

## DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

1.	<b>Program</b>	BS Political Science																							
2.	<b>Title</b>	Evolution of World Politics Since World War II																							
3.	<b>Semester</b>																								
4.	<b>Code</b>	BS -PS459																							
5.	<b>Rating</b>	03 Credit Hours																							
6.	<b>Type</b>	Optional Course																							
7.	<b>Pre-requisites</b>																								
8.	<b>Introduction</b>	<p>This interdisciplinary International Relations course unpacks the history, theory, and practice of global politics since 1945. The first part explores the historical evolution of the international system with emphasis on the Cold War, cultural diplomacy, decolonization, and economic globalization. Students will be introduced to the main historical actors and problems that have shaped international politics as well as participate in an interactive simulation based on the 1954 Geneva Convention on Indochina. The second part builds on these topics with empirical and theoretical analysis of the primary issues in contemporary IR studies, including the emerging multipolarity and seismic changes in world politics after 9/11.</p>																							
9.	<b>Objectives</b>	<p>The objective of this course is to acquaint the students with evolution of the world politics since the end of the World War and historical background of the existing power politics at international level. To understand the present international scenario, it is essential first to know its historical roots.</p>																							
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		Week 18	<b>Final Term Exams</b>
11.	<b>Outcome</b>	<p>Upon completing the course, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify and describe some key figures, events and trends in the recent history of international relations;</li> <li>• Identify and engage with different types of political theories in international relations;</li> <li>• Analyze and evaluate international issues and place them in their historical context.</li> <li>• connect present-day problems to historical events and place them in a global context</li> </ul>	
12.	<b>Recommended Books / Reference</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ John W. Young and John Kent, International Relations Since 1945, Oxford University Press, 2013.</li> <li>➤ Eric Hobsbawm, Age of Extremes: The Short Twentieth Century 1914–1991 (London, 1994)</li> <li>➤ Peter Calvocoressi, World Politics Since 1945 (London, 2009)</li> <li>➤ M. H. Bell, The World Since 1945: An International History (London, 2001).</li> <li>➤ Paul Kennedy, The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers: Economic Change and Military Conflict from 1500 to 2000 (New York, 1987)</li> <li>➤ Shannon L. Blanton, Charles W. Kegley Jr</li> <li>➤ (2016). World Politics: Trends and Transformation. (16<sup>th</sup> ed.) New York: St. Martin's Press.</li> <li>➤ Spiegel, Steven, L. (1999). World Politics in New Era. Harcourt: Brace College &amp; Wehling, Fred L., Publishers.</li> </ul>	

**Assessment Criteria:**

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