

PSEPHOLOGIST

Psephologists are professionals who study the patterns of elections, using past voting figures and their percentage, public opinion polls and other related information. They estimate the results of the public opinion for the future elections using statistical applications. India does not have an actual post called 'Psephologist'. However, some major parties have in-house analysts who can be called Psephologists. Several accomplished media editors, political analysts, and marketing research scientists double up as Psephologists.

PERSONAL COMPETENCIES



- You enjoy predictions
- You have interest in politics and elections
- You have strong communication skills
- You like to analyze problems/situations



The approx. course fee ranges between **INR 5,000 - 1,50,000***.

**These figures are estimated numbers and will vary from Institute to Institute.*

SCHOLARSHIPS

• **National Scholarship Portal** - Visit www.scholarships.gov.in. Under this portal there are Central Government schemes, UGC/AICTE Schemes and Assam Government Schemes offered by different departments*

• Visit www.buddy4study.com for details on available scholarships. This is a gateway to scholarships starting from Class XI*

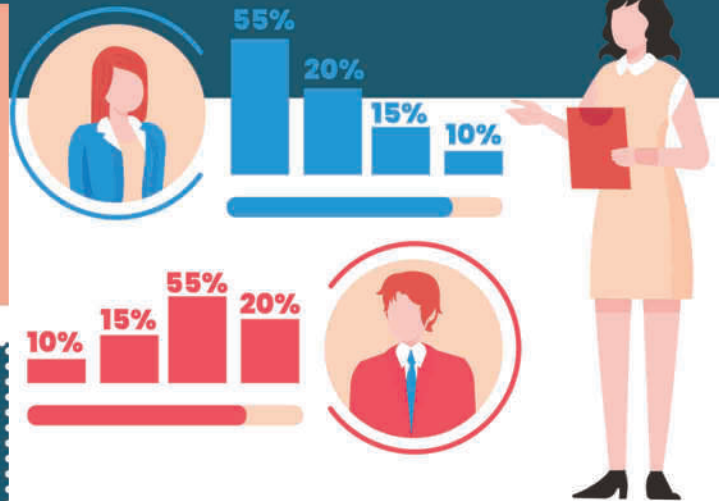
• Scholarships are also available in the institutes based on merit*

**(Availability of these scholarships can vary from time to time)*

LOANS

• VidyaLakshmi, www.vidyalakshmi.co.in, is a portal for students seeking education loan. This portal has been developed under the guidance of the Department of Financial Services, (Ministry of Finance), Department of Higher Education (Ministry of Human Resource Development) and Indian Banks Association (IBA)

• All banks give education loans



ENTRY PATHWAY

1. Complete 10 + 2 in any stream
2. Complete Bachelor's degree in Arts (B.A.) in Political Science/
Economics/Sociology/Management followed by Master's degree in Arts (M.A.) in Political Science and complete PhD in Politics
OR
Complete Bachelor's degree in Science (B.Sc.) in Statistics followed by Master's degree in Science (B.Sc.) in Statistics and complete PhD in Politics

Please check the duration of the course during enrolment



EXPECTED INCOME

**The figures are indicative & subject to change*

The approx. salary of a Psephologist ranges between **INR 25,000 - 2,50,000*** or more per month.

Source: <https://www.payscale.com/research/IN/Job=Historian/Salary>

WHERE WILL YOU WORK?

Places of Work: Research Firms, Museums, Universities, Public Sector Firms or Historical Societies, Media, Publishing Industry.

Work Environment: You are likely to spend most of your time in offices, classrooms, and libraries. Working hours are flexible. You may have to travel to distant cities or countries. You are expected to visit archives or historic sites for research.

Opportunities for work exist for differently abled in this field

EXPECTED GROWTH PATH

Assistant Professor → Historian → Professor

OR

Research Intern → Historian → Senior Historian → Head of the Department

WHERE WILL YOU STUDY?

This course is offered by the Department of Political Science/Statistics

This list of institutes is indicative only.

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

1. Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), Delhi
2. Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi
3. Gauhati University, Guwahati
4. Assam University, Silchar
5. University of Delhi (DU), Delhi
6. Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai
7. Tezpur University, Tezpur
8. Calcutta University, Kolkata

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

(Please check if the institute is affiliated and accredited with UGC before applying)

1. Royal Global University, Guwahati
2. Mount Carmel College, Bangalore
3. St. Xavier's College, Kolkata
4. St. Andrews College of Arts Science and Commerce, Mumbai
5. Agra College, Agra
6. Arya Vidyapeeth College, Guwahati
7. NIMS University, Jaipur
8. Jyoti Nivas College, Bengaluru

Information on Institute rankings is available at - <https://www.nirfindia.org/2022/Ranking.html>

DISTANCE LEARNING INSTITUTE

Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)

ONLINE COURSES

- Udemy - <https://www.udemy.com/course/political-science-understanding-our-government/>
- Coursera - <https://in.coursera.org/courses?query=statistics>

Search keywords...



poll analyst, political research, political pollster

EXAMPLE FROM THE FIELD

Yogendra Yadav is an Indian activist, psephologist and politician whose primary interests are in the political and social sciences. He was a Senior Fellow at the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), Delhi from 2004 to 2016. Prof. Yadav's areas of interests include democratic theory, election studies, survey research, political theory, modern Indian political thought and Indian socialism and has published extensively in academic journals and popular media on these themes.*

Source: <https://southasia.berkeley.edu/yogendra-yadav-politics-after-modi>

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