

### **GOV3101 Empirical Political Analysis: Approaches and Methods (3 credits)**

*(Prerequisite(s): GOV2101 Introduction to Political Science)*

This course focuses on the nature of scientific analysis and the major forms of qualitative, quantitative, and textual research utilised by political scientists. It also provides students with the basic tools to enable them to identify research questions, construct literature reviews and write a research paper.

### **GOV3203 International Politics (3 credits)**

The course introduces students to the major developments in the history of international relations and to key theoretical approaches to understanding the world's politics. They will learn about the major actors, forces and ideas that influence contemporary political events and systems across the globe. They will examine some of the more significant features and characteristics of the international system and how it relates to both states and individuals. Through the use of particular case studies, students should appreciate better the dynamics of policy-making in the international arena.

### **GOV3210 Comparative Politics (3 credits)**

*(Prerequisite(s): (a) GOV2101 Introduction to Political Science or (b) CUS3213 Culture, Power and Government passed in 2017-18 or before)*

The course covers three main themes in the field: political development, political economy, and culture and identity politics. Specific topics include democratisation, constitutional choices for new democracies, varieties of capitalism, strategies for economic reforms, challenges of sustainable development, causes of clash of civilisations, ethnic conflicts and others.

### **GOV3217 Modern Political Ideologies (3 credits)**

The course intends to give students a general conceptual understanding of the most important currents in political ideas or thought in the contemporary world. The key themes in each current of thought will be briefly discussed and applied to the analysis of real world situations both externally and locally as far as possible.