



U. G. SYLLABUS - NEP 2020

Political Science

TDC (NEP) 4th Semester

PLS: DSC 252: INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

Full marks- 100

(ESE- 70 Internal- 30)

Credit-4

Course Objectives:

1. To understand the meaning, nature, and scope of international politics, including its evolution and the emergence of non-state actors in global affairs.
2. To explore different approaches to the study of international politics, including classical realism, neo-realism, liberalism, and neo-liberalism.
3. To examine structural approaches to international politics, such as world system theory and dependency theory.
4. To analyze India's foreign policy objectives and the basic determinants that shape its foreign policy, including historical, geo-political, economic, domestic, and strategic factors.
5. To study India's foreign policy initiatives, focusing on non-alignment and India's neighborhood policy.

Units	Topics	Lectures
1	International Politics: Meaning, Nature and Scope, Evolution. Emergence of Non-State Actors.	
2	Approaches to Study International Politics: i. Classical Realism (Hans Morgenthau) and Neo-Realism (Kenneth Waltz) ii. Liberalism and Neo-Liberalism.	
3	Structural Approaches: i. World System Theory (Immanuel Wallerstein) ii. Dependency Theory (Andre Gunder Frank).	
4	India's Foreign Policy: Objectives of India's Foreign Policy, Basic Determinants (Historical, Geo-Political, Economic, Domestic and Strategic), Foreign Policy Making Process in India.	

5	India's Foreign Policy Initiatives: i. Non-alignment ii. India's Neighbourhood Policy	
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Course Outcomes:

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

1. Explain the meaning, nature, and scope of international politics, and identify the role of non-state actors in shaping global affairs.
2. Analyze and compare different theoretical approaches to the study of international politics, including classical realism, neo-realism, liberalism, and neo-liberalism.
3. Understand and critically evaluate structural approaches to international politics, such as world system theory and dependency theory.
4. Analyze India's foreign policy objectives and demonstrate an understanding of the various determinants that influence India's foreign policy decisions.
5. Evaluate and discuss India's foreign policy initiatives, including non-alignment and India's neighborhood policy, and analyze their significance in India's global engagement.
6. Apply theoretical perspectives and concepts of international politics to analyze and understand global events, dynamics, and interactions.
7. Apply international politics knowledge and understanding to analyze and evaluate global issues, conflicts, and cooperation.

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