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| **Department** | | FAST School of Computing | **Department Code** | FSC |
| **Course Title** | | International Relations | **Course Code** | SS2039 |
| **Pre-requisite(s)** | |  | **Credit Hrs.** | 3 |
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| **Course Objective** | | This course explores different ways of thinking about the complexities of today’s global politics. It examines essential concepts, ideas and theories within the academic literature on International Relations (IR). It seeks to illuminate their relevance to understanding and explaining contemporary global developments. Overall, it provides an introduction to the study of international relations and global politics. | | |
| ***Tools:*** *A = Assignment, Q = Quiz, M = Midterm, F=Final, P=Project* | | | |

**Course Learning Outcomes**

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| 1 | Describe the concepts, ideas & theoretical background of International Relations. | Describe | QI, M1, F, A-1 |
| 2 | Analyze the 19th & 20th century world politics in the perspective of world war i & ii and the role of International Organizations. | Analyze | A-2, Q-2, M2, F |
| 3 | Evaluate the cold war and post-cold war phenomena in the milieu and relevance to understand and explain the contemporary global politics. | Evaluate | Q 3, P, M2, F |

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| Title (Text) | International Relations Today |
| Author | Aneek Chatterjee\* |
| Title (Text) | World Politics, Trends and Transformation\*\* |
| Author | Charles W. Kegley, Jr. |
| Title(reference) | World Politics In New Era\*\*\* |
| Author | Steven L.Spiegel |
|  | Readings /Research Articles |

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| **Week** | **Course Contents/Topics** | **Discussion Points** | **Chapters** | | **CLO** |
| 01 | * **Concept & Intro to International Relations** | Background  Sub field of political science  Scope & Changing nature  International Relations vs Intl Politics  Why study IR? | 1\* | 1 | |
| 02 | * **State & Nation State** | Westphalian Treaty  End of war  One nation one state  Interdependence  Internal & External sovereignty | Reading | 1 | |
| 03 | **Approaches to IR**   * **Realism** * **Idealism** | Human nature, Power struggle, Anarchic world,  Continued Conflict is reality (Power Oriented)  Morality, Peace, Cooperation, Democracy, Prosperity | 1\* | 1 | |
| 04 | * **Neo Realism** * **Neo Liberalism** | Kenneth waltz, More refined, More moderate  Middle way to meet IR (Security Oriented)  Free trade, democratic values | Reading | 1 | |
| 05 | * **Power & Balance of Power** | Military, Territory & Knowledge Economy  Multipoloar, Bipolar, Unipolar  Power hubs  Balancer, Balance of Terror | 3\*  Reading | 1 | |
| 06 | * **Foreign Policy** * **Sovereignty & National Interest** | Outlook of Internal Policy  National Interest is the permanent factor  Is any state sovereign? | 4\* | 1 | |
| 07 | * **Diplomacy** | Traditional vs Modern  Tools and Functions  Future of Diplomacy | 4\* | 1 | |
| 08 | * **Collective Security** * **Terrorism & International Security** | Problem of definition  Justification of terrorism  Causes of terrorism  Should states negotiate with terrorists? | 11\*\*  5\*  12\* | 1 | |
| 9 | **International Organizations**   * **Twentieth century world politics—Road to WW-i** * **League of Nations** | Italian & German Unification  Road to WW i  Alliance politics  Militarism  Wave of Freedom  Wilsonian idea  World safe for democracy  Big 4 & pacts with the defeated states  League, structure,  Good 20’s & Bad 30’s | 11\*\* | 2 | |
| 10 | **International Organizations**   * **United Nations** | Historical developments led to the founding of UN  Role of the UN  Failure & achievements  Is UN obsolete? | 5\* | 2 | |
| 11 | **Post colonialism and world politics**   * **Cold War** | Decolonization  War theatres of Cold War, Confrontation, Détente, Renewal of Tension & Cold war thinking | 2\*\*  6\*  7\* | 3 | |
| 12 | **Post colonialism and world politics**   * **Nuclear Proliferation** * **Disarmament** | Spread of nuclear technology  Efforts to stop proliferation of nuclear weapons  Will the world embrace zero option? | 8\* | 3 | |
| 13 | * **Post Cold War International Politics** | End of History  Clash of Civilisations  Collapse of USSR  Bipolar to Unipolar  Role of EU  GATT to WTO  Globalization  Rio/Earth Summit  Kyoto Protocol | 10\* | 3 | |
| 14 | * **IR In 21st Century**   **(Presentations)** | **Topics for Project/Group Assignment**  War on Terror  Multipolar/ Non polar  Power Hubs/Rise of China  Complexity & Options  (Presentations) | Article/Reading | 3 | |
| 15 | * **Future of**   **World /**  **IR**  **(Presentations)** | **Topics for Project/Group Assignment**  Peace /  Conflict /  War /  Security /  (Presentations) | Article/Reading | 3 | |
| 16 | * **Final Exams** |  |  |  | |

**Evaluation Procedure & Marks Distribution:**

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| **Assessment Tools** | **Weightage** |
| **Quizzes (3)** | 10% |
| **Individual Assignment (2)** | 4% |
| **Group Term Paper and Presentations (1)** | 6% |
| **Midterm I** | 15% |
| **Midterm II** | 15% |
| **Final Exam** | 50% |

**Grading Policy:**

Relative grading Scheme will be followed for grading

**Academic Journals:**

Pakistan Horizon (back issues available at Jstor) Contemporary South Asia Third World Quarterly, Security Studies, Security Dialogue, Regional Studies Quarterly, Foreign Affairs, The Washington Quarterly, The Economist

**Internet Sources:**

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http://carnegieendowment.org/ (South Asia) http://www.e-ir.info/ http://thediplomat.com/ http://www.cfr.org/

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