

3. Entrance test questions

2.1.1. Entrance interview questions for postgraduate studies, branch of study 23.00.01:

1. Political science: subject, structure and methods.
2. Political doctrine of Plato.
3. Political doctrine of Aristotle.
4. Political doctrine of N.Machiavelli.
5. Political theory of T.Hobbes.
6. Theory of liberal rule-of-law state of J.Locke.
7. C.Montesquieu. The spirit of the laws.
8. Political doctrine of J.-J.Rousseau.
9. Liberal state of J.Bentham.
10. Political philosophy of I.Kant
11. Political views of Hegel.
12. A.Comte. System of positive polity.
13. Political concept of H.Spencer.
14. Political views of J.S.Mill.
15. Political doctrine of K.Marx.
16. Rational ideology of M.Weber.
17. Political doctrine of V.I.Lenin.
18. Russian liberalism of the 19th-20th centuries.
19. Russian conservatism of the 19th-20th centuries: N.Danilevsky, K.Leontiev.
20. Ideology of solidarity of L.Duguit.
21. Elite theory of G.Mosca and V.Pareto.
22. The open society of K.Popper.
23. Ortega y Gasset J. The revolt of the masses.
24. Postindustrial ideology of A.Toffler.
25. Main concepts of government.
26. Political organization of society.
27. Political process.
28. State: notion and key forms.
29. Political regime.
30. Main theories of democracy.
31. Democracy as a way of government. Models of democracy.
32. Administrative and territorial system of a state.
33. Theory of separation of powers.
34. Civil society and state.
35. Legality and legitimacy of power.
36. Political leadership.
37. Electoral system in a democratic state.
38. Political parties and movements.
39. Interest groups in politics. Lobbying institute.
40. Social and political conflicts.
41. Political culture and political socialization.
42. Public communications and government.
43. Political ideology of liberalism and neoliberalism.
44. Political ideology of conservatism and neoconservatism.
45. Social democracy as political movement and ideology.
46. National socialism and fascism.
47. Political ideology of anarchism.
48. Environmentalism as political ideology.
49. Ideology of antiglobalization.
50. Religious extremism as political phenomenon.
51. International terrorism as political phenomenon.

2.1.1. Entrance interview questions for postgraduate studies, branch of study 23.00.02:

1. Political studies as a science. Modern state of political studies in Russia.
2. Place of political studies in the system of sciences in the society.
 3. Structure of political studies.
 4. Methods of political studies.
 5. Political analysis: levels, methodology, procedures, forms.
 6. Methodology of comparative political studies.
 7. Political power: essence, classification types.
 8. Main theories of political system. Characteristics of the political system in modern Russia.
 9. Structure, functions, boundaries of political system of society.
 10. Political consciousness: notion, structure, types.
 11. Political ideology: essence, characteristics, main modern types.
 12. Classification of ideological and political positions. Political spectrum in Russia nowadays.
 13. Main theories of origin and essence of state.
 14. Theories of civil society. Problems of civil society development in Russia today.
 15. Theories of interest groups. Role and place of interest groups in the political system of Russia today.
 16. Theories of political parties. Special features of modern Russian political parties.
 17. Theories of party systems. Development of Russian party system.
 18. Electoral systems: notion, types.
 19. Electoral engineering and political processes in Russia today: federal and regional levels.
 20. Types of power distribution between state authorities horizontally. World experience and practice in Russia today.
 21. Federalism: theory and practice. Problems of federalism in Russia today.
 22. Notion of regionalism. Interaction between regions and the center in unitary and federal states.
 23. Subject and methods of political regional studies.
 24. Political aspects of budget federalism in Russia today.
 25. Regional elite: specifics, functions.
 26. Strategies within and between elite interactions on regional and federal levels.
 27. Theory and practice of parliamentary system of government. Problem of representative bodies formation in Russia today.
 28. Organization and political structure of parliament: world experiences and modern Russian procedure.
 29. Procedure of passage of laws: world experience and modern Russian procedure.
 30. Executive power: notion, functions, structure. Formation of government. Executive power in Russia today.
 31. Theories of political coalitions and modern Russian political system.
 32. Theory of bureaucracy. Government service in modern Russia.
 33. Theories of local self-administration. Local administration agencies in modern Russia.
 34. Regional peculiarities of local administration in Russia: legal norms and political practice.
 35. Political regime: notion, types. Characteristics of political regime in modern Russia.
 36. Factors, foundation conditions and types of political regimes in modern Russia.
 37. Main concepts of totalitarianism. Types of totalitarian dictatorships. Features of totalitarian regimes.
 38. Authoritarian political regimes: historic forms.

39. Direct democracy and its mechanisms.
40. Representative democracy. Concept of political representation.
41. Theories of democratic transit. Problems of democratic transit in former CIS countries.
42. Notion and structure of a political process. Factors influencing the result of a political process.
43. Political participation in the conditions of dictatorship and democracy.
44. Political conflicts. Interpretation of conflict role in the conditions of democracy.
45. Political culture theories.
46. Political institution theories.
47. Theoretical approaches to the problem of political leadership. Types of leadership.
48. Theoretical approaches to politics-moral ratio analysis.
49. Theories of nationalism. Nationalism in modern Russia.
50. Multiculturalism: notion, structure, typology.

2.1.1. Entrance interview questions on brunch of study 23.00.04

1. International relations and world politics: common and different.
2. International relations actors, world politics subjects: matching of notions.
3. Transfer from the Cold War to new power allocation on a world scene.
4. World order concept after the Cold War.
5. Concept of global and regional safety in globalizing world conditions.
6. Problem of safety in modern world.
7. Conflicts and their settlement methods in modern world. Peculiarities of modern conflicts.
8. Humanitarian intervention.
9. Economic and social polarization between “global North” and “global South” countries.
10. “Democratization with the help of power”.
11. The right of the nation on self – identification and problem of country integrity.
12. Energy factor in world political processes.
13. Ecological aspects of world politics.
14. Legal aspect of world political processes.
15. Regulation mechanisms of modern political processes.
16. International organizations: Their role in regulation of international relations.
17. Non-governmental organizations. Problem of cooperation between governmental and non-governmental organizations.
18. Integration and fragmentation. Basic integration theories. Reasons of fragmentation (disintegration) in modern world.
19. Concept of Russia international policy of Y2008.
20. National safety concept of Russian of Y2010 on security threats: ration of internal and external factors.
21. Military doctrine of Russia of Y2010 on the characters of security threats and role of nuclear weapon in its reflection.
22. External political doctrine of V.V. Putin.
23. Main theoretical approaches to international relations analysis. Liberalism/ neoliberalism and realism/ neorealism.
24. Problem of subjectivity in modern world politics. Governments and non-governmental factors.
25. Problems of legal succession of former USSR. Foundation of CIS.
26. Collective safety treaty, operation of ODKB, mutual relations of Russia with CIS countries in the sphere of defense, safety, war and technical cooperation.
27. Conflicts on post-soviet territory.
28. Role of NATO in international relations system.
29. European Union as the center of power.
30. Foundation and operation of APEC. Russia and APEC.
31. Chinese – American and Russian – Chinese relations.
32. Foundation and operation of SCO.

33. Development of Japanese – American relations.
34. Russia and Japan.
35. Actual state in SEA.
36. Iran nuclear program and world community. Russian – Iranian relations.
37. Modern Middle East.
38. International relations in Middle East.
39. International relations in Latin America.
40. Globalization – main formation and development stages.
41. Globalization and anti globalizm.
42. International cooperation in the sphere of globalization and solving of global problems.