



U. G. SYLLABUS – NEP 2020

**Political Science**

TDC (NEP) 7th Semester

PLS: DSM 401: INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Full marks- 100

(ESE- 70 Internal- 30)

Credit- 4

**Course Objectives:**

1. To provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the field of International Relations (IR), including its meaning, subject matter, and scope.
2. To explore the historical development of IR as a distinct field of study and its growth in response to global events and changing international dynamics.
3. To emphasize the importance and utility of studying IR in understanding the complex and interconnected world of international politics and relations.
4. To analyze the components of national capability and the limitations that states face in their pursuit of national interests and objectives in the international arena.
5. To examine the League of Nations and the United Nations Organization as key international institutions aimed at promoting collective security and addressing global challenges.
6. To examine the factors and events that led to the end of the Cold War and the subsequent transformations in the international system.
7. To foster critical thinking and analytical skills in assessing international events, conflicts, and developments through the lens of IR theories and concepts.
8. To develop research and communication skills through assignments, presentations, and discussions on various topics related to international relations.

<b>Units</b>	<b>Topics</b>	<b>Lectures</b>
1	International Relations: Meaning, Subject matter and Scope of International Relations, Growth of International Relations as a Field of Study, Utility of the Study of International Relations.	
2	National Capability: Components and Limitations of National Capability.	

3	League of Nations and Collective Security. The United Nations Organization and its Security Council.	
4	Foreign Policy: Meaning, Definition and Objectives of Foreign Policy; Determinants of Foreign Policy.	
5	Cold War: Definition, Origin, Characteristics, Causes and Consequences, End of the Cold War.	

**Course Outcomes:**

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

1. Define and explain the field of International Relations, its subject matter, and its scope.
2. Understand the historical evolution of International Relations as a discipline and its significance in analyzing global politics.
3. Recognize the utility and relevance of studying International Relations in comprehending and analyzing contemporary international issues and challenges.
4. Identify and analyze the components of national capability and assess the limitations that states face in pursuing their national interests in the international arena.
5. Evaluate the League of Nations and the United Nations Organization as international institutions and assess their roles in promoting collective security and global governance.
6. Define and understand the concept of foreign policy, its objectives, and the factors that shape a state's foreign policy decisions.
7. Conduct independent research on specific topics related to international relations, demonstrate critical thinking and analytical skills, and effectively communicate their findings through presentations and written assignments.

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