



U. G. SYLLABUS - NEP 2020

Political Science

TDC (NEP) 3rd Semester

PLS: IDC 201: INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Full marks- 100

(ESE- 70 Internal- 30)

Credit-3

Course Objectives:

1. To understand the meaning, subject matter, and scope of international relations as a field of study, and the growth of international relations as an academic discipline.
2. To examine the concept of national capability, including its components and limitations.
3. To study the League of Nations and collective security, as well as the United Nations Organization and its Security Council.
4. To understand foreign policy, including its meaning, definition, objectives, and the determinants that shape it.
5. To analyze the Cold War, including its definition, origin, characteristics, causes, consequences, and the factors leading to its end.

| Units | Topics | Lectures |
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| 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. Understand and explain the meaning, subject matter, and scope of international relations as a field of study, and appreciate its relevance in the contemporary global context.
2. Analyze and evaluate the components and limitations of national capability, and understand their significance in international relations.
3. Evaluate the League of Nations and collective security, and understand the structure and role of the United Nations Organization and its Security Council in maintaining international peace and security.
4. Analyze and evaluate foreign policy, including its meaning, objectives, and the determinants that influence it, and understand the complexities and challenges in shaping foreign policy decisions.
5. Understand the concept of the Cold War, its origin, characteristics, causes, and consequences, and evaluate the factors leading to its end.
6. Apply theoretical perspectives and concepts of international relations to analyze and understand global events, dynamics, and interactions.
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, conflicts, and cooperation.

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