

# **BACHELORS WITH POLITICAL SCIENCE AS MAJOR**

## **3<sup>rd</sup> SEMESTER**

**PLS322J: Political Science: International Politics (Course Code:)**

**Credits: Theory=4, Tutorial=2**

**Course Objective:** The course provides an overview of international politics. It provides a comprehensive understanding of emergence of modern state system and the development of international politics as a distinct field of study. It will also provide students with the background of the evolution of the discipline along with the changing nature and scope of international politics. The course further provides a broad overview of the major key concepts of the subject. It also introduces the emergence of UN system, its working and reforms, along with Cold War, Nam and end of bipolarity and the emergence of uni-polar moment in the aftermath of end of Cold War. Finally the course also provides an overview of contemporary dynamics of international politics, by focusing on the issues of Globalization, IPE, Regional Integration and the current dynamics of emerging multi-polarity and the return of Great Power politics in Asia.

### **Unit 1: Introduction**

- 1) Growth of International Relations as a Discipline
- 2) Nature and Scope of International Relations
- 3) Significance of International Relations as a Discipline
- 4) Nation-State System: Emergence and Features

### **Unit 2: Key Concepts**

- 1) National Power: Meaning and Elements
- 2) National Interest: Meaning and Components
- 3) Arms Race and Disarmament
- 4) Balance of Power

### **Unit 3: Post World War Phenomena**

- 1) Cold War: Ideological Basis, Phases and end
- 2) Post-Cold War Era: Features and major global Issues
- 3) Working of UNO: Issues and Challenges
- 4) Globalisation: Different Perspectives

### **Unit 4 Issues and Different dimensions**

- 1) Non Alignment and its contemporary relevance
- 2) North-South Divide: Dimensions and Emerging Trends
- 3) Politics on Climate Change: North Vs Global South
- 4) Global Justice Debates

### **TUTORIALS (2 CREDITS)**

#### **Unit I**

- 1.0 Discussion on 'How can the study of international relations be made more scientific'?
- 1.1 Debate On "How the Cold War became a series of confrontations between the United States and the Soviet Union".

#### **Unit II**

- 2.0 Discussion on "Everyone agrees that reform of the UN Security Council is necessary. What proposals for reform would you support and Why?"
- 2.1 Debate on "Global warming and other environmental issues"

## Suggested Readings

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