



U. G. SYLLABUS – NEP 2020

Political Science

TDC (NEP) 8th Semester

PLS: DSM 451: INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Full marks- 100

(ESE- 70 Internal- 30)

Credit- 4

Course Objectives:

1. To introduce students to the field of international relations, including its meaning, subject matter, and scope.
2. To provide an overview of the growth of international relations as an academic discipline and its importance in understanding global dynamics.
3. To explore the utility of studying international relations and its practical applications in analyzing and addressing global issues.
4. To examine the concept of national capability and its components, as well as the limitations that states face in the international arena.
5. To study the League of Nations and its role in promoting collective security, as well as the United Nations Organization and its Security Council in maintaining international peace and security.
6. To analyze the concept of foreign policy, including its meaning, definition, and objectives, and to explore the determinants that shape a country's foreign policy decisions.
7. To examine the Cold War as a significant period in international relations, including its definition, origin, characteristics, causes, and consequences.
8. To understand the end of the Cold War and its implications for the international system.

Units	Topics	Lectures
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 meaning, subject matter, and scope of international relations.
2. Understand the evolution and development of international relations as an academic field of study.
3. Recognize the importance and practical relevance of studying international relations in analyzing global issues and engaging in international affairs.
4. Identify and analyze the components and limitations of national capability in the context of international relations.
5. Understand the role and significance of international organizations such as the League of Nations and the United Nations in promoting global peace and security.
6. Define and analyze foreign policy, including its objectives and the factors that influence foreign policy decision-making.
7. Analyze the Cold War era, including its origins, characteristics, causes, and consequences, and understand its impact on the international system.

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