

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

1.	Program	BS International Relations																				
2.	Title	Theories of International Relations																				
3.	Semester	5 th																				
4.	Code	BS -IR301																				
5.	Rating	4 Credit Hours																				
6.	Type	Core Course																				
7.	Pre-requisites																					
8.	Introduction	This core course familiarizes the students with many of the basic themes of IR such as, balance of power, national interest, power politics and its alternatives. It also focuses on the international political system and its key actors both state and non-state. It also aims to acquaint the students with the major problems and challenges faced by the international community such as terrorism. This course also aims at developing student's capabilities to critically analyze problems of world community and suggesting the solutions or resolutions of those conflicts with reference to the current theoretical approaches in the field of IR.																				
9.	Objectives	The primary objective of this course is to develop an understanding of the field of International Relations. This course enables students to examine critically the key concepts or theories in IR with reference to different approaches such as Realism, Liberalism, and Constructivism, Radical theories, Critical theories, Feminism, Behaviouralism, and post-Modernism etc.																				
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		Week 10	Behavioralism or behaviouralist approach in International Relations.
		Week 11	Post-behaviouralism/Post-modernism.
		Week 12	Constructivism, a new social theory in IR, core values/ideas, Is constructivism a challenge to Realism?
		Week 13	Positivism and Interpretism
		Week 14	The nature and evolution of Radical Theories
		Week 15	The World Capitalist System Theory
		Week 16	The nature and development of Critical Theories
		Week 17	The origin, development, and core assumptions of Feminism
		Week 18	Final Term Exams
11.	Outcome	The students will get a good understanding about the leading theories of International Relations.	
12.	Recommended Books / Reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baylis, J., S. Smith and P. Owens (2010). <i>The globalization of world politics: an introduction to international relations</i>. Oxford University Press, fifth edition. • Goldstein, Joshua. S. and Jon C. Pevehouse (2008). <i>International Relations</i>, 8th edition. Pearson/Longman. • Griffiths, M., T. O’Callaghan and S.C. Roach (2007). <i>International relations: the key concepts</i>. Abingdon: Routledge, second edition. • Jackson, R. and G. Sorensen (2012). <i>Introduction to international relations: theories and approaches</i>. Oxford University Press, fifth edition. • Bull, H (2012). <i>The anarchical society: a study of order in world politics</i>. (New York: Columbia University Press, fourth edition. • Halliday, F. (1995) <i>Rethinking international relations</i>. Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press. 	

Grading/Evaluation Criteria

Requirements
Assignments/Quizzes/Project/Case Study/Team Presentations/Informed Class Participation
Mid-Term Exam
Final Term Exam