UNIVERSITY LAW COLLEGE
FACULTY OF LAW
UNIVERSITY OF THE PUNJAB, LAHORE
COURSE OUTLINE
SEMESTER-I

Programme	**Bachelor of Laws (LLB)**	**Course Code**	**GPST-201**	**Credit Hours**	**2**
Course Title	**Pakistan Studies**				
Domain	**General Education**				

Course Introduction

The Pakistan Studies module is designed to provide students with a comprehensive exploration of Pakistani identity, spanning geographical, historical, and cultural dimensions. It delves into diverse landscapes, ancient civilizations, and rich cultural heritage that define Pakistan. Moreover, it examines the socio-cultural and political transformations in Pakistan over time including democratic transitions and military interventions. The aim of this course is to inculcate in students a nuanced understanding of Pakistan's past, present, and potential future trajectories, enabling them to critically evaluate the complex dynamics shaping the nation's development.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate enhanced knowledge of the geographical, historical, and political aspects of Pakistan.
- Understand the society and culture of Pakistan.
- Understand and explain the socio-economic developments in Pakistan.
- Explore contemporary issues and challenges faced by Pakistan and their implications for the future.

	Course Content	**Assignments/Readings**
Week 1	**UNIT-I: Introduction to Pakistan** 1.1 Location of Pakistan 1.2 Significance of Pakistan	**Assignment:** Write an analytical response addressing the geographical location of Pakistan and explain how it shapes its political and economic importance. Choose one ancient civilization (Indus Valley, Gandhara, Mehrgarh) and summarize its major contributions. Rehman, A., Khan, A. Z., Jalibi, J., & Siddiqui, M. H. (2018). Pakistan culture. Islamabad, Pakistan: National Book Foundation. Teaching.
Week 2	**UNIT-I: Introduction to Pakistan** 2.1 Ancient Civilizations in the region	Rehman, A., Khan, A. Z., Jalibi, J., & Siddiqui, M. H.
	2.2 Factors leadings to the creation of Pakistan	(2018). Pakistan culture. Islamabad, Pakistan: National Book Foundation. Teaching.

Week 3	**UNIT-II: Political History of Pakistan** 3.1 Formative phase 3.2 Military interventions and Democratic transitions	**Assignment:**Identify and explain three major factors that led to the creation of Pakistan. Burke, S. M. (1973). Pakistan's Foreign Policy: An Historical Analysis. London: Oxford University Press.
Week 4	**UNIT-III: Geography of Pakistan** 4.1 Physiography: Mountains 4.2 Plains of Pakistan 4.3 Plateaus of Pakistan	**Activity:**Describe the major mountain ranges (Himalayas, Karakoram, Hindu Kush). Conclude with one paragraph reflecting on how geography and history shaped Pakistan's identity. **Quiz:**Pakistan's climate regions and the major factors affecting climate. Khan, F. K. (1991). A geography of Pakistan: Environment, people, and economy. Oxford University Press.
Week 5	**UNIT-III: Geography of Pakistan** 5.1 Deserts of Pakistan 5.2 Valleys of Pakistan 5.3 River Systems: Indus Rivers	Khan, F. K. (1991). A geography of Pakistan: Environment, people, and economy. Oxford University Press.
Week 6	**UNIT-III: Geography of Pakistan** 6.1 Tributaries of Indus Rivers 6.2 Climate Regions of Pakistan	Khan, F. K. (1991). A geography of Pakistan: Environment, people, and economy. Oxford University Press.
Week 7	**UNIT-III: Geography of Pakistan** 7.1 Factors affecting the climate of Pakistan	**Quiz:**Pakistan's socio cultural diversity (ethnic groups, traditions, festivals). Jahangir, U. Physical Geography of Pakistan. Lahore, Pakistan: (2018) Caravan Book House.
Week 8	**UNIT-IV: Society and Culture of Pakistan** 8.1 Socio-cultural diversity 8.2 Language and literature of Pakistan	Jahangir, U. Physical Geography of Pakistan. Lahore, Pakistan: (2018) Caravan Book House.
Week 9	**Mid Term Examination**	

Week 10	**UNIT-V: Economic development of Pakistan** 10.1 Agriculture sector of Pakistan	**Presentation:** The Role of the agriculture sector in Pakistan's economy. Identify three major economic challenges Pakistan faces today. Zaidi, S. A. Issues in Pakistan's economy: A political-economy perspective (3rd ed.). (2015).Karachi: Oxford University Press.
Week 11	**UNIT- V: Economic development of Pakistan** 11.1 Industrial sector of Pakistan	Zaidi, S. A. Issues in Pakistan's economy: A political-economy perspective (3rd ed.). (2015).Karachi: Oxford University Press.
Week 12	**UNIT- V: Economic development of Pakistan** 12.1 Economic challenges of Pakistan	Zaidi, S. A. Issues in Pakistan's economy: A political-economy perspective (3rd ed.). (2015).Karachi: Oxford University Press.
Week 13	**UNIT-VI: Contemporary Issues** 13.1 Foreign relations of Pakistan	**Assignment:**Write a short research assignment on Pakistan's Security challenges such as terrorism and extremism including its causes and solutions. Identify two environmental problems Pakistan is facing and explain their causes. Explain the relevance of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for Pakistan's future. Identify and explain the major causes of social change in Pakistan (technology, urbanization, education, globalization, etc.). Burke, S. M. (1973). Pakistan's foreign policy: An historical analysis. London: Oxford University Press.
Week 14	**UNIT- VI: Contemporary Issues** 14.1 Security Challenges: Terrorism, Extremism 14.2 Regional conflicts	Rehman, A., Khan, A. Z., Jalibi, J., & Siddiqui, M. H. (2018). Pakistan culture. Islamabad, Pakistan: National Book Foundation. Teaching.
Week 15	**UNIT- VI: Contemporary Issues** 15.1 Environmental problems 15.2 Sustainable Development (SDGs) 15.3 Media	Burke, S. M. (1973). Pakistan's foreign policy: An historical analysis. London: Oxford University Press.
Week 16	**UNIT- VI: Contemporary Issues** 16.1 Social Change	Zaidi, S. A. Issues in Pakistan's economy: A political-economy perspective (3rd ed.). (2015).Karachi: Oxford University Press.

Week 17	**UNIT- VI: Contemporary Issues** 17.1 Major causes of Social Change	Burke, S. M. (1973). Pakistan's foreign policy: An historical analysis. London: Oxford University Press.
Week 18	**Final Term Examination**	

Textbooks and Reading Material

1. Textbooks:

The books and reading material listed below will serve as both the primary textbooks and reference material.

2. Suggested Readings:

1. Hayat, S. (Ed.). (2023). Pakistan studies: A Book of Readings. Lahore, Pakistan: Sang-e-Meel Publications.
2. Khan, F. K. (1991). A Geography of Pakistan: Environment, People, and Economy. Oxford University Press.
3. Burke, S. M. (1973). Pakistan's Foreign Policy: An Historical Analysis. London: Oxford University Press.
4. Jahangir, U. Physical Geography of Pakistan. Lahore, Pakistan: (2018) Caravan Book House.
5. Rahman, T. Language and Politics in Pakistan. Karachi, Pakistan: (1996)Oxford University Press.
6. Zaidi, S. A. Issues in Pakistan's Economy: A Political-economy Perspective (3rd ed.). (2015).Karachi: Oxford University Press.
7. Rehman, A., Khan, A. Z., Jalibi, J., & Siddiqui, M. H. (2018). Pakistan Culture. Islamabad, Pakistan: National Book Foundation. Teaching.

Teaching Learning Strategies

1. Interactive Lectures and Guided Discursions
2. Collaborative Learning
3. Research- Based Learning
4. Problem- Based Assignments
5. Short Tests and Projects

Assignments: Types and Number with Calendar

1. Quizzes
2. Presentations and Viva voce
3. Description/ Problem- Based Assignments
4. Case Study Analysis

Assessment

Sr. No.	Elements	Weightage	Details
1.	Midterm Assessment	20%	Written Assessment at the mid-point of the semester.
2.	Formative Assessment	10%	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	70%	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.