



U. G. SYLLABUS - NEP 2020

**Political Science**

TDC (NEP) 3rd Semester

PLS: DSC 202: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Full marks- 100

(ESE- 70 Internal- 30)

Credit-4

**Course Objectives:**

1. To understand the meaning, nature, and scope of international relations as a field of study.
2. To examine the history of international relations, including the emergence of the international state system and the impact of the Westphalia Treaty of 1648.
3. To analyze the causes and consequences of World War I, the significance of the Bolshevik Revolution, the Treaty of Versailles, and collective security measures.
4. To explore the rise of fascism and Nazism, the causes and consequences of World War II, and the disarmament efforts under the United Nations Organization (UNO).
5. To study the origin, characteristics, causes, and consequences of the Cold War, the emergence of the Third World, and the collapse of the USSR leading to the end of the Cold War.
6. To analyze post-Cold War developments, particularly the emergence of China and India as leading powers.

Units	Topics	Lectures
1	Understanding International Relations: Meaning, Nature and Scope; History of International Relations- Emergence of the International State System; Impact of Westphalia Treaty, 1648 on the emergence of Modern State System.	
2	World War I- Causes and Consequences; Significance of the Bolshevik Revolution, 1917; The Treaty of Versailles, 1919; Collective Security Measures.	
3	Rise of Fascism and Nazism; World War II- Causes and Consequences; Disarmament efforts under the UNO.	
	Cold War- Origin, Characteristics, Causes and Consequences; Emergence of the Third World;	

4	Collapse of the USSR and the End of the Cold War.	
5	Post-Cold War Developments: Emergence of China and India as Leading Powers.	

### **Course Outcomes:**

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

1. Understand and explain the meaning, nature, and scope of international relations as a field of study.
2. Analyze the historical development of international relations, including the emergence of the international state system and the impact of the Westphalia Treaty.
3. Evaluate the causes and consequences of World War I, the significance of the Bolshevik Revolution, the Treaty of Versailles, and collective security measures.
4. Analyze the rise of fascism and Nazism, the causes and consequences of World War II, and the disarmament efforts under the UNO.
5. Understand and analyze the origin, characteristics, causes, and consequences of the Cold War, and its impact on the international system.
6. Evaluate the emergence of the Third World and analyze the factors contributing to the collapse of the USSR and the end of the Cold War.
7. Develop critical thinking and analytical skills to evaluate and interpret international relations theories and arguments.
8. Apply international relations knowledge and understanding to analyze and evaluate global issues and challenges.

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