central Asian Relations.

**Module III : India and Trans-Caucasus and Caspian Sea Basin**

- a. Importance of Trans-Caucasus and Caspian Sea Basin to India.
- b. India’s Economic and Energy Relations with Trans-Caucasus.
- c. New Transit Routes to Trans-Caucasus.
- d. Opportunities and Challenges for India in Trans-Caucasus.

**Module IV : India’s Security Concerns and Central Eurasia.**

- a. India’s Security Policy Towards Eurasia.
- b. Non- Traditional Security Threats in Eurasia and its Impact on India.
- c. India’s Energy Security and Central Eurasia.
- d. India-Central Eurasia Prospects for Cooperation.

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M.A. II      Semester IV      Paper – I      **Ability Enhancement Course**      Credits : 06

**a) Research Methodology**

**Preamble : This paper aims to introduce research methodology to the researchers and students.**

**Learning objectives: - It will discuss research methods designs in international relations and area studies.**

**Module I : Introduction to Social Science Research**

- a. Definition of Research, Types of Research.
- b. Relevance of Research Process in Social Science.
- c. Objectives and Central Problems.
- d. Framing a Research Proposal (means and methods)

**Module II : Relevance of Research Methods In International Relations.**

- a. Testing Hypothesis.
- b. Report/Proposal Writings.
- c. Seeking Grants for Research.
- d. Verifying Veracity and Final Output.

**Module III : Research Designs And Survey Methods.**

- a. Qualitative and Quantitative.
- b. Mixed Methodology.
- c. Data Analysis and Sample Survey.
- d. Questionnaire and Interaction.

**Module IV : Research Techniques And Applied Methods.**

- a. Field Research and Presentation.
- b. Reliability/Validity Tests.
- c. Formating and Processing
- d. Statistical Data Analysis.

**Module V : Tools and Techniques of Data Collection.**

- a. Distinction Between Primary And Secondary Data.
- b. Structured Interview Schedule.
- c. Case Study.
- d. Focused Group Discussion.



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Credits : 06

Paper – II

**Inter-disciplinary Course**

**A) Russian Literature**

**Preamble : The paper seeks to study the various trends in Russian literature. It will also evaluate the Classics in Russian Literature.**

**Learners objectives:**

- 1. To analyse the trends in Russian Literature from Pre-Soviet to contemporary time.**

**Module I : Introduction to Russian Literature.**

- a. Impact Of Soviet Disintegration On Russian Literature.
- b. DIFFERENT TRENDS IN LITERATURE.
- c. Current Status Of Russian Literature.
- d. Impact Of Economic And Political Transformation On Literature.

**Module II : Pre-Soviet Literature.**

- a. Alexander Pushkin : Eugene Onegin.
- b. Nikolai Gogol : Revizor.
- c. Leo Tolstoy : Anna Karenina.
- d. Fyodor Dostoyevsky : Crime And Punishment.

**Module III : Soviet Literature.**

- a. Maxim Gorky : Mother
- b. Mikhail Sholokhov.: “ Quietly Flows The Don” ( “Tikhiy Don”)
- c. Chingiz Aitmatov : Bely Porokhod
- d. Boris Pasternak : Doctor Zhivago.

**Module IV : Contemporary Russian Literature.**

- a. V. Shukshin : Chudik.
- b. Vladimir Sorokin : The Queue.
- c. Vikter Pelevin : Omon Ra.
- d. Alexander Solzhenitsyn : One Day in the life of Ivan Danisovich.

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Credits : 06

Paper – II

**Inter-Disciplinary Course**

**b) Russian Society and Culture**

**Preamble :** The paper aims to understand the Social issues and Cultural traditions in Russia.

**Learners objectives:**

- 1. To create awareness about changing social structure of Post-Soviet Russia.**
- 2. To analyse various Cultural dimensions in Russia.**

**Module I : Soviet Disintegration and Russian Society and Culture.**

- a. Impact Of Soviet Disintegration On Soviet Society And Culture.
- b. Comparison Between Soviet Society And Culture.
- c. Social Reforms And Religion.
- d. Cultural Reforms.

**Module II :Issues in Russian Society.**

- a. Emergence Of “New Russians”.
- b. Middle Class, Gender Issues, Youth And Family Values.
- c. Crime And Corruption.
- d. Demographic Trends.

**Module III : Society and Ethno- National Issues**

- a. Social Disparity.
- b. Nationalism and Terrorism.
- c. Minority and Human Rights.
- d. Ethnic Identity.

**Module IV : Cultural Issues.**

- a. Contemporary Russian Culture.
- b. Impact of Western Culture.
- c. Russian Films and Folklore.
- d. Russian Festivals and Cultural Traditions.

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Credits : 06

Paper – II

**Inter-disciplinary Course**

### **C) Tourism in Russia**

**Preamble : The paper endeavours to throw light on tourism in Russia and comprehend its Cultural life.**

**Learners objectives:**

- 1. To Study the growing Tourism Industry in Russia**
- 2. To explore tourist destinations.**

#### **Module I : Geography of Russia.**

- a. Geographical Regions Of Russian Federation
- b. European Part of Russian Federation.
- c. The Caucasus Region.
- d. Siberian Landscape And Far East.

#### **Module II : Tourist Destinations in Western Russia.**

- a. Moscow And The Golden Ring.
- b. St-Petersburg : The City Of Palaces And Monuments.
- c. Caucasus Mountains And Natural Mineral Water.
- d. The Black Sea Coast.

#### **Module III : Tourist Destinations in the North and East.**

- a. Arctic Region Of Russia.
- b. Wildlife In Siberia.
- c. Baikal Lake And Altai Mountains.
- d. Far East Coast.

#### **Module IV : Mapping Russian Cultural Life.**

- a. Russian Cuisine.
- b. Russian Ballet And Music
- c. Russian Folklore and Films.
- e. Russian Traditional Costumes and Festivals.

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Credits : 10

### Paper III - **Project Based Course**

Every learner will have to choose one project based course, which will be for ten credits. The project based course will be in the form of a dissertation based on a live project or a research assignment related to the specific discipline of the Centre. Every teachers from Centre will announce four to five broad topics at the beginning of the second semester, with an indicative reading list. The student will submit a list of his/her three most preferred topics in the order of preference by the fifth week of the third semester to the Director of the Centre.

The student will make a preliminary presentation in the seventh week of the fourth semester. The presentation will be attended by the guide and a committee consisting of two other teachers from the Centre. The committee will make necessary suggestions to improve the dissertation. The student will make a final presentation in the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> week of semester four. The presentation will be evaluated by the same committee that evaluated the preliminary presentation.

The marks given by the three members of the evaluation committee will be averaged in each head and the total marks will be decided by totaling the average under the three heads. The student will submit a bound hard copy of the dissertation to the Centre by the end of the fourth semester, alongwith a soft copy on a CD/DVD. The final dissertation will have a word limit of 5000-8000 words and will be typed in one and a half spacing on one side of the paper. The final dissertation will be evaluated out of 75 marks by the guide.