# Mid-Western University

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences School of Contemporary Studies Surkhet, Nepal



Bachelor's Degree in International Relations and Diplomacy Course of Study

# Mid-Western University Surkhet

# Course Syllabus for the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Degree

# In International Relations and Diplomacy

# **Mid-Western University**

# Bachelor of Arts (B.A) in International Relations and Diplomacy

# Background

The Bachelor of Arts (B.A) at Mid-Western University in International Relations and Diplomacy is a 4-year (8 Semester, 136 Credit) program that combines term paper writing with extensive research at the end of each semester. All the semester will carry 17 credits for each semester out of which 2 credits are separated for the term paper. In the fourth semester thesis writing is compulsory. 17 credit hours are allocated for thesis writing.

# **Admission Eligibility**

To be admitted to the Bachelor's Program in International Relations and Diplomacy, students must have a ten plus two (10+2) or an Intermediate degree from an accredited academic institution subject to minimum entrance requirements prescribed by the University.

#### **Duration of the course**

The duration of the course will be four full years containing eight semesters.

# **Medium of Instruction**

Medium of Instruction will be English.

# **B.A. International Relations Course Structure**

# First Semester (17 Credits)

Code No.	Subject	Full marks	Teaching Hrs.
IR 311	Theory of International Relations	30	50
IR 312	History of International Relations	30	50
IR 313	Emergence of contemporary World	30	50
IR 314	Foreign Policy	30	50
IR 315	Diplomacy	30	50

Term Paper (2 credits, Mandatory)

# Second Semester (17 Credits)

Code No.	Subject	Full marks	Teaching Hrs.
IR 321	State and International Relations	30	50
IR 322	Political System and International Relations	30	50
IR 323	International Organization	30	50
IR 324	Environmentalism and International Relations	30	50
IR 325	Regional Study: India and China	30	50
	Term Paper (2 credits, Mandatory)		

# Third Semester (17 Credits)

Code No.	Subject	Full marks	Teaching Hrs.
IR 331	Public International Law	30	50
IR 332	Dimension of Human Security	30	50
IR 333	Introduction to International Political Economy	30	50
IR 334	Human Rights	30	50
IR 335	Globalization	30	50
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Term Paper (2 credits, Mandatory)

# Fourth Semester (17 Credits)

Code No.	Subject	Full marks	Teaching Hrs.
IR 341	Political Philosophy and International Re	elations 30	50
IR 342	Public Administration and International	Relations 30	50
IR 343	Comparative Foreign Policy	30	50
IR 344	Strategic Studies	30	50
IR 345	Nepal's Foreign Policy	30	50
	Term Paper (2 credits, Mandatory)		

# Fifth Semester (17 Credits)

Code No.	Subject	Full marks	Teaching Hrs.
IR 451	International Politics of the Middle East	30	50
IR 452	Regionalism	30	50
IR 453	National Security	30	50
IR 454	Arms Control and Disarmament	30	50
IR 455	The Politics of Cold War	30	50
	Term Paper (2 credits, Mandatory)		

# Sixth Semester (17 Credits)

Code No.	Subject	Full marks	Teaching Hrs.
IR 461	Terrorism and International Relations	30	50
IR 462	National Interest	30	50
IR 463	The Politics of Foreign Assistance	30	50
IR 464	Gender and International Relations	30	50
IR 465	Comparative Constitutions	30	50
	Term Paper (2 credits, Mandatory)		

# Seventh Semester (17 Credits)

Code No.	Subject	Full marks	Teaching Hrs.
IR 471	Nepal's Domestic Politics and IR	30	50
IR 472	The Politics of Indian Ocean	30	50
IR 473	Nepal-Japan Relations	30	50
IR 474	Comparative Politics	30	50
IR 475	Research Methodology	30	50
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Term Paper (2 credits, Mandatory)

# Eighth Semester (17 Credits)

Code No.	Subject	Full marks	Teaching Hrs.
IR 482	Thesis	100	

# **IR311.Theory of International Relations**

Credit Hrs. 3

# Course Description:

This course is designed to give an in-depth knowledge in theory and concept of international relations to the students at bachelor level. It will focus on the development of International relations as a separate discipline of study, state's role in the international system, concept of power in international relation, balance of power system and the national interest of the states that guides the states in their activities in international system. The course helps the students in understanding inter-state relations through various perspectives.

# Objectives:

- To make the students understand the concept, nature, scope and evolution of international relations and its relation with other social sciences;
- To make them understand the origin and development of state and its role in international relations:
- To acquaint them with the concept of power and the need of balance of power in international system; and
- To provide them the knowledge of national interest and its importance in international relations.

Unit I Introduction 10

- Concept of International Relations
- Nature and Scope of International Relations
- International Relations as an independent discipline
- Evolution of International Relations
- International Relations and other Social Sciences (Political Science, International Politics, Sociology, Economics, History)

# Unit II State in the International System

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- Concept of state
- Origin and development of the modern state system
- State as determinant of international relations
- Limitations of the state system
- Future of the state system

# Unit III Power and International Relations

- Concept of Power in International Relations (Idealistic and Realist School of Thought)
- Essence of national Power in IR
- Forms of National Power

- Elements of national Power
- Evaluation of National Power

# Unit IV The Balance of power System

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- Concept of the Balance of Power
- Theory of Balance of Power and its Nature
- Purpose of the Balance of Power
- Methods of the Balance of Power
- The Relevance of Balance of Power in the Modern World

# Unit V National Interest

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- Meaning and nature of national interest
- Values and ends of national interest
- Determinants of national interest
- Types of national interest
- Methods of promoting national interest

#### References:

Baylish, John and Steve Smith, *The Globalization and World Politics: An Introduction to International Relation*, (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.) London: Oxford University Press, 2001.

Chomsky, N., World Orders, Old and New, London: Pluto Publishers, 1994.

Deutsch, Karl W., The Analysis of International Relation, New Jersey: Prentice-hall, Inc. 1978.

Easton, David, The Political System: An Inquiry into the State of Political Science, New York: 1953.

Merle, Marcel, The Sociology of International Relations, New York: Berg Publishers, 1987.

Mesquita, Bruce Bueno De, The War Trap, London: Yale University Press 1981.

Watson, Matthew, Foundations of International Political Economy, New York: Palgrave, 2005

Power, Robert, *In the Shadow of Power: States and Strategies in International Politics*, Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1999.

Stinglitz, Joseph, Globalization and its Discontents, New Delhi: Penguins Books 2002.

Weinstein, Michael M. (ed.), Globalization: What's New, New York: Columbia University Press, 2005.

# **IR312.History of International Relations**

Credit Hrs. 3

# **Course Description:**

The course is designed to introduce the Bachelor level Students to the history of international relations from the early period to the end of Cold War. More focus is given from the time when the modern nation state system began in Europe in 1648. World War I and World War II and the new world order created by those wars are significant in shaping yet another world order that lasted throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century. This course also emphasizes the Cold War and its aftermath.

# Objectives:

- To make the students understand the historical development of international relations from the early period;
- To give them the knowledge of the causes and consequences of World War I and World War II;
- To make them understand the division of the world during the Cold War; and
- To acquaint them with the pre and post Cold War politics of international system.

# Unit I Early History of International Relations

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- Greek Period
- Roman period
- Supremacy of Papal Authority in Europe
- Secularists Movement
- Renaissance and Reformation

#### Unit II Post-Industrial Revolution and International Relation

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- Westphalian arrangement of International Relations
- Growth of nation-state system in Europe
- Imperialism
- Colonialism

#### Unit III World War I

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- Alliance and Counter Alliance in the World War I
- End of the War
- Treaty of Versailles Characters and Consequences
- League of Nations

#### Unit IV World War II

- Causes of World War II
- Destructions caused by World War II

- Pacific settlement of disputes
- The Birth of the United Nations

#### Unit V International Relations after World War II

- Division of the world under the Cold War
- Beginning of the bi-polarity and the arms race under it
- Non-aligned movement as an alternative model
- The end of Cold War and Aftermath

#### References:

Bull, H.N., The Expansion of International Relations, London: Oxford University Press, 1984

Columbus, Theodore, *Introduction to International Relations: Power and Justice*, New Delhi: Prentice Hall, 1878

Cox, Richard H. (ed.), The State in International Relations, New York: Prentice Hall, 1978

Deutsch, K.W., The Analysis of International Relations, Eaglewood Cliff: N.J. Prentice Hall, 1978

Hartman, Frederick H., The Relations of Nations, (6th edition), New York: MacMillan, 1983

Hoffman, Stanley H., Contemporary Theory in International Relations, Eaglewood Cliff, N.J: Prentice Hall, 1960

Holsti, K.J., International Politics: A Framework for Analysis, Eaglewood Cliff, N.J: Prentice Hall 1983

Hursch, James A., Theories of International Relations, Washington D.C.: National Defense University, 1990

Keohone, Robert O., International Institutions and State Power: Essays in International Relations Theory, London: Westview Press, 1989

Miller Lynn H., Global Order: Values and Power in International Relations, London: Westview Press, 1990

Morgenthau Hans. J., *Politics among Nations: The Struggle for Power and Peace*, (Indian Edition) Calcutta: Scientific Book Agency, 1972

Palmer, Norman D. and Howard C. Perkins, *International Relations: The World Community in Transiti*on, (Indian Ed.) Calcutta: Scientific Book Agency, 1973

Pearson, Frederic S., and J. Martu Rochester., *International Relations: The Global Conditions in the Late 20th Century*, New York: Random House, 1988

# **IR313.Emergence of Contemporary World**

Credit Hrs. 3

# Course Description:

This course is specifically designed to give an in-depth knowledge to the student about modern civilization, its ideological base, its priority in different sectors and its achievement as well as the challenges it faces. It also emphasizes on certain contemporary issues and values like democracy, development, environment and equality.

# Objectives:

- To make the students understand the nature and basis of the contemporary world;
- To acquaint them with the achievements and challenges of the modern world; and
- To give them a clear understanding of major issues and the human norms and values that the modern nation states have adopted.

Unit I Introduction

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- Nature of the Contemporary World
- Determinants of Contemporary Civilization
- Role of Economy in the making of the Contemporary World
- End of Ideology and the Contemporary World

Unit II Communication and the Contemporary World

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- Introduction
- Development of Communication and International System
- Globalization, the internet and the World Wide Web Revolution
- Security, Political, Economic, Social and Cultural Consequences of Information Revolution

#### Unit III Major Issues in Contemporary World

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- Development
- Gender
- Terrorism
- Environment

# Unit IV Governance and Contemporary World System

- Increasing popularity of Liberal Democracy
- Role of Civil society in Public Policy Making
- Decentralization of Governance
- Inclusive Participation

- Democracy
- Freedom
- Human Rights
- Good Governance

# References:

Brodeur-Girard, S. (et.al.), Immediate: Contemporary World, Laval, QC: Editions Grand Duc, 2010

Fouskas, V. K., The Politics of Conflict, London: Routledge, 2007

Friedman, J., (ed.), Globalization, the State, and Violence, New York: Altamira Press, 2003

Guggisberg, M and D. Weir, (eds.), *Understanding Violence: Contexts and Portrayals*, Oxford: Inter-Disciplinary Press, 2009

Higgins, R and M. Flory, Terrorism and International Law, London: Routledge, 2003

Horgan, J., The Psychology of Terrorism: Explaining Ethnic Cleansing, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005

Kegley Jr, C. W., World Politics: Trends and Transformations, CA: Wadsworth, 2009

Korten, D.C., Getting to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Voluntary Action and the Global Agenda, West, Hartford: Kumarian Press, 1990

Rourke, J. T., International Politics on the World Stage, New York: McGraw Hill, 2007

Scholte, J.A., Globalization: A Critical Introduction, London: Palgrave, 2000

Stiglitz, J., Globalization and its Discontent, London: Penguin, 2002

Taras, R. C., and R. Ganguly, *Understanding Ethnic Conflict: The International Dimension*, New York: Longman, 2008

# **IR314.Foreign Policy**

Credit Hrs. 3

# Course Description:

Foreign Policy is a basic tool of conducting international relations. This course is designed to give an indepth knowledge to the students of bachelor level about the foreign policy of a state in order to understand how they manage to pursue their national goals in the international system. The course will discuss the concept, types, foreign policy making process and how the states adjust themselves in the ever changing international order.

# Objectives:

- To acquaint the students with the concept, objectives and determinants of foreign policy;
- To make them understand the types of existing foreign policy in the world;
- To give them the idea how the foreign policies are formulated; and
- To acquaint them with the changing nature of international order and the role of foreign policy to pursue their national goals in the international system.

Unit I Introduction 10

- Concept, Definitions and Utility
- Objectives of Foreign Policy
- Determinants of Foreign Policy
- Instruments of Foreign Policy

# Unit II Types of Foreign Policy

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- Foreign Policy of Imperialism
- Neo-colonialism
- Balance of Power/ Alliance, non-alliance and neutrality
- Policy of isolation
- Peaceful co-existence

# Unit III Formulation of Foreign Policy

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- Identification of National Interest
- Role of elected representatives in the formulation of Foreign policy
- Role of executive in the formulation of Foreign Policy
- Foreign Policy, Media and Civil Society

#### Unit IV Limitation of Foreign Policy

- International Relations
- International Law

- International Ethics and Morality
- International Public Opinion

# Unit V Changing Nature of Foreign Policy

- Globalization and Foreign Policy
- Domination of Free Market Economy
- Regionalism
- International Security

#### References:

Ali, Almeen, Landlocked States and International Law, New Delhi: south Asian Publishers, 1989

Allison, Graham and Peter Stanton, Remaking Foreign Policy: The organizational Connection, New York: Basic Books, 1976

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Buzan, Barry, The making of Foreign Policy: A Comparative Perspective, Sussex: Wheatsheaf Books, 1987

Clavert, P.E., The Foreign Policy of New States, Brighton, Sussex: Wheatsheaf Books, 1986

Frankel, Joseph, The making of Foreign Policy, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1962

Goldstein, Joshua S., International Relations (Indian Edition), New Delhi: Pearson Education, 2005

Macridis, R.C., Foreign Policy and World Politics, Englewood Cliffs, N.J.: Prentice Hall, 1995

McGraw, P. & C.W. Kegley (ed.), Foreign Policy and the Modern World System, Beverly Hills, CA: Sage, 1983

Palmer, Norman D. & Howard C. Perkins, International Relations: The International Community in Transition (Indian Edition), Calcutta: Scientific Book Agency, 1973

Rosenau, James N., The Study of Foreign Policy, New York: Nichols Publishing House Co., 1980

# IR315. Diplomacy

Credit Hrs. 3

# Course Description:

The subject aims at giving students knowledge of the evolution, characteristics and principles of current diplomacy, of existing Foreign Service system and diplomatic activities, its functioning and practicing basic skills necessary for working in the Foreign Service. In addition, supplementary aim of the course is to introduce various aspects of diplomatic practice and mainly to support development of skills of a contemporary diplomat and to provide the knowledge about various types of diplomatic practices as well as the privileges and immunities the diplomats get through the International law.

# Objectives:

- To acquaint the students with the concept of diplomacy and its scope;
- To acquaint them with the development of diplomatic practices in different phases of history;
- To make them understand various types of diplomacy that are in practice in the contemporary world; and
- To make them understand the functions of a diplomat.

#### Unit I Introduction

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- Concept and utility of diplomacy
- Objectives of diplomacy
- Problems of diplomacy
- Scope of diplomacy

# Unit II Development of Diplomacy

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- Diplomacy in the Eastern literatures including Ramayana and Mahahbarata
- Diplomacy in the Greek and Roman period
- Diplomacy in the European Nation State System
- Diplomacy in the modern period

# Unit III Types of Diplomacy

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- Political diplomacy
- Cultural diplomacy
- Economic diplomacy
- Secret diplomacy
- Open diplomacy
- Hi-tech diplomacy

Unit IV Recognition of Diplomacy in International Law

- The right of representation
- Classification of diplomatic agents
- Privileges and immunities of diplomatic agents
- Termination of diplomatic missions

## Unit V Functions of Modern Diplomatic Missions

- Promotion of nation's foreign policy
- Information gathering
- Policy advice to their respective governments
- Representation
- Negotiation
- Consular service

#### References:

Barston, R.P., Modern Diplomacy, London: Longmans, 1998

Berridge, G.R., Diplomacy: Theory and Practice, Hemel Hempstead: Harvester Wheatsheaf, 1995

Berridge, G.R., and James A., A Dictionary of Diplomacy, Basingstoke: Palgrave, 2001

Craig, G.A. & G.I. Alexander, Force and Statecraft: Diplomatic Problems of Our Time, New York: Oxford University Press, 1983

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Goldstein, Joshua S., International Relations (Indian Edition), New Delhi: Pearson Education, 2005

Hamilton, K. and R. Langhorne, The Practice of Diplomacy, London: Routledge, 1995

Hocking, B. (ed.), Foreign Ministries: Change and Adaptation, Basingstoke: Macmillan, 1999

Luard, E. (ed.), Basic Text in International Relations, London: Macmillan, 1992

Nicolson, Harold, Diplomacy, London: Oxford University Press, 1969

Nicolson, Harold, The Evolution of Diplomatic Method, London: constable, 1954

Richardson, J.L., Crisis *Diplomacy: The Great Powers since the Mid-nineteenth Century* , Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1994

Watson, A., Diplomacy: The Dialogue Between States, London: Methuen, 1982

#### IR321. State and International Relations

Credit Hrs. 3

# Course Description:

International relation is concerned with the activities of the independent states in the international system. Students will not be able to pursue their study of international relations without knowing the concept of state, their theories, their problems as well as their activities within the state. Thus, the course is designed to give them the knowledge about different elements of states and the role they play within and outside their own territory.

# Objectives:

- To provide the knowledge to the student about the formation of the state;
- To acquaint them with different theories of the origin of state;
- To give them the concept of sovereignty; and
- To make them understand the problems and responsibilities of state in international system.

#### Unit I Introduction

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- Political theory as the foundation of Political studies
- State formation
- Essence of state
- Elements of state

#### Unit II Theories of State

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- Evolutionary theory of state
- Organic theory of state
- Divine theory of state
- Social contract theory
- Marxian concept of state

#### Unit III Concept of Sovereignty

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- Meaning of sovereignty
- Characteristics of sovereignty
- Principles of pluralism
- Contemporary challenges to sovereignty: Imperialism/ neo-colonialism/ role of power blocks/ globalization

#### Unit IV Problems of State

- Nation, state and nation-state
- Nationalism
- Limitations of state

Challenges to statehood in the contemporary world

#### Unit V External Activities of the State

10

- State in the international system
- Responsibilities of state as an independent international actor
- obligations of the state

#### References:

Ball, Alan R., Modern Politics and Government, London: Macmillan, 1988

Barry, Norman P., An Introduction to Modern Political Theory, London: Macmillan, 1989

Benn, S. I., and R. S. Peters, Social Principles and Democratic State, London: George Allen & Unwin, 1975

Carnoy, Martin, The State and Political Theory, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1984

Gauba, O.P., An Introduction to Political Theory, New Delhi: Macmillan India Ltd., 2003

Held, David, Political Theory and Modern State, London: Polity Press, 1994

Horton, John, Political Obligation, London: Macmillan, 1992

Lipson, Leslie, The Great Issue of Politics: An Introduction to Political Science, Englewood Cliffs: Prentice-Hall, 1993

Poggi, Gianfranco, The State - Its Nature, Development and Prospects, Cambridge: Polity Press, 1990

Ricci, David M., The Tragedy of Political Science, New Haven: Yale University Press, 1984

# **IR322.Political System and International Relations**

Credit Hrs. 3

# Course Description:

This course is designed to give an understanding to the Bachelor level students about the political system of a state. It is important because the state's behavior in its domestic as well as the international relations is determined by the type of political culture and socialization of the people. It also discusses the role of political parties, interest groups and pressure groups that have tremendous influence in the inter-state relations. The students are expected to establish core-relationship between the internal behavior of the state and the international relations while pursuing their studies in this field.

# Objectives:

- To acquaint the students with the growth of political system on the basis of the people's culture and socialization process in understanding the international relations;
- To make them understand the capabilities of the state; and
- To give them the understanding about the political parties and other groups that influences the international relations of a state.

Unit I Introduction 10

- Genesis and growth of political system in world politics
- Types of political system
- Political structure
- Political culture
- Impact of domestic political system in international relations

## Unit II The capabilities of political system

10

- The extractive capability
- The regulative capability
- The distributive capability
- The symbolic capability
- The responsive capability
- Capabilities and International Relations

#### Unit III Political Socialization

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- Meaning and nature of political socialization
- Agencies of political socialization
- Political socialization and the formation of world view
- Impact of political socialization in International Relations

Unit IV Political Parties and Political Process

- Essence of Political parties in modern democracy
- Classification of political parties and party system
- Political parties and political socialization
- The role and influence of political parties in foreign policy making and international relations

#### Unit V Interest Group Dynamics

10

- Meaning and nature of interest groups
- Classification of interest groups
- Determinants of pressure group methods
- Operational techniques of interest groups
- Influence of interest groups in international relations

#### References:

Almond, Gabriel and G. Bingham Powell, Comparative Politics: A Developmental Approach, New Delhi: Amerind Publishing Co. Pvt. Ltd., 1975

Ball, Alan R., Modern Politics and Government, London: Macmillan, 1988

Barry, Norman P., An Introduction to Modern Political Theory, London: Macmillan, 1989

Benn, S. I., and R. S. Peters, Social Principles and Democratic State, London: George Allen & Unwin, 1975

Carnoy, Martin, The State and Political Theory, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1984

Connolly, William E., The Terms of Political Discourse, Oxford: Martin Robertson, 1983

Dahl, Robert A., Modern Political Analysis, New Delhi: Prentice-Hall, 1991

Gauba, O.P., An Introduction to Political Theory, New Delhi: Macmillan India Ltd., 2003

Held, David, Political Theory and Modern State, London: Polity Press, 1994

Kuper, Jessica, Political Science and Political Theory, London: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1987

Ray, S. N., Modern Comparative Politics: Approaches, Methods and Issues, New Delhi: Prentice-Hall, 1999

Rush, Michael, Politics and Society: An Introduction to Political Sociology, New York: Harvester Wheatsheaf, 1992

# **IR323.International Organizations**

Credit Hrs. 3

# Course Description:

This course is designed to give an in-depth knowledge about the international organizations to the students of B. A. level. International Organizations play prominent role in resolving a wide range of global problems and are important elements in the current system of global governance. The course will cover the basic theoretical concepts as well as the major international issues that are to be tackled by the UN initiatives. Because of its scope and importance in the world politics, the activities and influence of the United Nations system is given special emphasis in the course.

# Objectives:

- To delineate the historical antecedents and trends in the growth of International organizations;
- To describe the structure and activities of the United Nations and its specialized agencies; and
- To analyze the functional areas of the United Nations.

# Unit I Meaning and Concept of International Organization

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- Meaning of International Organization
- Need of International Organization
- Evolution of International Organization
- The role of International Organization in International Relations

#### Unit II Types of International Organization

10

- International Organization as a Regulatory body
- International Security organizations
- Multinational International Organizations
- Regional Organizations

#### Unit III The United Nations

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- Background for the creation of the United Nations
- Charter of the United Nations
- Major Organs of the United Nations
- Specialized Agencies of the United Nations

#### Unit IV Working Procedures of the United Nations

- Membership and Voting in the United Nations
- Role of big five in the United Nations' decision making-process
- Role of the UN Secretary General in the Organizational working procedure

- UN Security Council in the Rapidly Changing World

#### Unit V Functions of the United Nations

- Collective Security and Peace Keeping
- Economic and Social Activities
- Decolonization, Human Rights and Humanitarian Activities
- Constraints of the United Nations

#### References:

Archer, C., International Organizations, London: Allen and Unwin, 1983.

Armstrong, D. The Rise of International Organizations, London: McMillan, 1982.

Bennett, A.L, International Organizations: Principles, Eaglewood Cliffs: N.J. Prentice-Hall, 1977.

Cheever, Danial S, & Jr. Haviland, Organizing for Peace: International Organizations in World Affairs, London: Skven & Son. 1957.

Eugene P. Chase, The United Nations in Action, New York: McGraw Hill Book Company Inc., 1950.

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Malone, D. (Ed.), The UN Security Council: From the Cold War to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Boulder. Col: Lynne Rienner, 2004

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Ryan, Stephen, The United Nations and International Politics, New York: St. Martin Press, 2000

Saksena, K.P., Reforming the United Nations, New Delhi: Sage, 1992

Talukdar, Ghanashyam, Role of the United Nations in World Politics, New Delhi: Anmol Publications, 1993.

Verrier, A., International Peace - Keeping, London: Penguin, 1981.

#### IR324.Environment and International Relations

Credit Hrs. 3

Full Marks 30

# Course Description:

Environment has become a major issue in the international system. Growing industrialization and the armament race among the states have made it more precarious. In this situation the understanding of the environmental issues and the role of the states as well as the international initiatives to mitigate this problem is in the interest of the students of international relations. Thus the course is designed to give them an understanding of the environmental problems that the world facing right now.

# Objectives:

- To acquaint the students with the concept and pattern of environmental problems of the world;
- To give them the knowledge about the methods of managing the environmental problems;
- To make them familiar with the politics related with it; and
- To acquaint them with the international treaties and agreement in relations with environment.

Unit I Introduction 10

- Concept of Environmentalism in International Relations
- Changing Patterns of Environmental Problems
- Social origin of the Environmental Problems
- Political aspects of Environmental Problems

#### Unit II Global Environment

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- Ozone Depletion and Climate Change
- Deforestation
- Conservation of endangered flora and fauna
- Marine Environment

# Unit III Management of Environmental Problems

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- Disaster Management
- Eco-system management
- Environmental Governance
- Resource Efficiency

## Unit IV The Politics of Environment

- International Relations and Environmental Conflict
- Role of Individual States in the protection and preservation of the Environment

- Industrialized Vs. Developing States in environmental protection
- Role of Non-governmental Organizations

#### Unit V International Tools to Protect Environment

- Copenhagen Agreements
- Rio Convention
- Kyoto Protocol
- UN Leadership in the Environmental Protection

#### References:

Benedick, R. E., Ozone Diplomacy: New Directions in Safeguarding the Planet, London: Harvard University Press, 1991

Blakemore, R. and A. Reddish (eds.), *Global Environmental issues* (2<sup>nd</sup> edition), London: Hodder and Stoughton, 1996

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Elloott, L., The global Politics of the Environment, London: Macmillan, 1998

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Has, P.M., R. O. Keohane, and M. Levy (eds.), *Institutions for the Earth: Sources of Effective International Environmental Action*, London: MIT Press, 1993

Hempel, L.C., Environmental Governance, The global Challenge, Shington, D.C.: island Press, 1996

Ostrom, E., Governing the Commons: The Evolution of Institutions for Collective Action, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1990

Vogler, J. and M. Imber (eds.), The Environment in International Relations, London: Routledge, 1996

Vogler, J., The Global Commons: Environmental and Technological Governance (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.), Chichester: John Wiley and Son, 2000

Young, O. (ed.), Global Governance: Drawing Insights from the Environmental Experience, London: Cornell University Press, 1997

# IR325.Regional Study: India and China

Credit Hrs. 3

Full Marks 30

India and China are the immediate neighbors of Nepal and each of their action and activities have deep influence in its internal and external politics. Thus this course is intended to give a general introduction of both these countries so that the students can analyze Nepal's political condition, behavior and psychology while conducting its internal politics and dealing with the other countries. The course will deal with the political system, political process and their aspirations as well as their relations with each other.

# Objectives:

- To give an understanding about the importance of India and China in the international system;
- To make the students understand how their internal system function; and
- To acquaint them with the Sino-Indian relations and its repercussion in the region.

# Unit I Introduction 8

- Importance of India and China in the World Politics
- Geo-political Location of India and China
- Rise of China as a Global Economic Power
- India's Aspiration for Global Power

# Unit II Governance and Policy Making of China

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- Organization of the State
- The Executive (the Chinese Communist Party, the National Government and the Bureaucracy)
- Other State Institutions (the Military, the Judiciary and other Sub-national governments)
- The Policy Making Process in China

#### Unit III Governance and Policy Making in India

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- Organization of the State
- The Executive
- Other State Institutions
- The Policy Making Process in India

# Unit IV Representation and Participation in China

- The Legislature
- Role of Communist Party in the Legislature
- Flections
- Political Culture, Citizenship and Identity (from Communism to Consumerism)

# Unit V Representation and Participation in India

- The Legislature
- Party System in India
- Elections
- Political Culture, Citizenship and Identity

# Unit VI India-China Relations

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- India-China Political Relations
- India-China Economic Relations
- Border Dispute between India and China
- Future of India-china Relations

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#### IR331.Public International Law

Credit Hrs. 3

Full Marks 30

# **Course Description:**

International law is a law that regulates the behavior as well as the relations between and among the independent modern state. The Western scholars of international law, in the past, considered it as a law to govern the relationships between the civilized states but today no state is considered as an uncivilized state, thus it governs the relationship of all the states with one another. It is important, that is why this course intends to give, at least, an introductory knowledge to the students of the Bachelor level which will help them to understand the international relationship in a better way. The course includes the concept, sources and evolution of international law along with the state's personality, rights and duties in the international system.

# Objectives:

- To familiarize the students with the concept, sources and evolution of international law;
- To make them understand how the states acquire recognition in the international system;
- To acquaint them with the rights and duties of a state as a member of the international community; and
- To give them an understanding of the rights and duties of a landlocked state with special reference to Nepal.

## Unit I Introduction

- Concept and Nature of International Law
- Scope of International Law
- Evolution of International law
- Approaches to International law

# Unit II Sources of International Law

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- Treaties
- Customs
- Judicial Decisions
- Natural Law and other Possible sources of International Law

#### Unit III The Personality of the State

- The state and the International Law
- Recognition of the state
- Legal effects of recognition
- The discretionary character of recognition

- De jure and De facto recognition

# Unit IV Rights and Duties of State

10

- The fundamental rights of the states
- Supremacy of international law
- Rights and duties of states
- Existence and independence
- Co-existence

#### Unit V Land-locked Countries in International Law

10

- Status of land-lockedness
- Constraints of landlocked countries
- Obligations of the coastal countries in relations of the landlocked countries
- UN conventions and declarations on the rights of landlocked countries

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# **IR332.Dimensions of Human Security**

Credit Hrs. 3

Full Marks 30

# **Course Description:**

Human Security is emerging as both an important concept and a methodology for broadening and deepening traditional and narrow conception of security. It represents both a conceptual shift in ways that the questions pertaining to security and identified and addressed, as well as an operation shift in practice by emphasizing the perspective of an impact on individuals and communities in how to understand, assess, plan, implement and evaluate policies, programs and projects.

# Objectives:

- To introduce students to the concept of Human Security and its role in security and development discourses today.
- To examine, in theory and practice, the links between Human Security, Traditional Security,
   Development and Human Rights.
- Introduce a Human Security approach to policy and programming in comparison to traditional approaches.

Unit I Introduction 8

- Concept of human security
- Hazard, exposure, vulnerability and risk
- Risk management
- Crisis management

# Unit II Major Security Concern in the modern World

8

- Environmental Security
- Water and Food Security
- Health Security
- Migration and Community Security

#### Unit III Mortality Rate of Small Children in the World

8

- Under 5 and Infant Mortality Rate
- Effects of Armed Conflict on Mortality Rate
- Effects of Income and Wealth in Mortality Rate
- Nepal's Case

# Unit IV Poverty and Global Development

8

Global income inequality and poverty

- Poverty trap
- Actions to reduce poverty
- UN Mechanism for the Least Developed countries.

#### Unit V Armed Conflict and Human Development

8

- Insurgency
- Civil Wars
- Refugees and Internally displaced people (IDP)

# Unit VI Nuclear Weapons and Human Security

10

- Nuclear weapons Hiroshima and Nagasaki
- Exposed to radiation
- Eliminating the risk of Nuclear Weapons
- Eliminating the risk of risk and nuclear Weapons.

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# IR333.Introduction to International Political Economy

Credit Hrs. 3

Full Marks 30

# Course description:

This course is an introduction to the field of International Political Economy. It explores the interaction of economics and politics in global affairs – the struggle for power and wealth within the international system. The main theme of the course is that neither international politics not international economy can be understood in isolation.

# Objectives:

- To familiarize the students with the concept of political economy in different period of history;
- To make them understand how political economy has been perceived by different political and ideological theorists; and
- To acquaint them with the existing international financial institutions that work in the field of political economy.

Unit I Introduction 10

- Meaning and understanding of Political Economy
- The history of political economy after World War I
- Power, wealth and International Political Economy
- Key Term and Concepts of International Political Economy

# Unit II The Liberal Perspective

8

- The basic tenets of liberalism
- The evolution of liberal thought
- Institutions, interdependence and cooperation

# Unit III The Realist Perspective

8

- The basic tenets of realism
- The evolution of realist thought
- Hegemonic stability theory

# Unit IV The Historical Structuralist Perspective

8

- Basic tenets of Marxism
- The evolution of historical structuralism
- Dependency theory

# Unit V The International Monitory System

- The gold exchange standard
- The Bretton Woods system and the IMF
- The international monitory system today

#### Unit VI International Trade Relations

8

- The General Agreement and Tariffs and Trade (GATT)
- The World Trade Organization (WTO)
- Global trade relations today

#### References:

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Tony, Michael, Reputation and International Cooperation: Sovereign Debt across Three Centuries, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2007

# IR334. Human Rights

Credit Hrs. 3

Full Marks 30

# **Course Description:**

This course is an introduction to the developing systems, laws, and norms for the promotion and protection of human rights in the world today. The course supplies a foundation for understanding legal, political, and economic aspects of human rights. We will discuss ideological and cultural perspectives; sources of violations; the United Nations, regional, and national systems; women's human rights; and the role of non-governmental organizations. Overall, we will be looking at prevailing concepts, institutions, rules, procedures, problems, and potentialities.

# This course seeks to help students to:

- develop intellectual skills to question and appraise human rights policies and practices at the international and national levels;
- perceive improvements;
- discern ambiguities and contradictions;
- draw useful conclusions about the theory and practice of human rights concerning the three groups in particular and of human rights in general.

# Unit I Introduction 10

- Concept of Human Rights in the Modern World
- The Evolution and Normative Framework of International Human rights
- Human rights as a separate field of study
- Human rights and Humanitarian Law

# Unit II The Universal Declaration of Human rights

10

- Repression/ Human right Violation/ State coercion
- Legality of Human Rights
- Promotion of Human Rights
- Protection of Human Rights

# Unit III Human Rights in Comparison

10

- Positive and Negative rights
- Absolute and Non-absolute rights
- Individual and Collective Human Rights
- Substantive and Procedural

# Unit IV Minorities, Disappearances and Religious Discrimination

- sources of religious intolerance
- UN's approach to the problem of displaced or disappeared persons
- right to self-determination
- permissible limits or restrictions upon the exercise of rights

## Unit V Second Generation Rights:

10

- Gender,
- Environmental,
- Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and
- Indigenous Rights

#### References:

Alston, Philip, Promoting Human Rights Through Bills of Rights: Comparative Perspectives, New York: Oxford University Press, 1996

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#### IR335.Globalization

Credit Hrs. 3

Full Marks 30

# Course Description:

The interconnectedness in economic, political, cultural and social fields have brought people of different parts of the world together and have had extensive impact in their everyday life. This process is called the globalization. The states have entered into the global process and have accepted to be bound by the pros and cons of globalization. The developing countries that are heavily depended on outside help in fulfilling their development aspirations cannot escape the grip of globalization even if they don't want to. The study of globalization is, thus, an important aspect of the contemporary international politics which the students of international relations cannot ignore while pursuing and understanding the contemporary world.

# Objectives:

- To make the students understand the meaning, advantages and disadvantages and the evolution of globalization and its effect in human society;
- To make the students aware of the effect of globalization in the individual states; and
- To make them aware about the impact of globalization in different field of human society.

Unit I Introduction 10

- Meaning and Concept of Globalization
- Characteristics of Globalization
- Advantages and Disadvantages of Globalization
- Evolution of Globalization

## Unit II Types of Globalization

10

- Political globalization
- Economic globalization
- Cultural globalization
- Social globalization

# Unit III Globalization and Developing World

- Characteristics of Developing Countries
- Weaknesses of the developing countries
- Advantages of interconnected to the developing countries
- Impact of globalization in the developing countries

#### Unit IV Drivers of Globalization

10

- International Financial Institutions
- NGOs and INGOs
- Politics of Market
- International and Regional Treaties and Agreements

#### Unit V Globalization and Media

10

- The role of print media in creating global forces
- Electronic media and the global propaganda
- The impact of Internet revolution in the promotion of globalization
- The prospects of E-governance and Globalization

#### References:

Clark I., Globalization and International Relations Theory, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1999

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# **IR341.Political Philosophy and International Relations**

Credit Hrs. 3

Full Marks 30

### **Course Description:**

Political philosophy is the basis of all the political studies and the international relation is no exception. Thus this course is designed to give an introductory knowledge to the student about the political philosophy, its role in the international relations and the views of various political thinkers in regards to the state, sovereignty and the concept of political philosophy.

# Objectives:

- To impart knowledge about political philosophy and the differences between political philosophy, political thought and political theory;
- To make them understand the theories of state formation; and
- To acquaint them with the contemporary political theories.

Unit I Introduction 10

- Concept of Political philosophy
- Difference between Political philosophy, political thought and political theory
- Political Philosophy as the foundation of International Relations
- Question of sovereignty and inter-state relations

## Unit II State Formation

10

- Devine theory of state
- Evolutionary theory
- Forced theory
- Contractual theory

#### Unit III Theories of Sovereignty

10

- Jean Bodin's theory of sovereignty
- John Austin on Sovereignty
- Hugo Grotius theory on sovereignty and International law
- Thomas Hobbes, John Locke and Jean Jacques Rousseau on Sovereignty

## Unit IV The Idealist School of thought

- Immanuel Kant on State and Government
- Hegelian thought on State, sovereignty and government

- T.H. Green's theory of the state
- J. S. Mill's concept on Liberty

# Unit V Some Influential Theories in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century

 Karl Marx – surplus values/ historical materialism/ dialectical materialism/ notion of class struggle

10

- M. K. Gandhi civil disobedience and non-violence
- V. I. Lenin state, revolution and rule of proletariat
- Mao Tse-tung Revolution

#### References:

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#### **IR342.Public Administration and International Relations**

Credit Hrs. 3

Full Marks 30

# Course Description:

This course is designed to give an introductory knowledge of public administration to the students of bachelor level in international relations. Public administration is needed to understand how the states run their bureaucracy and other organizations and at the same time it also teaches how the international organizations are managed. Beside this the course also discusses the methods of managing the foreign ministries which would help the students to understand how the states conduct their foreign policies through their ministries.

# Objectives:

- To give the concept of public administration and its evolution as an independent discipline of the study;
- To acquaint the students with various theories of public administration; and to give them the idea how the ministries of external affairs are run in the states.

Unit I Introduction 10

- Concept, nature and importance of Public Administration
- Growth and evolution of Public Administration as a discipline
- Interaction between Public and Private administration

# Unit II Administrative Theories

10

- Scientific Management Theory
- Administrative Management Theory
- Human Relation Theory

#### Unit III Principles of Organization

10

- Hierarchy and Span of Control
- Centralization and Decentralization
- Ethics and Values in Public Administration

# Unit IV Structure of Organization

- Line and Staff Agencies
- Chief Executive types and role
- Personnel Administration recruitment, promotion and retirement

- Organization of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Major functions of the Foreign Ministry
- Role of the Foreign Ministry in the Implementation of Foreign Policy
- Role of Foreign Secretary in the Internal administration of Foreign Ministry

#### References:

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Shrestha, Tulshi Narayan, Public Administration, Kathmandu: Ratna Pustak Bhandar, 2007

# **IR343.Comparative Foreign Policy**

Credit Hrs. 3

Full Marks 30

## **Course Description:**

This course is designed to give a better understanding of the foreign policy of some major countries that are important to Nepal. In this course the United States of America, People's Republic of China and the Republic of India have been included because India and China are the two immediate neighbors of Nepal and have tremendous influence in Nepal's internal and external affairs. The United States is a major global power and its policies are considered to be one of the important regulators of international politics. Thus, the course is expected to be helpful to the students of Bachelor's level in international relations.

# Objectives:

- To provide an understanding of the general features of the foreign policies;
- To acquaint the students with the basis and the areas of US foreign policy in general;
- To give them the idea of foreign policies adopted by India and China; and
- To make them aware of the changing pattern of foreign policies due to the advent of new world economic and political order.

#### Unit I Basic Tenets of Foreign Policy

10

- Common features of foreign policy
- Types of foreign policy
- Foreign Policy making Process in Democratic Countries

# Unit II Foreign Policy of the United States of America

10

- Foundation of the American Foreign Policy
- Truman and Eisenhower Doctrines and their follow up
- US Foreign Policy in West Asia and Indo-China
- US Policy towards India and China
- America's War against Terrorism

# Unit III Foreign Policy of the People's Republic of China

- The Importance of the Rise of China in International Relations
- Foundations and goals of Chinese Foreign Policy
- Chinese foreign policy during the Cultural Revolution
- China's entrance in the United Nations and relations with the West
- Chinese Foreign Policy after Mao

Unit IV Foreign Policy of the Republic of India

10

- India's Independence from the British Empire
- Basic principles of the Indian Foreign Policy
- India's role in the Nonaligned Movement
- India's policy with the neighboring countries
- India-Russia and the United States of America

Unit V New Direction in Contemporary Foreign Policy

10

- International political economy and the foreign policy of the above countries
- New direction of foreign policy less confrontation and more cooperation

### References:

Barnouin, Barbara and Yu Changgen, *Chinese Foreign Policy during the Cultural Revolution*, USA: Columbia University Press, 1998

Hastedt, Glen P., American Foreign Policy: Past, Present and Future, Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall, 1988

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### **IR334.Strategic Studies**

Credit Hrs. 3

Full Marks 30

# Course Description:

This course is designed to give an introductory knowledge about the strategic studies to the students of B.A. in international relations. States adopt strategies that help them to promote their national interests and secure their position in the international system. Policies formulated by the states may fail if they do not pursue right type of strategy. Thus, this course is intended to give the idea to the students how the strategies are formulated and work in the international system.

## Objectives:

- To acquaint the students with the concept and evolution of strategic study;
- To make them aware about the threat of war that is more devastating than the previous ones;
- To let them have the idea of military alliances and counter-alliances to cope up with the threat of war; and
- To make them understand the causes and consequences of the nuclear technology and nuclear proliferation for the security of the world.

Unit I Introduction 10

- Nature and scope of strategic studies
- Evolution of strategic studies as a discipline
- Development of modern technology and its impact in strategy

Unit II The Role of Force in the International System

10

- The phenomenon of war and its kinds
- The changing nature of the warfare
- The threat of nuclear war and its impact

### Unit III Military Alliances

10

- Alliance in the International Relations
- The nature and dynamics of military alliance
- The role of military alliance in war and peace

#### Unit IV Economics of Defense

- The logic and debate of military expenditure
- Categorization of states in terms of military spending

- The implication of military spending in the developing countries

#### Unit V Problems of disarmament and arms control

- Nuclear proliferation, causes and consequences
- Vertical and horizontal proliferation
- Impact of modern technology in strategic thinking

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### IR345.Nepal's Foreign Policy

Credit Hrs. 3

Full Marks 30

# Course Description:

This course is designed to give an introduction to Nepal's foreign policy because without understanding their own foreign policy the students will not be able to understand the foreign policies of other countries. As foreign policy is the expression of a state according to which it wants to live and act in the international system, it is utmost necessary for the students of international relations to understand it and specifically of their own state.

## Objectives:

- To make the students understand the basic foundations of Nepal's foreign policy;
- To make them understand how Nepal has been struggling to maintain its independent posture in the international system; and
- To acquaint them with the role Nepal has been playing in the international system including the United Nations and other regional bodies.

Unit I Introduction 10

- Foundations of Nepal's foreign Policy
- Determinants of Nepal's Foreign Policy
- Goals and objectives of Nepal's foreign policy
- History of Nepal's Foreign Policy since Unification

# Unit II Nepal's struggle for Identity in the World

10

- Emergence of Communist China and Independent India
- Nepal's struggle for independent identity vis-à-vis India and China
- Diversification of its relation with the countries beyond India and China

### Unit III Nepal in the International Community

10

- Nepal's membership in the United Nations
- Nepal as a member of the Non-aligned Movement
- Nepal in South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation

## Unit IV Nepal's stand in the major International Issues

- Disarmament and Non-proliferation of the nuclear weapons
- Fnvironmentalism

- Human Rights

Unit V Nepal's role in the World community

10

- Nepal in the UN Peacekeeping Operation
- Nepal as one the leaders of the least developed countries
- Nepal's voice for the rights of the land-locked countries

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Baral, Lok Raj, Looking to the Future: Indi-Nepal Relations in Perspective, New Delhi: Anmol Publications, 1996

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# **IR451.International Politics of the Middle East**

Credit Hrs. 3

Full Marks 30

# Course Description:

This course is intended as an introduction to politics in the Middle East and therefore provides a general overview of some of the chief issues of contemporary Middle Eastern politics. Consequently, it will examine the interplay of numerous factors that help the students of international relations to better understand and to critically analyze the Middle East.

# Objectives:

- To give an understanding to the strategic importance of the Middle East in the World Politics;
- To help the students to understand the history of Middle East;
- To understand the major issues of conflict in the Middle East; and
- To acquaint the students with the challenges that the countries of the Middle east are facing.

#### Unit I The Middle East

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- Background
- Strategic and political importance of the Middle East
- Resource and economic importance of the Middle East

# Unit II Arab Nationalism

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- The Palestinian issue
- Egyptian Revolution and the rise of G. A. Nassir
- The Suez Crisis 1956

#### Unit III Arab-Israeli Conflict

10

- Arab-Israel War 1967/73
- Camp David Accords
- Peace Process and its impact on the politics of Middle East

# Unit IV Major Changes in the Arab World and its Impact in the World

- The Iran-Iraq War and its aftermath
- Gulf Crisis 1990 91
- The end of Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq
- Political Changes in Egypt and Libya

- Iran's nuclear ambition
- Lack of unity among the Arab countries
- Growing interest of China in the region
- Search for alternative source of energy in the developed world

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### IR452.Regionalism

Credit Hrs. 3

Full Marks 30

# Course Description:

Regional organizations have become important ingredients of the international system. Integration of different states of the same region has developed their potential to participate in the world community more effectively and has helped them to mobilize their resources for the benefit of the whole region. The trend of regionalism is ever increasing in every parts of the world to cope up with the challenges brought by the interconnectedness of states in socio-cultural, economic and political sphere crossing their national boundaries. This course has been designed to provide an introductory knowledge to regionalism and some of the regions that have been effective in the present international system.

## Objectives:

- To provide the concept and meaning of regionalism;
- To acquaint the students with the emerging regional organizations; and
- To give them the understanding the regional organizations play in the international system.

Unit I Introduction 10

- Meaning and definition of regionalism
- Objectives of regionalism
- Importance of regionalism in the modern International System
- Evolution and growth of regionalism

Unit II South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)

- Regional profile of South Asia
- South Asian Commonality and differences
- SAARC Charter
- History and achievement of the SAARC

Unit III Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)

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- Regional profile of South East Asia
- Commonality and differences among the South East Asian Countries
- ASEAN Charter and Objectives
- History and achievement of ASEAN

Unit IV European Union

- Concept and context of the European Union
- History of the European Union
- Institutions of the European Union
- Influence of European Union in the World Politics

### Unit V Other Regional Organizations

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- African Union (Organization of African Unity)
- Organization of American States (OAS)
- Arab League

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### **IR453.National Security**

Credit Hrs. 3

Full Marks 30

# Course Description:

This course is intended to provide comprehensive concept and theories on national security, changing dimension of national security and its application in the context of Nepal. The course will also provide the students the knowledge on various national security issues and the challenges the nation faces due to the insecurity. The focus of this course is the national security of Nepal in which several national security threats have been included.

# Objectives:

- To give a comprehensive concept of national security;
- To acquaint them with the dimensions of national security;
- To make them understand the national security threats of the country; and
- To help them to understand and analyze the future of national security in Nepal.

# Unit I Introduction 10

- Concept of National Security
- Conventional Dimension of National Security
- National Security as Prescribed by Nepal

# Unit II Changing Dimension of National Security

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- Conceptual changes
- Changes in socio-political entity
- Foundation of changes in national security dimension

# Unit III National Security of Nepal

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- Nepal's national interests
- National security objectives
- Challenges to National Security of Nepal

### Unit IV Internal Security Threats in Nepal's national Security

- Political instability
- Economic crisis
- Ethnic problems
- Refugee problems

Population growth, unemployment and food insecurity

Unit V Future of National Security of Nepal

10

- Balanced relationship with the neighbors
- Diversification of diplomatic relations
- Federalization of the state
- Strengthening of the security forces

#### References:

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#### **IR454.Arms Control**

Credit Hrs. 3

Full Marks 30

# Course Description:

This course is designed to provide a broader idea to the students of international relations about the arms race that was prevalent during the Cold War era and to some extent it is still very prominent among some of the ambitious countries of the world. Arms race is connected with power and prestige of the states and they do not want to give it up as long as they do not feel that they are secure in the international system. Thus it is very important for the students of international relations to have knowledge on the condition of arms race and how it can be controlled.

# Objectives:

- To make the students understand what is arms race and how can it be controlled;
- To make them understand when the arms race began and why the concept of arms control came to be prominent in the international relations;
- To give them an understanding of the weapons of mass destruction and their role in the modern day warfare.

Unit I Introduction 10

- Meaning and concept of armament and disarmament
- The process of arms control in International politics
- The development of arms control theory
- Arms control in the Post-Cold Era

## Unit II Arms Control in Context

10

- History of arms control
- Arms control in the West prior to the nuclear age
- Arms control during the Cold War
- Arms control after the Cold War

# Unit III The Changing International Context

10

- The end of US-Soviet rivalry
- Localization of conflict
- The changing technology of warfare
- New actors and roles

#### Unit IV Nuclear Proliferation

- Threats of nuclear weapons in the world
- Concept of nuclear proliferation
- Incentives and constraints
- The continuing debate of nuclear proliferation

### Unit V Chemical and Biological Weapons

10

- History of the use of chemical and biological weapons
- Destruction caused by the chemical and biological weapons
- Objectives of chemical and biological arms control
- The treaties and conventions on chemical and biological arms control

#### References:

Art, Robert J., and Kenneth N. Waltz, *The Use of Force: Military Power and International Politics*, New York: Rowman and Littlefield, 1999

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#### IR455.The Politics of Cold War

Credit Hrs. 3

Full Marks 30

# Course Description:

The politics of Cold War kept the World divided for more than thirty years and had a tremendous impact on socio-economic and political development of the world. It also brought about a never ending arms competition among the major states of the world and created military alignment and counter-alignment to spread their sphere of influence. Thus this course is of great importance to the student of International relations to understand the world politics even today.

# Objectives:

- To impart knowledge to the students about the devastating history of the Cold War;
- To make them understand the role of the two superpowers in the Cold War period;
- To make them understand about the major political and security issues of the cold war; and
- To acquaint them with the outcome of the Cold War.

Unit I Introduction 10

- Meaning and concept of Cold War
- Causes of Cold War
- Rise of two super powers
- Evolution of Cold War politics

### Unit II Role of the United States in the Cold War

10

- The Truman Doctrine
- Marshall Plan
- Point Four Program
- The Rio Pact

# Unit III US-Soviet Confrontation during Cold War

10

- Cuban Missile Crisis
- Korean War
- Vietnam War
- Arab-Israel Conflict

### Unit IV Impact of Cold War

- Arms race between the two super powers
- Rise of Military organizations and Alliances
- Birth of Nonaligned groups

- Realization for Disarmament

Unit V The End of Cold War and its Impact

10

- The dissolution of Soviet Union
- Breaking up of Yugoslavia
- Beginning of unipolarism in the world politics
- Birth of new international order

#### References:

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#### IR461Terrorism and International Relations

Credit Hrs. 3

Full Marks 30

# **Course Description**

This course serves as an introduction to the study of modern international terrorism, or what academics call "terrorism studies." As such, background in the subject is not necessary. Generally, the course centers on conceptually defining terrorism (all types-foreign and domestic, left and right wing, religious, environmental, and political, state and non-state), tracing the history and beginnings of modern international and domestic terrorism, critically examining the various U.S.-global responses to the 9-11-01 attacks, as well as generally evaluating and assessing how countries and peoples around the world try to cope with, prevent and/or respond to attacks by terrorist organizations, groups, or acts of terrorism perpetrated by nation-states or groups working with nation-states.

# **Objectives**

- Identify and analyze the historical and conceptual frameworks that precipitate terrorism in the modern world.
- Explain and define the concept "International Terrorism."
- Identity and analyze the roots/history of international terrorism.
- Identify and analyze the structure and significance of domestic terrorism throughout the world.
- Explain and analyze the social, political, and economic precedents which cultivate terror and the
  psychological results that follow terrorist attacks in order to recognize shared international
  problems related to national security and terrorism and to compare and contrast the
  advantages and disadvantages of potential solutions.

Unit I Introduction 10

- The concept and meaning of terrorism
- Definitions of terrorism
- The evolution of terrorism in the world politics
- Types of terrorism

# Unit II Causes of Terrorism

10

- Rationalist Explanation
- Sociological Explanation
- Political Explanation
- Religious and Cultural Explanation

#### Unit III Types of Terrorism

- State Terrorism
- Bioterrorism

- Cyber-terrorism
- Eco-terrorism
- Nuclear Terrorism
- Narco-terrorism

#### Unit IV Issues of Modern Terrorism

10

- Technological Terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction
- Terrorism and the Media
- Policy, Liberty, Security and the Future

# Unit V Profile of Major Terrorist Organizations

10

- Al Qaida
- Hezbollah
- Taliban
- Lashkar-e-taiba
- Aum Shinrikyo
- Jamat-e-Islamia

#### References:

Boward, J., Terrorism and Tyranny, London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2003

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#### **IR462.National Interest**

Credit Hrs. 3

Full Marks 30

## **Course Description:**

National interest is the key to a nation's internal and external policy. Nations strive to pursue their national interest through their foreign policies and they often come into conflict with other nations or states if their national interests suffer. In this course, Nepal's national interest has been made a focus of study because Nepal is the best example which, all through its history, has been struggling to protect its national interest from various internal and external factors. The students are expected to understand the spirit of national interest from this course.

## Objectives:

- To give an understanding of the meaning, concept and importance of national interest to the students;
- To acquaint them with the determining factors of the national interest;
- To make them understand the methods of protecting national interest; and
- To give them the idea on how Nepal has been struggling to protect its national interest in the wider international system.

Unit I Introduction 10

- Meaning and concept of national interest
- Types of National Interest
- National Interest and Foreign Policy
- National Interest and Security Concern of the State

#### Unit II Determinants of National Interest

10

- Geo-political condition and geo-strategy
- National history/ culture and tradition
- Role in the international community
- Stable and prosperous domestic politics

## Unit III Nepal's National Interest

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- Identification of Nepal's national interest
- Constitutional methods of protecting those interests
- Protecting nation's natural heritage
- International agreements and treaties and international relations

#### Unit IV Preservation and Security of the State

- Enhance and sustain Nepal's diplomatic capability
- Maintain viable security forces
- Promote security awareness among the population
- Prevent use of Nepalese territory as threat to other States

### Unit V Promotion of Nepal's National Interest

10

- Enhance democratic norms and values
- Promotion of Nepali nationality
- Enhance prosperity and equitable development
- Maintain professional civil, military and judicial administration

#### References:

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### IR463.The Politics of Foreign Assistance

Credit Hrs. 3

Full Marks 30

# Course Description:

Foreign aid occupies a critical place in the economy of the developing countries. A large portion of their national budget is made by the foreign assistance. After World War II the foreign assistance was provided to the developing countries in fulfilling the ambitions of the developed countries especially in the name of curtailing communism and spreading sphere of influence. But with the end of the Cold War, the foreign assistance strategy of the developed countries has changed. In this situation the students of international relations are expected to acquire knowledge how foreign assistance is provided and how effective they are in the development of the recipient countries. Thus the course is designed to give that knowledge to the students in the present international system.

# Objectives:

- To make the students understand the concept and types of foreign assistance prevalent in the modern system;
- To acquaint them with the existing models of foreign assistance;
- To make the students aware of the effect of foreign assistance in a country like Nepal; and
- To give them the idea of the changing pattern of foreign assistance after the end of Cold War.

Unit I Introduction 10

- Concept of Foreign Assistance
- Development of the tradition of foreign assistance
- Donors-Recipient Relationship
- Pattern of foreign assistance Bilateral and Multilateral

#### Unit II Types of Foreign Assistance

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- Loans/ Grants
- Loan Guarantees
- Military Assistance
- Technical Assistance

### Unit III Models of Foreign Assistance

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- The disaster model
- The missionary model
- The Oxfam Model

#### Unit IV Foreign Assistance in Nepal

- The beginning of foreign assistance in Nepal
- Donor's interest in Nepal during the Cold War
- Nepal's geo-strategic location and Foreign Assistance
- Major donors in Nepal during the Cold War

Unit V Foreign Assistance and the End of Cold War

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- Shift in Donor's foreign assistance policy worldwide
- The rise of multilateralism in foreign assistance
- IMF conditionality and its impact in developing countries
- IMF, World Bank and WTO interplay in Foreign Assistance

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#### IR464.Gender Issues and International Relations

Credit Hrs. 3

Full Marks 30

## **Course Description:**

This course is designed to provide a comprehensive knowledge about the theories and existing practices of gender situation in the world at large and in Nepal in particular. It will deal with the concept of gender and some of the theories of feminism. Since the gender issues have become popular in international relations as well as in the domestic politics of the states, it is important for the students of international relations to know about this concept. The course will also discuss the international efforts in the promotion of gender issues.

## Objectives:

- To make the students understand the concept of gender and why it is important in the society;
- To familiarize them with the theories of gender movements;
- To make them understand the role of women in the promotion of political economy; and
- To acquaint them with the international efforts in promoting gender issues.

Unit I introduction 10

- Concept of Sex and Gender
- Theoretical perspectives on the formation of gender
- Socialization and formation of gender identity
- Gender relations in social institutions

#### Unit II Feminist Theories

10

- Global Feminist movement
- Feminist movement in Nepal
- Feminist Theories liberal/ Marxian/ Radical/ Socialist
- Household as a unit of analysis

## Unit III Gender in the Global Political Economy

10

- Political economy from gender perspective
- Women in production of goods and services
- Women in development
- The export of women

#### Unit IV Gender Issues in Nepal

- The norms of gender discrimination
- Issues of women's property right

- Increasing role of women in politics and administration
- Legal reforms and policy initiatives

Unit V Gender issues within International Community

10

- The United Nations and the cause of women
- UNDP's role in Individual Countries in empowering the women
- Gender perception in the United Nation's administrative machinery
- Women's role in the international negotiations

#### References:

Acharya, Meena, Analysis of Caste, Ethnicity and Gender Data from 2001 Population Census in Preparation for Poverty Mapping and wider PRSP Monitoring, Kathmandu: World bank/ DFID, 2004

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### **IR465.Comparative Constitutions**

Credit Hrs. 3

Full Marks 30

# Course Description:

States are run by their respective constitutions and their policies whether internal or external, are made according to their constitutions. Thus it is very important for the students of international relations to understand how the constitutions are made, function and guide the states in international relations. This course attempts to give knowledge of some of the popular constitutional practices in the world having the Presidential, Parliamentarian and mixed type of political system

# Objectives:

- To make the students understand what the constitution is and what is the difference between the constitution and the constitutionalism;
- To give them the idea of how the Presidential, parliamentary and mixed type of political systems function; and
- To give them a comparative view of these constitutions.

Unit I Introduction 10

- Meaning and definition of constitution
- Different types of constitution
- Differences between constitution and constitutionalism Growth of constitutionalism in the world

# Unit II Constitution under the Presidential System

10

- Features of the Presidential constitution
- US Constitution as a model of Presidential Constitution
- Composition, role and functions of Executive, legislature and judiciary under the Presidential system of governance

#### Unit III Constitution under the Parliamentarian System

10

- Features of the Parliamentary Constitution
- British and Indian constitutions as the models of Parliamentary constitution
- Composition, role and functions of Executive, legislature and judiciary under the parliamentary system of governance

## Unit IV Constitution under the Mixed System

- Features of the mixed form of constitution
- French Constitution as a model of mixed constitution

- Composition, role and functions of Executive, legislature and judiciary under the mixed system of governance

Unit V Comparison of the Presidential, Parliamentarian and Mixed system of governance 10

- Comparison of the executives
- Comparison of the legislature
- Comparison of the judiciary

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# **IR471.Nepal's Domestic Politics**

Credit Hrs. 3

Full Marks 30

### **Course Description:**

This course is designed to give a broad view of Nepal's domestic politics. It deals with the nature and concept of the Nepalese politics, political development, political culture and the process of political socialization of the Nepalese people. Since Nepal has gone through several ups and downs in its history for the survival and for change, it is important to understand its politics as well as the socio-cultural milieu for the students of international relations before they try to understand the politics of international relations.

### Objectives:

- To make the students understand the concept and nature of Nepalese politics; Nepal's political culture, and the methods of socialization of its citizens;
- To acquaint the students with the Structure of the Nepali society;
- To acquaint them with the political movements that occurred in Nepal in the past; and
- To give them the broad idea about the political institutions of Nepal.

Unit I introduction 10

- Nature and concept of Nepalese Politics
- Characteristics of Nepalese Politics
- A short history from 1769-1950

# Unit II Orientation of Nepali Citizens

10

- Political Socialization
- Political Culture
- Political Development

# Unit III Structure of Nepali Society and its role in Nation Building

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- Caste
- Culture
- Language
- Ethnicity
- Religion

#### Unit IV Political Movements and their Outcome

- Political Movement of 1950 (Democratic Movement)
- Political Movement of 1980 (Politics of Referendum)

- Political Movement of 1990 (First People's Movement)
- Political Movement of 2006 (Second People's Movement)

Unit V Present Structures and Framework of Government and Constitutional Development

10

- Executive
- Legislature
- Judiciary
- Political parties/ Interest and Pressure Groups/ Civil Society
- Elections and Electoral Process

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#### IR472.The Politics of Indian Ocean

Credit Hrs. 3

Full Marks 30

Indian Ocean has become a center of rivalry among the big powers after World War II. During the Cold War period the superpowers struggled to control the Indian Ocean in different ways but after the Cold War more powers are involved because of its strategic location for sea trade. India no more wants it to be a peace zone but rather it has initiated to form Indian Ocean Rim- Association for Regional Cooperation (IOR-ARC). China at the same time claims more stake in this area. Thus the Indian Ocean is very important for the students of International Relations.

# Objectives:

- To introduce the Indian Ocean and its Littoral states to the Students of International Relations;
- To provide a knowledge of the big power rivalry in the Indian Ocean;
- To make the students understand the importance of the Indian Ocean to the other regions of the world; and
- To acquaint the students with Indian and Chinese attitude towards the Indian Ocean.

# Unit I Introduction 10

- Location and size of the Indian Ocean
- Geo-politics and geo-strategic importance of the Indian Ocean
- Littoral states of the Indian Ocean

### Unit II Role of Extra Regional Power in the Indian Ocean

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- Competition among the European powers in the Indian Ocean
- Britain's withdrawal from the Indian Ocean
- US-USSR Rivalry in the Indian Ocean during the Cole War
- American Military Base in Diego Garcia

## Unit III China's Interest in the Indian Ocean

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- China: From Land Power to the Marine power
- China's Industrialization and the importance of sea route
- Chinese fear of US Encirclement
- China's strategic build-up in the Indian Ocean

#### Unit IV India's Role in the Indian Ocean

- Indian Ocean and India's Homeland Security
- Indian attitude towards the small littoral states
- Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace and India's Role

Indian Ocean Rim – Association for Regional Cooperation (IOR-ARC)

Unit V Rising Interests of other Economic Zones in the Indian Ocean

10

- ASEAN Countries
- EU Countries
- Gulf Countries
- African Countries

#### References:

Adie, W. A. C., Oil, Politics and Sea Power: The Indian Ocean Vortex, New York: Crane, Russak, 1975

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Harrison, Seliq S. and K. Subrahmanyam, *Superpower Rivalry in the Indian Ocean: Indian and American Perspectives*, New York: Oxford University Press, 1989

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Mukharjee, Rudrangshu and Laxmi Subramanian (eds.), *Politics and Trade in the Indian Ocean World*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1998

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#### **IR473.Nepal-Japan Relations**

Credit Hrs. 3

Full Marks 30

# **Course Description:**

Japan is a prominent economic power in the international system. It has been playing a significant role in the development of the poorer countries. Japanese Official Development Assistance (ODA) is gaining popularity in many countries because unlike many other donors Japanese assistance has no condition attached to the recipient countries. Nepal is one of the priority countries for the Japanese ODA. Thus it is important for the students of International Relations to understand the relations between Nepal and Japan in order to understand the modern political economy of the states like them.

### Objectives:

- To make the students understand Nepal-Japan relations in brief;
- To make the students acquainted with the assistance Japan is giving to Nepal; and
- To make them understand why Japan is attaching so much importance to Nepal.

Unit I Introduction 10

- Importance of Japan in Nepal's Foreign Policy
- Japan in the world politics
- Commonalities and differences between Nepal and Japan

## Unit II Nepal-Japan Cultural Relations

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- Cultural Modernization in Nepal, 1769-present
- Cultural Modernization in Japan, 1600 present
- Cultural Cooperation between Nepal and Japan
- Cultural Exchanges and Cultural programs

# Unit III Nepal-Japan Political Relations

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- Significance of Nepal-Japan Relations
- Nepal's Japan Policy and Japan's Nepal Policy
- Exchange of visits
- Political Issues of Common Interest

## Unit IV Nepal-Japan Economic Relations

- Nepal's foreign Aid Policy
- Japan's ODA Policy
- Japan's ODA to Nepal
- Trade Relations

- Purpose
- Principles
- Objectives
- Strategic Priorities

#### References:

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Sumiya, M. (ed.), A History of Japanese Trade and Industry Policy, New York: Oxford University Press, 2000

# **IR474.Comparative Politics in Understanding International Relations**

Credit Hrs. 3

Full Marks 30

Comparative politics is important to understand and compare different political systems, their cultures, socialization process of the citizens and the overall political environment of a state. This course is designed to give an understanding of the functioning of a political system in different political environment. This will help the student to analyze the political events in every country on the basis of the topics that they have studied under different headings in this course.

### Objectives:

- To help students to understand the meaning, scope and structures and functions of a political system;
- To make them understand how people are socialized in the political system;
- To acquaint them with the contemporary trend of political culture;
- To acquaint them with the process of interest articulation and interest aggregation; and
- To make them understand how the public policies are made by the political system.

# Unit I Introduction 10

- The importance of comparative politics in understanding International Relations
- The area of comparative politics in International Relations
- Political system: Environment and Interdependence
- Political system: Structures and Functions

#### Unit II Political Culture and Political Socialization

10

- Political Culture
- Mapping the Three levels of Political Culture
- Political Socialization
- Agents of Political Socialization
- Trends in Contemporary Political Culture

### Unit III Interest Articulation

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- Significance of Interest Articulation
- Citizen Action in Democratic and Authoritarian System
- Development of Interest and Pressure Groups in Democratic and Authoritarian Systems
- Effectiveness of Interest Articulation in Different Systems

#### Unit IV Interest Aggregation and Political Parties

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- Significance of Interest Aggregation

- Competitive Party System and Interest Aggregation
- Authoritarian Party System and Interest Aggregation
- The Military and Interest Aggregation

Unit V Public Policy 10

- Importance of Public Policy
- The Method of Extraction, Distribution and Regulation in Democratic and Authoritarian System
- Domestic Welfare and Security Policies
- Input-output Model Public Policy Making

#### References:

Abramson, Paul and Ronald Inglehart, *Value Change in Global Perspective*, Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 1995

Almond, Gabriel A. and Sidney Verba, The Civic Culture, Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1963

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### IR475.Research Methodology

Credit Hrs. 3

Full Marks 30

# **Course Description**

The course is designed as a preliminary introduction to Research Methodology. As an important discipline it is studied to know the procedures and principles of social science research, both its art and science. The art of drawing plans, employing correct methods and collecting and analyzing data are carefully understood for the purpose of getting the right answer to the research question. Research Methodology will provide the correct perspectives needed to understand the research design and research process in order to create the "scientific" knowledge required for validity and reliability of "facts'. Simple methods of research are taught to develop theoretical and practical knowledge of the observed universe. This course is a practical exercise in what research is and how it is done. It is an elementary exercise in Research Methodology.

#### Course Objectives:

- To familiarize with key concepts regarding the definition of science, scientific thinking and the method of science;
- To understand the mechanics and artistry of social science research;
- To develop an independent thinking in research; and
- Lastly, to prepare a research proposal for a mini research project and write a research report based on field work and analysis.

# UNIT I INTRODUCTION

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- What is Research? The need for Research, Doing Research, Concept Mapping, Types of Research: Qualitative & Quantitative, Methodology

#### UNIT II CONCEPTS, VARIABLES AND RESEARCH PROCESS

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Concepts, Conceptual Definitions, and Operational Definitions Alienation as a Concept,
Theory and Models, Variables: Dependent and Independent and Control, Continuous and
Discrete Variables, Moderating and Intervening Variables, Research Process and Its Various
Stages.

# UNIT III SELECTION OF TOPIC, RESEARCH PROBLEM & HYPOTHESIS, AND THEORY

- Identify a topic, Formulate question(s) for research. Statement of the Research Problem, Hypothesis, and Theory in Social Science Research

#### UNIT IV WRITING RESEARCH PROPOSAL

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- Why Write a Research Proposal? Format, Practical Exercise in writing a Research Proposal on a Selected Topic

### UNIT V LITERATURE REVIEW AND BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Reasons for Literature Review, Conducting a Literature Review, Format and Practical Exercise in Annotated Bibliography, and Literature Review on a Selected Topic of Research

#### UNIT VI RESEARCH DESIGN AND METHODOLOGY

10

- An overview of independent and dependent variables; Types of measurements (nominal, ordinal, interval, ratio, etc), Experimental and Non-experimental Research, Types of research design: historical research, descriptive research, field study research, co relational research, action research, case study research, etc. Methodology to test the hypothesis: few elements will be discussed such as research question and hypothesis, the sample, testing the hypothesis, types of data to be analyzed, pilot study, explorative study, etc

#### UNIT VII SURVEY RESEARCH AND SAMPLING

5

 Significance of Survey Research; Types of Survey; Constructing a Questionnaire; Question Format, Avoiding Biases Class Exercise on Opinion Survey; and What is Sampling and Various Types of Sampling.

#### UNIT VIII SOURCES OF DATA, DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS

5

Source of Data; Validity and Reliability; Field Work; Primary and Secondary Data Data
 Processing; and Data Analysis

# **Suggested Readings**

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Bryman, Alan, Social Research Methods, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001.

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Raj, Hansa, Theory and Practice in Social Research, New Delhi: Surject Publications, 1979.

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**IR481.Thesis Writing** 

Credit Hrs. 17

Full Marks 100

Thesis in the 8<sup>th</sup> semester should be written on important themes in international relations or national issues related with the topics that you have studied in the previous semesters.

Choose a contemporary topic and write an analytical thesis using several of the major themes presented during the course. Your thesis should be divided into several sections according to the methodology that you have done during the course.

Your thesis should be sourced. In other words, identify thoughts, information, ideas, data, and facts that are not your own. There are a number of ways you can do this. You can use various citation guidelines to source your thesis. A common one is the Modern Language Association (MLA) guidelines which require the writer to list the last name of the author of a book, journal, or periodical and the page number of the citation at the end of sentence cited, or if you are attributing a thought, or idea that is not your own. Example: (Strong, 3)

Also, The American Psychological Association (APA) requirements are also acceptable. It is a foot note system that most computers will automatically do for you. The write inputs the source (citation) information at the bottom of the page listing the name of the author, the title of the book, journal, periodical, with place of publication, publisher, year of publication and the page number.

Example: Rabindra Khanal, Local Governance in Nepal: A Study of Democracy at the Grassroots, Kathmandu: Smriti Books, 2006, p. 241.

References should be given as:

Khanal, Rabindra, Local Governance in Nepal: A Study of Democracy at the Grassroots, Kathmandu: Smriti Books, 2006 (No page number in the reference)

At least two third of your sources must be books, journals, or periodicals, such as magazines and newspapers. The internet sources can be used but as it is difficult to verify, it should be used carefully.