

University of North Bengal
Syllabi of Political Science at FYUP
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SEMESTER II

Paper Title	International Relations
Paper Code	UPOBMDC12037
Nature of Paper	MDC
Total Credits	3

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- This course intends to develop among the learners a basic understanding of the ideas, concepts and contemporary issues in International Relations.
- This course has been designed to familiarize the students (from the other disciplines) with the working of the United Nations and its organs.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

After completion, a learner is expected to:

- Develop a basic understanding of the ideas, concepts in International Relations and the working of the United Nations and its organs.
- Contemplate about the contemporary international issues such Globalization, Terrorism, Climate Change and its impact on States.

SYLLABUS:

Unit I:

- a. International Relations: Definitions, Nature, and scope.

Unit-II:

- a. Basic Concepts: National Power, National Interest, Balance of Power, and Diplomacy.

Unit-III:

- a. Cold War: Causes and Effects;
- b. United Nations Organization and its Organs- General Assembly, Security Council, Secretariat, International Court of Justice, Trusteeship Council and the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

Unit-IV:

Contemporary Issues in International Politics:

- a. Globalization;
- b. Terrorism;
- c. Climate Change.

Suggested Reading List:

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24. Westad, Odd Arne (2017), *The Cold War: A World History*, New York: Allen Lane.

25. United Nations: Department of Public Information 2015, *Charter of the United Nations and Statute of the International Court of Justice*, New York: United Nations Press.
26. Charter of the United Nations available at <https://www.un.org/en/about-us/un-charter/full-text>
27. For the topic on United Nations and its organs, the official UN Website should be regularly followed, URL: <https://www.un.org/en/about-us/main-bodies>

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