

BACHELOR OF ARTS
POLITICAL SCIENCE/ V SEMESTER
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Subject Code: NS 301

Total Hours: 60

Teaching Hours per week: 4

Credits: 4

Objectives:

1. This paper seeks to equip students with the basic intellectual tools for understanding International Relations.
 2. It introduces students to some of the most important theoretical approaches for studying international relations.
 3. To make students to understand the range, fundamental concepts and categories of International relations.
 4. To equip the students with an ability to understand the dynamics and forces that shapes International relations at present.
 5. To introduce students to the global trends and their implications on the bilateral relations
 6. To make students understand the factors crucial for the conduct of international affairs
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Course Learning Outcomes

- The students will learn about the nature, significance and contemporary debates around International relations
 - The study of various approaches and concepts of International relations will augment students' knowledge on international political & economy issues.
 - The course will provide an insight into the alternative understanding of International relations and various critical aspects related to it.
 - The paper will equip students with a comprehensive knowledge of the impact of International relations on developing countries in the context of contemporary international issues like civil society, social movements and human migration.
 - This paper will create a broad understanding of the issues and processes globalization based on critical analysis of the various anchors and dimensions of globalization.
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I CHAPTER: UNDERSTANDING INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (12hrs)

Meaning Nature Scope & Importance

Idealism, Realism & Constructivism

II CHAPTER: NATIONAL POWER AND FOREIGN POLICY (10hrs)

Nature and Element of National Power

National Interest

Determinants of Foreign Policy

III CHAPTER: CORE INSTRUMENTS OF FOREIGN POLICY (18hrs)

Diplomacy: Nature, Function, Privileges & Immunities of Diplomats

Types of Diplomacy

Role of Foreign aid (overseas development assistance), Military aid & Foreign trade

Role of State & Non-State Actors

IV CHAPTER: KEY CONCEPTS (10hrs)

Balance of Power

Deterrence

Collective Security

Pacific Settlement of International Disputes

Arms Control & Disarmament

V CHAPTER: WAR (10hrs)

Causes & Types: Civil, Proxy, Biological, Chemical, Nuclear & Cyber

Religious Extremism & International Terrorism

The role of military- industrial complex in war,

Conflict Resolution & Confidence Building Measures

Books for Reference:

1. Ghai KK, International Relations, Kalyani Publishers, 2010

2. Hans J Morgenthau, Politics among Nations: The struggle for power and peace, New York: Alfred A Knopf, 1948
3. Rumki Basu, International Politics: Concepts, Theories and Issues, Sage, New Delhi, 2012
4. Joseph Siglitz, Globalisation and its discontents, Penguin India, 2002
5. Henry Kissinger, Diplomacy, Sumona and Schurth, New York, 1994
6. Banerjee Ajit and Sharma Murari R, Reinventing the Unites Nations, PH Leaning, New Delhi, 2008
7. Mahendra Kumar, Theoretical Aspects of International Politics, Shiva Lal Agarwal, Agra, 1984
8. Norman D Palmer and H C Perkins, International Relations, CSB Pub, New Delhi, 2001
9. Vinay Kumar Malhotra, International Relations, Anamol Pub, New Delhi, 2010
10. Joseph Franakel, International Relations in a Changing World, oxford, 1979
11. Hedley Bull, The Anarchical Society: A study of order in world politics: Columbia Uni, Press 2002
12. Theodore A Couloumbis and James Hastings Wolf, Introduction to International relations: Power and Justice, Prentice Hall., New Delhi, 1990

Journals

World Focus

Mainstream

Asian Survey

