

C3BG230521T

Semester: V	
Programme: POLITICAL SCIENCE (BA IN HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES)	
Course: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS SINCE 1945	
Paper code: C3BG230521T	Credits: 4
Hours/week: 4	
Category: Core/MDC/SEC/VAC: MAJOR	
Theory / Practical / Composite: Theory	
No of Modules: TWO	
<p>Course-overview: This course provides a comprehensive exploration of International Relations in the post-1945 era, bridging foundational theories with the practical realities of global politics. Students will critically examine core frameworks such as Realism, Liberalism, and World Systems theory to understand essential concepts like the balance of power, national interest, and diplomacy. By tracing historical shifts from the Cold War and the Nonalignment movement to the complexities of the post-Cold War world, the curriculum analyzes the evolving roles of the United Nations and the strategic foreign policies of major powers like the United States, China, and India. Ultimately, the course equips students with the analytical tools to interpret global governance, human rights, and the persistent dynamics of international cooperation and conflict, preparing them for advanced research in the field.</p>	
<p>Course Outcome:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Remember- foundational concepts, leading theories, and key international institutions—such as the United Nations, World Bank, and IMF—within both historical and contemporary contexts. 2. Understand- how major global events—including the Cold War, Nonalignment movement, and the rise of new global actors have shaped the evolution of international politics and influenced the structure of the world order since 1945. 3. Apply- core theoretical frameworks to interpret real-world instances of diplomacy, power politics, crisis management, and foreign policy decisions among states and within international organizations. 4. Analyse- historical developments and key policy shifts in international relations since 1945, distinguishing how states, organizations, and non-state actors have adapted strategies in response to major global and regional changes. 5. Evaluate- assess the strengths and limitations of various international relations theories and methodological approaches, applying them to analyze complex international issues, debates, and the effectiveness of international organizations. 6. Create- comparative or thematic projects that synthesize theoretical insights and historical case studies to address contemporary challenges in international relations, including conflict resolution, issues of global governance, human rights, and foreign policy analysis. 	

Prerequisites: *Basic knowledge about any prior course*

SYLLABUS

UNIT/Module	CONTENT	HOURS or NUMBER OF CLASSES	CO Mapping	COGNITIVE LEVEL
I	1. Cold War and Post-Cold War International Order	26	CO1 CO2 CO3 CO6	K1, K2, K3,K4,K5, K6
	2. Globalization: Political, Economic, Cultural Dimensions		CO1 CO3 CO5	K1, K3,K4, K5,K6
	3. Select Issues in Contemporary International Relations: Climate Change, Migration, Terrorism		CO3 CO4 CO5 CO6	K1,K2,K3, K4, K5, K6
11	1. The United Nations: Origin and Major Organs (General Assembly, Security Council, Secretariat & ICJ)	26	CO1 CO2 CO3 CO5 CO6	K1, K2, K3, K4,K5, K6
	2. The UN in Action: Collective Security, Peace Keeping, Human Rights		CO3 CO4 CO5	K1,K2,K3, K4, K5,K6
	3. Regional Organisations: EU, ASEAN, SCO		CO2 CO3 CO6	K1,K2, K3, K4,K5,K6

Text Books:

1. Heywood, A. Global Politics. Palgrave Macmillan. 2011.
2. Heywood, A. Politics. Palgrave Macmillan. 2013.
3. Baylis, J., Owens, P., Smith, S. The Globalization of World Politics. Oxford University Press. 2014.

Suggested readings:

1. Calvocoressi, P. World Politics Since 1945. Routledge. 2013.
2. Blanton, Shannon L., Kegley, Charles K.W., World Politics: Trends and Transformations, Wadsworth Publishing, 2016.

Evaluation: CIA: 30 (mid-semester exam 20 + 5 assignment) + 5 Attendance =30
END SEMESTER: 70

Paper Structure: Theory Semester Exam Module: Short questions: 10 out of 15 of 2marks each (10x2=20)
Essay Type: 1 out of 3 of 15 marks each (1X15= 15)
(35 marks per module)
35+35 (Module I + Module II= 70) (70+30 CIA=100)

Course outcomes (COs) and Cognitive Level Mapping

COs	CO Description	Cognitive levels
CO1	Remember: foundational concepts, leading theories (Realism, Liberalism, World Systems), and key international institutions—such as the United Nations, World Bank, and IMF—within both historical and contemporary contexts.	K1
CO2	Understand: how major global events—including the Cold War, Nonalignment movement, and the rise of new global actors (United Nations, USA, China, India)—have shaped the evolution of international politics and influenced the structure of the world order since 1945.	K2
CO3	Apply: core theoretical frameworks to interpret real-world instances of diplomacy, power politics, crisis management, and foreign policy decisions among states and within international organizations.	K3
CO4	Analyze: historical developments and key policy shifts in international relations since 1945, distinguishing how states, organizations, and non-state actors have adapted strategies in response to major global and regional changes.	K4
CO5	Evaluate: the strengths and limitations of various international relations theories and methodological approaches, applying them to analyze complex international issues, debates, and the effectiveness of international organizations.	K5
CO6	Create: comparative or thematic projects that synthesize theoretical insights and historical case studies to address contemporary challenges in international relations, including conflict resolution, issues of global governance, human rights, and foreign policy analysis.	K6