

## DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

1.	<b>Program</b>	BS Political Science																
2.	<b>Title</b>	Politics of Caucasus (Central Asia)																
3.	<b>Semester</b>																	
4.	<b>Code</b>	BS -PS453																
5.	<b>Rating</b>	03 Credit Hours																
6.	<b>Type</b>	Optional Course																
7.	<b>Pre-requisites</b>																	
8.	<b>Introduction</b>	This course aims to present students with an advanced introduction to the politics and international relations of post-Soviet Central Asia – a region that is here defined as the ensemble of the former Soviet republics of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. It offers an excursus into the principal dynamics that influenced Central Asia’s socio-political evolution throughout the post-Soviet era. The course aims in this sense at describing how the achievement of independence altered the socio, economic and political status of all five Central Asian States.																
9.	<b>Objectives</b>	To facilitate the students’ understanding of the divergent socio, economic and political paths upon, which the five republics have embarked since 1991. How the importance of this region has emerged, what are the challenges these states are facing need to explore. Globalization of this region has given linkages of Central Asia with outside world which its relations with super powers as well as other regional states, such as USA, China, Russia, Afghanistan, Iran, India, Pakistan.																
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11.	<b>Outcome</b>	<p>By the end of the course, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ demonstrate coherent knowledge of the political evolution of post-Soviet Central Asia;</li> <li>▪ compare and contrast the principal connections between post-Soviet political developments and the region’s historical evolution in the pre-independence era;</li> <li>▪ critically evaluate the different state approaches to outside world with socio-political transformation;</li> <li>▪ establish congruent relations between the domestic and the external facets of regional post-Soviet politics;</li> <li>▪ identify and assess the new security challenges facing Central Asia and explain how they inform international relations across the region; and</li> <li>▪ elaborate the knowledge acquired during the course in coherent, well-structured and sophisticated written essays and oral presentations.</li> </ul>								
12.	<b>Recommended Books / Reference</b>	<p>There is no core text for this course. However, the following books/ research articles will provide a useful background to some of the themes covered by this course.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oliver, Roy. (2000). <i>The New Central Asia Politics</i>, London: Taurus Publications.</li> <li>• Rogern, T. Grain. (1994). <i>Gulf to Central Asia</i>, New Jersey: Exter University Press.</li> <li>• Singh’ Mahir. (2004). <i>Central Asia since Independence</i>. Indian Shama Publications.</li> <li>• Asaf, K.M. &amp; Barakat, Abul. Ed. (1997). <i>Central Asia Internal and External Dynamics</i>. Islamabad: Institute of Regional Studies.</li> <li>• Kazakhstan Country Profile,” Business Anti-Corruption Portal. Global Advice Networks, 2013, <a href="http://www.business-anti-corruption.com/country-profiles/europe-central-asia/kazakhstan/snapshot.aspx">http://www.business-anti-corruption.com/country-profiles/europe-central-asia/kazakhstan/snapshot.aspx</a>.</li> <li>• Kazakhstan Boosts Development of Its Regions,” <i>Kazinform</i>, May 25, 2012, <a href="http://kazinform.kz/eng/article/2466982">http://kazinform.kz/eng/article/2466982</a>.</li> <li>• Laruelle, Marlene. Ed. (2017).”Kyrgyzstan: Political Pluralism and Economic Challenges.” <a href="http://www.centralasiaprogram.org">www.centralasiaprogram.org</a></li> <li>• Fatima, Qamar. &amp; Zafar, Sumera. (2014). “New Great Game: Players, Interests, Strategies and Central Asia”, <i>Journal of South Asian Studies</i> Vol. 29, No.2, July - December 2014, pp. 627-655.</li> <li>• Adnan, Mubeen. &amp; Fatima, Bushra. (2015). “ Globalization of Central Asia”, <i>Journal of Political Studies</i>, Vol. 22, Issue - 2, 2015, 437:452</li> <li>• Adnan, Mubeen. (2015). “Strategic and Economic Interests of Pakistan and India in Central Asia” <i>South Asian Studies</i>, Vol. 30, No.2, July – December 2015, pp 187 – 200.</li> </ul>								

**Assessment Criteria:**

<b>Requirements</b>	
Assignments/Quizzes/Project/Case Study/Team Presentations	
Mid-Term Exam	
Final Term Exam	