

Course Code	Course Name	Credits
26PL506	THEORIES OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	04

### Course Objectives

- To understand major theories and debates in international relations.
- To examine key concepts such as war, power, security, alliances, and international norms.
- To analyse theoretical paradigms including Realism, Liberalism, and Constructivism.
- To evaluate international policy outcomes in relation to global realities.

### Learning Outcomes

#### After the completion of the course, the graduate will be able to

- Recall fundamental information on list of major theories of international relations.
- Explain or discuss the main ideas and concept in international theories.
- Apply the current international conflict and issues through the lens of international relations theories.
- Compare and contrast, the approaches and influence on contemporary international environment.
- Critique and evaluate the perspective and relevance of international theories in understanding contemporary international issues.
- Propose and develop new theoretical framework that integrates elements from multiple international relations theories to address emerging global challenges.

#### Unit I: Introduction (10 hrs)

Evolution of the Discipline; Globalization and IR theory; Views of IR today

#### Unit II: Liberalism and neoliberalism (13 hrs)

Classical liberal thought and assumptions; Neo-liberalism and Key thinkers (Robert Keohane and Joseph Nye)

Critiques and contemporary relevance of neoliberalism

#### Unit III: Realism and neorealism (13 hrs)

Foundations of realism; Classical thinkers and core assumptions; Structural realism and variants of neo-realism

Relevance of neorealism in contemporary IR

#### Unit IV: Constructivism (12 hrs)

Defining constructivism in IR; Core concepts: Ideas, norms, identity, and interests; Contemporary relevance of constructivism in IR

#### Unit V: Postcolonialism (12 hrs)

Defining postcolonialism in IR; Core concepts: Orientalism, Hybridity and Eurocentrism; Contemporary relevance of postcolonialism in IR

### Essential Readings:

1. Baylis, John and Steve Smith, (eds.) *The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations*. 3rd ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005.
2. Bajpai, Kanti and Siddharth Mallavarapu (eds.), *International Relations In India: Bringing Theory Back Home* (New Delhi: Orient Longman, 2005)
3. Baldwin, David, ed., *Neorealism and Neoliberalism: The Contemporary Debate* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1993).
4. Brien O Robert, *Contesting Global Governance: Multilateral Economic Institutions and Global Social Movement*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000.
5. Christian Reus-Smith and Duncan Snidal, (eds.) *Oxford Handbook of International Relations* (2008)
6. Guha & Gadgil, *The Use and Abuse of Nature*, Oxford India Paperbacks; New Delhi 2000.
7. Howlett, D. (2005) 'Nuclear Proliferation', in Baylis, J. and Smith, S. (eds.) (2008) *The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations*. 4th edn. Oxford: Oxford University Press
8. Kulwant Rai Gupta *International Terrorism: Conventions, Resolutions, Legislations, Terrorist Organisations and Terrorists*, Atlantic Publishers and Distributors, New Delhi, 2002.
9. Keohane, R and J. Nye, *Power and Interdependence: World Politics in Transition*, Boston, Little Brown, 1998.
10. Nicholson, M. (2002) *International Relations: A Concise Introduction*. New York: Palgrave.

11. Woods, N. (2005) 'International Political Economy in an Age of Globalization', in Baylis, J. and Smith, S. (eds.) *The Globalization of World Politics*. 3rd edn. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
12. Willetts, P. (2005) 'Transnational Actors and the International Organizations in Global Politics', in Baylis, J. and Smith, S. (eds.) (2008) *The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations*. 4th edn. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
13. Winham, G.R. (2008) 'The Evolution of the Trade Regime', in Ravenhill, J. (ed.) *Global Political Economy*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
14. Viotti, P.R. and Kauppi, M.V. (2007) *International Relations and World politics: Security, Economy, Identity*. 3rd edn. New Delhi: Pearson Education.

COs and Bloom's Taxonomy Level (BTL) Mapping – 26PL506		
Course Outcomes	On completing P.G. program in Political Science the students will be able to	BTL
CO1	Recall fundamental information about theories of international relations and demonstrate comprehension of the main ideas and concepts in international relations.	K1, K2
CO2	Use the information in new situations to apply and predict the current international development through the lens of a major theory in international conflict and policy-making.	K1, K3
CO3	Draw a connection, differentiate, and compare the approaches of international theories and its influence in understanding state behaviour and global governance.	K1, K4
CO4	Justify a stand to critique and evaluate the relevance and implications in the context of globalisation and contemporary international issues.	K1, K4, K5
CO5	Formulate new ideas or theories based on the existing international relations theories to design new theoretical framework that integrates and propose a novel interpretation to address emerging global challenges and issues.	K1, K3, K6

BTL K1 and K2 – remembering and understanding, K3- Applying, K4 – Analyse, K5- Evaluate and K6- Create

Relationship Matrix- 26PL506													
Course Outcomes	Programme Outcomes (POs)						Programme Specific Outcomes (PSOs)						Mean Score of COs
	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	PSO1	PSO2	PSO3	PSO4	PSO5	PSO6	
CO1	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	1.7
CO2	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	3	2	2.5
CO3	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	3	2	2.4
CO4	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	3	2	2.5
CO5	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	3	2	2.5
	<b>Total</b>												<b>2.32</b>

Mean Score: 3- High, 2- Medium/Moderate, 1-Low