

Programme	BS International Relations	Course Code	IR-152	Credit Hours	03
Course Title	Geo-Political Structure of the World				
Course Introduction					
<p>This course provides a comprehensive overview of the world's geographical features and their implications for international relations. Students will explore physical geography, human geography, and the interrelationship between geography and global political, economic, and cultural processes. Emphasis will be placed on understanding how geographical factors influence global issues such as climate change, resource distribution, population dynamics, and geopolitical strategies.</p>					
Learning Outcomes					
<p>By the end of the course, students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify and describe key physical and human geographic features of the world. 2. Analyze the role of geography in shaping political, economic, and cultural processes. 3. Assess the impact of geographical factors on global issues and international relations. 4. Apply geographic concepts and tools to real-world scenarios and policy-making. 					
Course Content					Assignments/Readings
Week 1	Introduction to World Geography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition and scope of geography • Branches of geography: physical and human geography • Tools and techniques in geographic analysis 				
Week 2	Earth's Physical Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lithosphere, hydrosphere, atmosphere, and biosphere • Plate tectonics and landform development • Climate systems and patterns 				
Week 3	Population Geography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population distribution and density • Demographic transition model • Migration patterns and their implications 				
Week 4	Cultural Geography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural landscapes and regions • Language, religion, and ethnicity • Cultural diffusion and globalization 				
Week 5	Economic Geography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location theories and economic activities • Global trade patterns • Natural resources and economic development 				
Week 6	Political Geography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concepts of territory, boundaries, and sovereignty • Geopolitics and power dynamics • Regional conflicts and cooperation 				

Week 7	Urban Geography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urbanization and city development • Models of urban structure • Challenges of urban areas 	
Week 8	Agricultural Geography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agricultural systems and practices • Food production and security • Rural development and land use 	
Week 9	Environmental Geography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human-environment interactions • Environmental degradation and sustainability • Global environmental policies 	
Week 10	Geography of Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concepts of development and underdevelopment • Spatial inequality and poverty • Sustainable development goals 	
Week 11	Regional Geography: Asia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical and human geography of Asia • Major political and economic issues • Case studies: China, India, Japan 	
Week 12	Regional Geography: Europe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical and human geography of Europe • European Union and regional integration • Case studies: Germany, France, United Kingdom 	
Week 13	Regional Geography: Africa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical and human geography of Africa • Development challenges and opportunities • Case studies: Nigeria, South Africa, Kenya 	
Week 14	Regional Geography: Americas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical and human geography of North and South America • Political and economic dynamics • Case studies: United States, Brazil, Argentina 	
Week 15	Regional Geography: Middle East <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical and human geography of the Middle East • Geopolitical importance and conflicts • Case studies: Saudi Arabia, Iran, Israel 	
Week 16	Review and Exam Preparation	
	Final Term Exam	

Textbooks and Reading Material

1. **Book Title:** "World Regional Geography: Global Patterns, Local Lives"
 - **Author:** Lydia Mihelic Pulsipher, Alex Pulsipher
 - **Year of Publication:** 2020
 - **Publisher:** W.H. Freeman and Company
2. **Book Title:** "The World Today: Concepts and Regions in Geography"
 - **Authors:** H.J. de Blij, Peter O. Muller, Jan Nijman
 - **Year of Publication:** 2019
 - **Publisher:** Wiley
3. **Book Title:** "Geography: Realms, Regions, and Concepts"
 - **Authors:** Harm J. de Blij, Peter O. Muller, Jan Nijman
 - **Year of Publication:** 2016
 - **Publisher:** Wiley
4. **Book Title:** "Human Geography: Places and Regions in Global Context"
 - **Authors:** Paul L. Knox, Sallie A. Marston
 - **Year of Publication:** 2018
 - **Publisher:** Pearson
5. **Book Title:** "Globalization and Diversity: Geography of a Changing World"
 - **Authors:** Lester Rowntree, Martin Lewis, Marie Price, William Wyckoff
 - **Year of Publication:** 2019
 - **Publisher:** Pearson
6. **Book Title:** "Contemporary Human Geography"
 - **Author:** James M. Rubenstein
 - **Year of Publication:** 2020
 - **Publisher:** Pearson

Note: Additional readings and resources will be provided throughout the course to support learning and facilitate in-depth analysis.

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