

SET3: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

Programme	B. A. Political Science Honours				
Course Code	POL1MN103				
Course Title	INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL POLITICS				
Type of Course	Minor				
Semester	I				
Academic Level	100				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours
	4	4	-	-	60
Pre-requisites	Fundamental ability to read and understand academic articles and books with critical knowledge				
Course Summary	The course "Introduction to International Politics" explores the fundamental principles and dynamics shaping global affairs, examine key concepts, historical events, and contemporary challenges to develop a comprehensive perspective on the forces influencing international relations.				

Course Outcomes (CO):

CO	CO Statement	Cognitive Level*	Knowledge Category#	Evaluation Tools used
CO1	Students will demonstrate a comprehensive knowledge of major international relations theories, including realism, liberalism, and constructivism, and analyze their relevance in explaining global political phenomena.	R	F	Instructor-created exams / Quiz
CO2	Students will critically evaluate contemporary geopolitical issues, such as conflicts, economic interdependence, and environmental concerns, to understand their impact on international politics and develop analytical skills in assessing global challenges.	U	C	Instructor-created exams / Quiz
CO3	Gain insights into the structure and functions of international organizations, such as the United Nations, and assess their effectiveness in addressing global issues, promoting cooperation, and maintaining international peace and security.	U	C	Instructor-created exams / Home Assignments

CO4	Students will trace the historical development of diplomacy and analyze how diplomatic practices have evolved, especially in the post-Cold War period, considering changes in communication, technology, and the role of non-state actors.	An	K	Assignment / Observation of Practical Knowledge
CO5	Develop a nuanced understanding of the factors influencing foreign policy decisions, including political, economic, cultural, and strategic considerations, and analyze case studies to assess the complexities of foreign policy formulation.	An	K	Seminar Presentation / Group Tutorial Work
CO6	Students will examine various instruments of foreign policy, such as military force, economic sanctions, and diplomacy, and critically assess their effectiveness and ethical implications in achieving national objectives on the global stage.	An	P	One Minute Reflection Writing assignments
* - Remember (R), Understand (U), Apply (Ap), Analyse (An), Evaluate (E), Create (C) # - Factual Knowledge(F) Conceptual Knowledge (C) Procedural Knowledge (P) Metacognitive Knowledge (M)				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content-	Hrs (48 +12)	Marks (70)
I	Introduction		12	15
	1	Meaning, nature, scope and importance of International Politics	4	
	2	Approaches to the study of International Politics- Idealism, Realism and Neo-Realism	4	
	3	Systems theory, Game theory, and Decision-Making theory.	4	
	Sections from References: Morgenthau, Hans J. Politics Among Nations: The Struggle for Power and Peace. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1948. Keohane, Robert O., and Joseph S. Nye Jr. Power and Interdependence: World Politics in Transition. Boston: Little, Brown, 1977. Waltz, Kenneth N. Theory of International Politics. Reading, MA: Addison-Wesley, 1979. Buzan, Barry, and Ole Wæver. Regions and Powers: The Structure of International Security. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003.			

	<p>Jervis, Robert. Perception and Misperception in International Politics. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1976.</p> <p>Axelrod, Robert. The Evolution of Cooperation. New York: Basic Books, 1984.</p> <p>Snyder, Glenn H., Paul Diesing. Conflict Among Nations: Bargaining, Decision Making, and System Structure in International Crises. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1977.</p> <p>Wendt, Alexander. Social Theory of International Politics. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999.</p>		
II	Emergence of the International System	9	15
	4 Westphalian system	3	
	5 Imperialism and Colonialism	3	
	6 Cold War-meaning and implications	3	
	<p>Sections from References:</p> <p>Osiander, Andreas. "Sovereignty, International Relations, and the Westphalian Myth." International Organization 55, no. 2 (2001): 251-287. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.</p> <p>Croxford Leslie, and Osiander Andreas, eds. The Peace of Westphalia of 1648 and the Origins of the Sovereign State System. New York: Routledge, 2017.</p> <p>Said, Edward W. Orientalism. New York: Vintage Books, 1979.</p> <p>Hobson, John A. Imperialism: A Study. London: James Nisbet & Co., 1902.</p> <p>Gaddis, John Lewis. The Cold War: A New History. New York: Penguin Press, 2005.</p> <p>Westad, Odd Arne. The Global Cold War: Third World Interventions and the Making of Our Times. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007.</p>		
III	Power in International Relations	15	25
	7 Power, National Power, Elements of National Power	3	
	8 Balance of Power: Meaning, devices and contemporary relevance	3	
	9 Collective Security: Meaning and safeguards	3	
	10 Pacific settlement of International disputes: Devices under UN charter	3	
	11 International Law: nature and limitations	3	
	<p>Sections from References:</p> <p>Morgenthau, Hans J. 1948. Politics Among Nations: The Struggle for Power and Peace. New York: Alfred A. Knopf.</p> <p>Wohlforth, William C., ed. 2007. The Balance of Power in World History. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.</p> <p>United Nations. 1945. Charter of the United Nations and Statute of the International Court of Justice. San Francisco: United Nations.</p> <p>Goldstein, Judith, Miles Kahler, Robert O. Keohane, and Anne-Marie Slaughter, eds. 2001. Legalization and World Politics. Cambridge: MIT Press.</p>		
IV	Diplomacy and Foreign Policy	12	15
	13 Diplomacy: Meaning and nature	2	
	14 Functions, types and limitations of Diplomacy.	2	
	15 Diplomacy in the post-Cold war period	2	

CO 3				3								
CO 4		2		3								
CO 5				3								
CO 6	3											

Correlation Levels:

Level	Correlation
-	Nil
1	Slightly / Low
2	Moderate / Medium
3	Substantial / High

Assessment Rubrics:

- Quiz / Assignment/ Quiz/ Discussion / Seminar
- Midterm Exam
- Programming Assignments (20%)
- Final Exam (70%)

(Please note that these evaluation rubrics serve as illustrative examples within the context of a Data Structure course and are not intended to be definitive or prescriptive. Suggested methods of formative/summative assessment are listed in the latest version of the guidelines to BoS.)

Mapping of COs to Assessment Rubrics :

	Internal Exam	Assignment	Project Evaluation	End Semester Examinations
CO 1	✓			✓
CO 2	✓			✓
CO 3	✓			✓
CO 4		✓		✓
CO 5		✓		✓
CO 6			✓	