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MASTER OF ARTS *in* ELECTORAL ANALYSIS & MANAGEMENT

M.A. EAM



O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU) is a non-profit, multi-disciplinary and research oriented university founded in 2009. JGU was established as a philanthropic initiative of its Founding Chancellor, Mr. Naveen Jindal in memory of his father, Mr. O.P. Jindal.

JGU has 16,000+ students, 1100+ full-time faculty members, and 2900+ administrative staff in its fully residential campus. JGU's twelve schools focus on Law, Business & Management, International Affairs, Public Policy, Liberal Arts & Humanities, Journalism, Design & Architecture, Banking & Finance, Environment & Sustainability, Psychology & Counselling, Languages & Literature and Public Health & Human Development. Over the last decade, JGU has grown into an institution that brings full-time faculty from 50+ countries in the world, students from 100+ countries and has collaborated with 575+ leading institutions in 80+ countries which makes the learning experience truly international.

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JGU is ranked No.1 University in India for Law, and No.2 University in India for Psychology by the prestigious Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings by Subject 2026. The Jindal Global Law School, has retained its number one rank in India for six consecutive years and remains the only Indian law school listed in the Global Top 100 by the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025. Furthermore, JGU holds the distinction of being India's top private university for Arts & Humanities and Politics & International Studies (within the Top 201-250 globally).

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Deans' Message



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**Prof. (Dr.) Sreeram
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Dean, Jindal School of
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The conduct of free, fair, and accountable elections is central to democratic governance. In India, and in most electoral democracies across the world, electoral processes and systems are facing new challenges arising from institutional complexity, technological innovations, ethical concerns, and evolving political and electoral behaviour of political actors and voters. The M.A. in Electoral Analysis and Management has been designed to prepare students to understand, analyse, investigate, and engage rigorously and professionally with these challenges.

As a Master's programme jointly offered by the Jindal School of Government and Public Policy (JSGP) and the Jindal School of International Affairs (JSIA), this degree will bring together complementary strengths in public policy, governance, and international and comparative political analysis. JSGP's focus on policy-relevant training and India's institutional governance context, combined with JSIA's emphasis on global perspectives and comparative institutional analysis, will provide students with a well-rounded and interdisciplinary learning experience.

The curriculum is methodically structured to integrate conceptual foundations with applied skills. Students will study comparative electoral systems, election administration, campaign regulation and finance, political behaviour, political ethics and institutional design, while developing practical competencies in electoral planning, regulatory compliance, psephology, stakeholder engagement, and analytical assessment. In this degree programme, elections are examined as institutionalised political processes shaped by law, governance frameworks, and power relations, rather than as standalone isolated events.

A distinctive feature of the programme is the Constituency Lab, which will offer simulation-based and experiential learning for our students. This component will enable students to apply classroom knowledge to real-world electoral scenarios, strengthening their analytical capacity, professional judgment, and ethical decision-making.

The programme will be delivered by internationally trained faculty members and enriched through engagement with practitioners and policy professionals. Graduates of the M.A. in Electoral Analysis and Management will be well prepared for careers in election management bodies, polling and psephological institutions, political parties, political consultancies, policy research institutions, civil society bodies, think tanks, and international organisations. The programme seeks to equip students with the knowledge, skills, and professional values required to contribute effectively to electoral integrity and democratic governance in India and across most electoral democracies worldwide.

As the first degree of its kind in India, one of the leading democracies of the developing world, we hope it will set new benchmarks for rigorous academic and policy-relevant study of electoral issues and produce election professionals and scholars who will go on to strengthen the lifeblood of democracy.

Introduction to the Programme



Degree Awarded:

**Master of Arts (M.A.) in
Electoral Analysis and Management**

Jointly offered by:

**Jindal School of
Government & Public
Policy (JSGP)**

**Jindal School of
International Affairs
(JSIA)**

Duration: 1 Year

Total Credits: : 60

Academic Structure :

12 Taught courses

4 Quarters

5 Credits per course

5 Constituency Lab credits
(optional)

The Master of Arts in Electoral Analysis and Management is a globally benchmarked, professionally rigorous programme designed to prepare the next generation of electoral professionals for leadership roles in democratic processes. The programme emphasises practice-oriented training in elections and political processes.

Contemporary elections operate at the intersection of law, institutions, political behaviour, data, technology, and public trust. Managing and analysing elections today requires far more than administrative competence; it demands a nuanced understanding of political systems, party competition, voter psychology, campaign strategy, identity politics, and democratic norms. This programme responds to these evolving demands through an integrated curriculum that views elections not as standalone events, but as deeply embedded political processes shaped by institutions, incentives, and power relations.

The programme is jointly anchored in the Jindal School of Government and Public Policy (JSGP) and the Jindal School of International Affairs (JSIA), providing a uniquely interdisciplinary institutional foundation. JSGP contributes deep expertise in public administration, governance, regulatory institutions, public law, policy implementation, and state capacity, while JSIA brings strong strengths in comparative politics, international democracy assistance, global governance, election observation, and international norms. Together, the two schools create an ideal intellectual and professional ecosystem for training electoral administrators, election observers, democracy professionals, policy advisors, and political managers.

The curriculum progresses from foundational perspectives in political theory, comparative politics, and institutional analysis to applied training in campaign management, election finance, monitoring, analytics, and psephology. Core courses blend conceptual rigour with practical application, while a diverse set of electives allows students to specialise in areas such as electoral forecasting, big data and political analytics, risk and crisis management, electoral jurisprudence, and civic mobilisation. A distinctive feature of the programme is the Constituency Lab, an immersive election simulation that enables students to apply classroom learning to real-world electoral scenarios through operational planning, strategic decision-making, and crisis-response exercises.

Designed for aspiring and mid-career election administrators, political professionals, policy analysts, consultants, and democracy practitioners, the programme combines global comparative perspectives with context-sensitive skills. Graduates are well equipped to work across electoral management bodies, political parties, campaign organisations, research institutions, civil society organisations, and international democracy and governance initiatives.



Honorable Minister of State for Law and Justice, Government of India, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal inaugurating India's first Constitution Museum and The Rights and Freedoms Academy, O.P. Jindal Global University

Why Study

Master's in Electoral Analysis & Management

The M.A. in Electoral Analysis and Management is designed for professionals and students seeking career advancement or transition within India's electoral, political, and governance ecosystem. The programme balances rigorous academic training with intensive, practice-oriented learning.

Graduates pursuing the degree will be prepared for roles within Election Management Bodies, regulatory institutions, and government agencies, where expertise in electoral law, administration, logistics, compliance, and risk management is essential. The curriculum's strong focus on India's constitutional and electoral framework equips students for positions involving election planning, monitoring, audit, state capacity, and dispute resolution.

For those working with or aspiring to join political parties, campaign teams, and political consultancies, the programme offers advanced training in campaign design, voter analytics, psephology, political communication, election finance, and constituency-level strategy. The Constituency Lab will provide hands-on, simulation-based exposure to real-world electoral operations, enabling students to develop practical leadership and decision-making skills under realistic constraints.

The programme will offer a comparative perspective on key policy institutions, political organisations, regulatory bodies, and civil society networks by examining how these actors function across different political and institutional contexts. Students will analyse variations in institutional design, governance structures, regulatory frameworks, and modes of political participation across countries and regions. This comparative approach will enable students to understand how different institutional arrangements shape policy outcomes, democratic accountability, political mobilisation, and state capacity. By engaging with both theoretical frameworks and empirical case studies, the programme will equip students with the analytical tools needed to critically evaluate institutional performance and the role of political and civil society actors in shaping public policy.

Career Pathways for Graduates

The programme equips students with interdisciplinary training in electoral systems, political behaviour, law, and data-driven analysis, combined with applied skills in campaign management, political communication, and electoral analytics. The programme prepares graduates for professional and research careers in elections and democratic governance.



The advantages of the EAM Degree at JGU:



Interdisciplinary Design



Flexible, Location-Independent Learning



Direct Career Pathways in the Electoral Ecosystem



Constituency Lab (Signature Practicum)



Peer-Driven Collaborative Learning



Data and Analytics Orientation



Strong Theory-Practice Integration



Global and Comparative Perspective



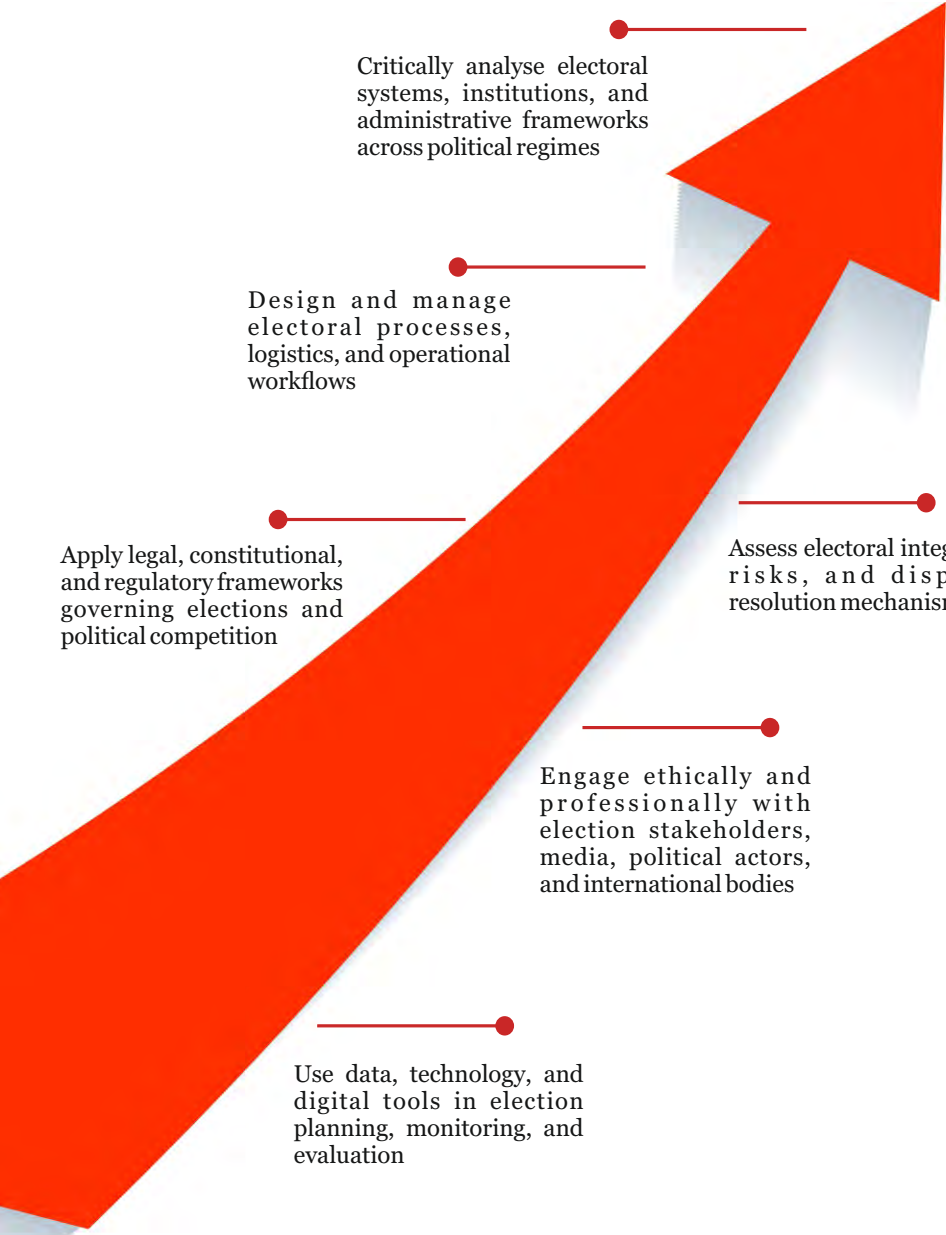
Specialised Focus on Elections



Shri Om Birla, Hon'ble Speaker of the Lok Sabha; Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Minister of State for Law and Justice; Mr. Naveen Jindal, Member of Lok Sabha & Chancellor, JGU, at the inauguration of India's first Constitution Museum and The Rights and Freedoms Academy, O.P. Jindal Global University

Learning Outcomes

Graduates of the programme will be able to:



Critically analyse electoral systems, institutions, and administrative frameworks across political regimes

Design and manage electoral processes, logistics, and operational workflows

Apply legal, constitutional, and regulatory frameworks governing elections and political competition

Assess electoral integrity, risks, and dispute resolution mechanisms

Engage ethically and professionally with election stakeholders, media, political actors, and international bodies

Use data, technology, and digital tools in election planning, monitoring, and evaluation

Programme Structure

The Master of Arts in Electoral Analysis and Management is a one-year master's programme structured across four academic quarters. Over the course of the programme, students complete twelve taught courses, comprising a mix of core and elective offerings as well as an optional multi-term practicum component. The curriculum is designed to systematically build conceptual understanding, analytical capability, and professional competence in the study and practice of elections.

Each academic quarter consists of eight weeks of instruction, followed by a dedicated period for revision and assessment during the ninth and tenth weeks. Students take three courses per quarter, with each course carrying five credits.

The programme develops both disciplinary depth and applied expertise through a carefully designed set of core courses. These courses provide foundational training in politics and political systems, electoral design, political behaviour, ethics, and political economy, enabling students to understand the institutional, behavioural, and regulatory dimensions of electoral processes. Alongside this theoretical grounding, students undertake applied training in campaign management, election monitoring, political analytics, and psephology, building transferable skills central to contemporary electoral analysis and management.

The core curriculum is complemented by a diverse range of elective courses, offered in the third and fourth quarters of the programme, allowing students to specialise in areas such as electoral law, advanced electoral forecasting, big data and analytics, election finance, civic engagement, election risk management, and the role of non-party political actors.

The Constituency Lab is an immersive election simulation that enables students to apply classroom learning to real-world electoral scenarios through hands-on planning, strategic decision-making, and crisis response.

Overall, the programme is structured to balance academic rigour with professional relevance, supporting students who wish to pursue advanced academic study as well as those seeking careers in election administration, political consulting, governance, research, and democracy related fields. The detailed programme structure is outlined below.

Quarter-I	Quarter-II	Quarter-III	Quarter-IV
What is Politics?	Economics of Elections	Election Campaigns	Elections and Identity
Political Analytics	Ethics and Leadership	Introduction to Psephology	Election Monitoring
Comparative Political Systems	Political Psychology and Behaviour	Elective 1	Elective 2/ Constituency Lab

Electives Offered	Election Finance	Electoral Law, Constitution, and Regulation
	Civic Engagement and Community Organizing	Advanced Psephology and Forecasting
	Political Analytics & Big Data	Election Risk Management
	Foundations of Political Communication	Strategic Narratives and Political Messaging

Programme Specifications

Programme	M.A. in Electoral Analysis & Management
Course Duration	1 Year
Minimum Eligibility for Application	Successful completion of Bachelor's degree* in any stream from a recognized university in India or abroad. Please note: Students with an International Bachelor's degree, must submit an equivalency certificate from the Association of Indian Universities (AIU). <i>*Applicants with a three-year Undergraduate degree are eligible to apply, subject to meeting minimum credit requirements.</i>
Admission Criteria	Applications are shortlisted through a holistic process conducted over three stages. A. Review of the application form and personal statement, B. Performance in online entrance examination C. Personal Interview conducted on an online video platform.
Application Fee	₹ 1,000/-
Tuition Fee	₹ 3,00,000/-
Refundable security deposit	₹ 50,000/-**

**Fully refundable Security deposit of Rs. 50,000 shall be collected at the time of admission as per university rules.

Admission Procedure

Applicants can apply through our online admission form available at our website. Kindly scan QR code / follow URL to visit our admission page.



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Scholarships

Scholarships at O.P. Jindal Global University are given out based on merit and means. Scholarships are determined by taking into account graduation marks, entrance exam scores, personal interaction scores, and the achievements of extracurricular activities (if any).

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Higher Education Institutions



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Forms
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Partnerships



80+
Countries
& Regions



300+
Faculty & Student
Exchange Collaborations



160+
Countries
represented by
Students

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35
for
LAW

RANKED
90
for
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INTERNATIONAL
STUDIES

TOP
200
for
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ARTS &
HUMANITIES

ECONOMICS &
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RANKED
232
for
SOCIAL
SCIENCES &
MANAGEMENT

RANKED
323
for
ARTS &
HUMANITIES

TOP
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