

Programme	BS Political Science	Course Code	PS-202	Credit Hours	3
Course Title	Introduction to Geopolitics: Global, and Regional				
Course Introduction					
<p>This course provides a foundational understanding of geopolitics, focusing on both global and regional perspectives. Geopolitics examines the influence of geography on international relations, power dynamics, and strategic decision-making. The course will explore key concepts, theories, and historical developments in geopolitics, as well as the role of state and non-state actors. Students will engage with contemporary geopolitical issues, including territorial disputes, resource conflicts, and the impact of technological advancements. Through case studies and critical analysis, the course aims to equip students with the tools to analyze and interpret geopolitical trends and their implications for global and regional stability.</p>					
Learning Outcomes					
<p>On the completion of the course,</p> <p>Students will be able to define and explain the key concepts and theories of geopolitics, including the significance of geography, resources, and power in shaping global and regional politics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Students will be able to critically analyze contemporary geopolitical issues, such as territorial disputes, resource conflicts, and the influence of major powers on global and regional stability.Students will be able to evaluate the roles of various actors, including nation-states, international organizations, and non-state entities, in shaping geopolitical outcomes at both global and regional levels.					
Course Content			Assignments/Readings		
Week 1	: Introduction to Geopolitics <ul style="list-style-type: none">Definition and Scope of GeopoliticsHistorical Evolution of Geopolitical ThoughtKey Geopolitical Thinkers: Mackinder, Mahan, Spykman				
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Key Geopolitical Thinkers: Mackinder, Mahan, Spykman				
Week 3 and 4	Theoretical Approaches to Geopolitics <ul style="list-style-type: none">Classical Geopolitics				

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical Geopolitics • Geoeconomics and Geostrategy 	
Week 5,6 and 7	Geopolitical Regions and Strategic Importance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Europe and the Heartland Theory • Asia-Pacific and Rimland Strategy • The Middle East and the Geopolitics of Oil 	
Week 8	Mid Term Exam	
Week 9,10, and 11	Global Powers and Geopolitical Strategies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United States: Hegemony and Containment • Russia: Eurasianism • China: Belt and Road Initiative and Maritime Strategy 	
Week 12,13,14	: Regional Geopolitical Dynamics in Asia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Asia: India-Pakistan Rivalry and China's Influence • Southeast Asia: ASEAN, Territorial Disputes, and Power Balancing • The Arab-Israeli Conflict 	
Week 15	Quiz, Presentations, etc	
Week 16	Final Term Exam	
Textbooks and Reading Material		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The power of geography: Ten Maps that reveal the future of our world by Tim Marshall, 2021,published by Elliott &Thomson, 2. The tragedy of great power politics by John J.Mearsheimer, 2014 published by WW..Norton &company 3. World Order by Henry kissinger 2014, published by Penguin press 4. The clash of civilization Remaking of World order by Samuel P. Huntington, 1996 published by Simon &Schuster. <p>In the detail course outline, one may mention chapters of the textbook with the content topics.</p>		
Teaching Learning Strategies		

Teaching learning strategies: class participation and panel discussion, to hold a seminar with effective students participation, interactive sessions with students, surprise quiz and presentation on relevant topics, to hold competition among students to discuss effectively different topics related to subject and appreciate students through giving them certificates.

Assignments: Types and Number with Calendar

1. Assignment types,
2. Quiz competition among students.
3. Presentations with question answers session
4. And group discussions

Assessment

Sr. No.	Elements	Weightage	Details
1.	Midterm Assessment	35%	Written Assessment at the mid-point of the semester.
2.	Formative Assessment	25%	Continuous assessment includes: Classroom participation, assignments, presentations, viva voce, attitude and behavior, hands-on-activities, short tests, projects, practical, reflections, readings, quizzes etc.
3.	Final Assessment	40%	Written Examination at the end of the semester. It is mostly in the form of a test, but owing to the nature of the course the teacher may assess their students based on term paper, research proposal development, field work and report writing etc.