

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF PUNJAB



Ph.D. in Politics and International Relations

Batch 2026-28

SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Department of South and Central Asian Studies

MISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT

M1	Make competent teachers with high level of professional, moral and ethical values
M2	Impart highest standards in theoretical as well as practical knowledge and skill set

PROGRAMME EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES (PEOs)

Ph.D. Politics and International Relations nurtures the ability of the students by making them capable of grasping the theoretical knowledge and the analytical skills related to the subject. After the successful completion of the programme, students will be able to:

PEO 1	Develop the ability to understand and comprehend the existing theories and literature of various aspects of Politics and International Relations
PEO 2	Familiarise themselves with the relevant research apart from updating themselves with the developments
PEO 3	Examine and analyse the international issues, challenges and problems that affect India's strategic outreach
PEO 4	Demonstrate competence in research writing skills on the subject that will enhance their capability of working with various think tanks
PEO 5	Demonstrate consciousness and knowledge of duties and responsibilities of a citizen towards the state and society.

PROGRAMME SPECIFIC OUTCOMES

Students would be able to:

PSO 1	Become familiar with the concepts and theories in Research Methodology
PSO 2	Develop capacities to research individually and in groups on different aspects of geopolitics
PSO 3	Inculcate a high level of research and critical thinking skills to formulate distinctive research questions, hypotheses, different arguments and provide new approaches to the field.
PSO 4	Develop questionnaires and field surveys apart from analysing the data collected for thesis and research papers
PSO 5	Display the capability to create a significant, original contribution to knowledge through the production of a published paper, thesis, monograph and book.
PSO 5	Execute good teaching skills

COURSE STRUCTURE

Sl.N o.	Course Code	Name of the Course	Type of Course	L	T	P	Cr
Compulsory Courses							
1	PIR. 701	Research Methodology	Core	4	0	0	4
2	PIR. 702	Theories of International Relations	Core	3	0	0	3
3	PIR. 751	Research and Publication Ethics	CF	2	0	0	2
4	PIR. 752	Teaching Assistantship	CF	0	0	2	1
5	UNI. 753	Curriculum, Pedagogy and Evaluation	CF	1	0	0	1
6	PIR.700	Seminar	Skill Based	0	0	2	1
Optional Courses (choose any one)							

5	PIR. 703	Government and Politics of South and Central Asia	Elective	4	0	0	4
6	PIR. 704	Environmental Politics and Policy in South and Central Asia	Elective	4	0	0	4
7	PIR. 705	Comparative Perspectives of South and Central Asian Security	Elective	4	0	0	4
8	PIR. 706	Regional and Extra-Regional Powers in Central Asia	Elective	4	0	0	4
12	PIR. 710	Politics in Soviet and Post-Soviet Eurasia	Elective	4	0	0	4
13	PIR 711	The Emerging Dynamics in Indo-Pacific Region	Elective	4	0	0	4
14	PIR 712	GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF JAPAN	Elective	4	0	0	4
15	PIR 713	Sustainable Development Goals in India	Elective	4	0	0	4
16	PIR XXX	Philosophy of Research	Elective				
Total Credits of the PhD Political Science Programme				13	0	6	16

CF: Compulsory Foundation, **C:** Core, **L:** Lecture, **T:** Tutorial, **P:** Practical Cr: Credits

*These courses will be offered as per the facilities and expertise available in the department.

Evaluation Criterion

There will be an exam conducted at the end of the coursework by the Department for 100 Marks.

Details of the Syllabus

L	T	P	C
4	0	0	4

Course Title: Research Methodology

Course Code: PIR. 701

Total Hours: 60

Course Learning Outcomes

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

CLO1: Identify essential concepts of political research.

CLO2: Interpret political ontology and political epistemology.

CLO3: Discuss various approaches, methods, and techniques of research in politics.

CLO4: Apply various methods and techniques in doing political research.

CLO5: Construct and test a theory to understand and to explain the political issues.

Units/Hours	Contents	Mapping with Course Learning Outcome
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I 15 Hours	Process of Research: Meaning, Objectives, Characteristics, Significance, and Types, Research Methods and Research Methodology Research Approaches: Positivism, Interpretivism, Critical Social Science, Feminism, Postmodernism, and Constructivism Epistemological Issues in Social Science Research Theory Construction and Validity in Social Science Learning Activities: Preparation of concept note on research methodology and methods, Discuss knowledge and its development in the social science domain in particular political science	CL01 CL02
II 15 Hours	Literature Review: Sources of Literature, Methods of Literature Review Formulating Research Problem, Research Objectives, and Research Questions Hypothesis: Characteristics, Types, Formation, and Testing Research Design: Characteristics of a Good Research Design, Types of Research Designs Data: Sources of Data, Types of Data - Primary, Secondary and Tertiary, Numeric and Non-Numeric Data Collection/Generation, Processing, and Interpretation Sampling: Qualitative and Quantitative	CL03

	Learning Activities: Presentation of Literature Survey and Review, Formulate Research Problem, Research Objectives, Research Questions, and Research Hypothesis; Identify and Evaluate Major Research Designs	
III 15 Hours	Qualitative Methods: Concept, Types, Technique, and Applications Quantitative Methods: Concept, Type, Technique, and Applications Mixed Method: Concept, Design, Technique, and Applications	CL03 CL04
	Learning Activities: Brainstorming, Write-up and Presentation on Qualitative, Quantitative, and Mixed Methods	
IV 15 Hours	Research and Ethics: Plagiarism and Copyright Issues Technical Writing: Research Proposal, Research Report, Thesis: Citation, Notes, Reference, Bibliography, and Webliography Use of Information Technology in Research Reference Management Software: Zotero and Mendeley	CL05
	Learning Activities: Write-up and Presentation of research proposal, and References	

Transactional Modes:	Lectures, Tutorials, Seminar, Group Discussion, Seminar, E-team teaching, E-tutoring, Dialogue, Peer Group Discussion/Debate, Mobile Teaching, Self-learning, Collaborative learning, Cooperative learning	
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Suggested Readings:

1. Audi, Robert. (2002). *Epistemology: A Contemporary Introduction to the Theory of Knowledge*. London: Routledge.
2. Creswell, John W. (2011). *Research Design: Qualitative, Quantitative and Mixed Methods Approaches*. Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications.
3. De Vaus, D. A. (2002). *Surveys in Social Research* (5thedn.). London: Routledge.
4. Galderisi, Peter. (2015). *Understanding Political Science Statistics: Observations and Expectations in Political Analysis*. New York and London: Routledge.
5. Kellstedt, M. Paul and Guy D. Whitten.(2013). *The Fundamentals of Political Science Research* (2nd edition). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
6. Kuhn, Thomas. (1996). *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
7. McNabb, David E. (2015). *Research Methods for Political Science: Quantitative and Qualitative Methods* (2nd edition). New York: Routledge.
8. Popper, Karl. (1959). *The Logic of Scientific Discovery* (Reprint 2012). New York: Basic Books.
9. Berg, Bruce L. (2001). *Qualitative Research Methods for Social Sciences*. Boston: Allyn and Bacon, 2001.
10. Bernard, H.R. (2000). *Social Research Methods: Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches*. Newbury Park, Cal.: Sage.
11. Bless, Claire, Craig Higson Smith, and Ashraf Kagee. (2006). *Fundamentals of Social Research Methods: An African Perspective* (4th ed.). Zambia: Juta& Co. Ltd.
12. Grix, Jonathan. (2010). *The Foundations of Research*. London: Palgrave Macmillan.
13. Groves, Robert M, *et al.* (2009). *Survey Methodology*. New Jersey: Wiley.
14. Harrison, Lisa and Theresa Callan. (2013). *Key Research Concepts in Politics and International Relations*. London: Sage.
15. Joseph, Gibaldi. (2009). *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*. Modern Language Association of America.
16. Kanji, Gopal K. (2006). *100 Statistical Tests* (3rdedn.). London: Sage.
17. Kapiszewski, Diana, Lauren M. MacLean, and Benjamin L. Read. (2015). *Field Research in Political Science*. Cambridge University Press.
18. Lamont, Christopher. (2015). *Research Methods in International Relations*. London: Sage.
19. Lester, James D. and Jim D. Lester Jr. (2007). *Principles of Writing Research Papers*. New York: Longman.
20. Mahan, Margaret D. F. (2003). *Chicago Manual of Style*. Phi Learning Pvt. Ltd.

21. Maoz, Zeev. (2004). Multiple Paths to Knowledge in International Relations: Methodology in the Study of Conflict Management and Conflict Resolution. Lexington Books.
22. Marsh, David and Gerry Stoker (*eds.*). (2010). Theory and Methods in Political Science. 3rd Edition, London: Macmillan.
23. Sprinz, Detlef F. and Yael Wolinsky-Nahmias (*eds.*). (2007). Models, Numbers, and Cases: Methods for Studying International Relations. The University of Michigan Press.

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Course Title: Theories of International Relations

Course Code: PIR. 702

Total Hours: 45

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO): At the end of the course, the students will be able to

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CLO1: Gain knowledge of Ancient India's international politics and identify actors and processes in international politics

CLO2: Demonstrate extensive knowledge of literature.

CLO3: Identify the strengths and weaknesses of IR's various theoretical approaches.

CLO4: Analyse contemporary and historical international events from a variety of theoretical viewpoints.

Course Contents

Unit/Hours	Content	Mapping with CLOs

Unit I 15 Hours	Evolution of International Relations as A Discipline Levels of analysis, Making of the International System Concepts of Superpower versus Vishwa Guru and World State versus VasudhaivaKutumbakam Learning Activities: Review of the articles on the role and the relevance of the theories	CLO 2, CLO3 and CLO4
Unit II 15 Hours	Ancient and Modern Indian Strategic Thoughts: Mahabharata as a Political Text, Kautilya, Thiruvalluvar, Banabhatta Learning Activities: Examine Kautilya's Dharmayudh through an article review	CLO 1
Unit III 8 Hours	Idealism, Realism/Neo-Realism and Liberalism/Neo-Liberalism Learning Activities: Review of the articles on the differences between various theories	CLO 2, CLO 3 and CLO4
Unit IV 7 Hours	Marxism/Neo-Marxism, Social Constructivism and Critical theory Learning Activities: Examine the great debates in international relation theories	CLO 2, CLO 3 and CLO4
Transactional Modes:	Lectures, Seminar, Group Discussion, Seminar, Peer Group Discussion, Mobile Teaching, Self-learning.	

Suggested Readings:

1. Kanti Bajpai and Amitabh Mattoo (Eds.) Securing India: Strategic Thought and Practice (New Delhi: Manohar Publishing Press, 1996).

2. Baylis, J., Smith, S., & Owens, P. (2013). *The globalization of world politics: An introduction to international relations*. Oxford University Press.
3. Bakshi, G.D. (1990) *Mahabharata, a Military Analysis*, Lancer International, Delhi.
4. DikshitarV..R .Ramchandra (1987), *War in Ancient India*, MacMillan and Co. Ltd, Delhi
5. Woods, N. (1999). Order, globalization, and inequality in world politics. In *Inequality, globalization and world politics* (pp. 8-35). Oxford University Press.
6. Dunne, T., Kurki, M., & Smith, S. (2013). *International relations theories*. Oxford University Press.
7. Dunne, Tim, MiljaKurki and Steve Smith (eds.). (2010). *International Relations Theories: Discipline and Diversity*, 2nd ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
8. Stengel, F. A., Dunne, T., Kurki, M., & Smith, S. (2007). *International Relations Theories. Discipline and Diversity*.
9. Baylis, J., Smith, S., & Owens, P. (2013). *The globalization of world politics: An introduction to international relations*. Oxford University Press.
10. Jackson, R., &Sørensen, G. (2016). *Introduction to international relations: theories and approaches*. Oxford University Press.
11. Burchill, S., Linklater, A., Devetak, R., Donnelly, J., Nardin, T. et. al. (2013). *Theories of international relations*. Palgrave Macmillan.
12. Boucher, D. (1998). *Political theories of international relations* (Vol. 383). Oxford: Oxford University Press.
13. Fearon, J. D. (1998). Domestic politics, foreign policy, and theories of international relations. *Annual Review of Political Science*, 1(1), 289-313.
14. Nicholson, M. (1998). Theories of international relations. In *International Relations* (pp. 90-119). Macmillan Education UK.
15. Keohane, Robert O., and Lisa L. Martin, (1995). "The promise of institutionalist theory" *International Security* 20. (1). 39-51.
16. Keohane, Robert O. (1995). *International Institutions and State Power: Essays in International Relations Theory*. Boulder, CO: Westview Press.
17. Krasner, Stephen D., ed., (1989). *International Regimes*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 1983.
18. Buzan, Barry, (2001). 'The English School: An Underexploited Resource in IR', *Review of International Studies*, 27. (3). 471-488.
19. Clark, Ian, (2009). 'Towards an English School Theory of Hegemony', *European Journal of International Relations* 15. (2). 203-228.
20. Wendt, Alexander, (1992). 'Anarchy is What States Make of It: The Social Construction of Power Politics', *International Organization* 46., 391-426.
21. Tickner, J. Ann, (1997). "You just don't understand: troubled engagements between feminists and IR theorists." *International Studies Quarterly* 41(4). 611-632.
22. Robert Jervis, (1982). "Security Regimes", *International Organization*, 36 (2). 357-378
23. Stephen D. Krasner, (1982). "Structural Causes and Regime Consequences: Regimes as Intervening Variables", *International Organization*, 36 (2). 185-205

24. Keohane, Robert, ed., (1986). *Neorealism and Its Critics*, NY: Columbia University Press.
25. Bull, Hedley, (1977). *The Anarchical Society*. London: Palgrave, especially pp. 3-21.
26. Buzan, Barry, (2004). *From International to World Society?* Cambridge University Press.
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28. Scott Burchill and Andrew Linklater, "Introduction", in Scott Burchill et. al. eds., *Theories of International Relations*, New York: St Martin Press, 1996.
29. Martin Hollis and Steve Smith, *Explaining and Understanding International Relations*, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1991.
30. Mohan, C. R. (2012). *SamudraManthan: Sino-Indian Rivalry in the Indo-Pacific*. Brookings Institution Press.
31. Malone, D. M., Mohan, C. R., &Raghavan, S. (Eds.). (2015). *The Oxford handbook of Indian foreign policy*. OUP Oxford.
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33. Jaishankar, S. (2024). *Why Bharat Matters*. India: Rupa Publications India Pvt. Limited.
34. Jaishankar, S. (2021). *ParivartansheelVishwa Mein Bharat Ki Ranneeti*
35. Dunne, T. (2024). *International relations theories: Discipline and diversity*. Oxford University Press.
36. Mohammad, E. Y. (2025). The Place of Culture in International Relations Theories. *EuroGlobal Journal of Linguistics and Language Education*, 2(2), 105-123.

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Course Title: RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION ETHICS

Course Code: PIR 751

Total Hours: 30

Course Learning Outcomes

The student would be able to:

CLO 1: Introduce the basic statistics used in research.

CLO 2: Understand the univariate and bivariate methods of statistical analysis in research.

CLO 3: Comprehend multivariate methods involving correlation, regression and meta-analysis and its application in research.

CLO 4: Use SPSS, MS Excel to analyse data, and interpret results obtained during analysis.

Course Contents

Unit/Hours	Content	Mapping with CLOs
Unit I 5 Hours	Philosophy and Ethics Introduction to Philosophy: definition, nature and scope, content, branches Ethics : definition, moral philosophy, nature of moral judgements and reactions	CLO 1
Unit 2 7 Hours	Scientific Conduct Ethics with respect to science and research Intellectual honesty and research integrity Scientific misconducts: Falsification, Fabrication, and Plagiarism (FFP) Redundant publications: duplicate and overlapping publications Selective reporting and misrepresentation of data	CLO 2

Unit 3 7 Hours	Publication ethics Publication ethics: definition, introduction and importance Best practices/ standards setting initiatives and guidelines: Committee on publication Ethics (COPE). Salami Slicing Conflicts of interest Publication misconduct: definition, concept, problems that lead to unethical behaviour and vice versa, types Violation of publication ethics, authorship and contributorship Identification of publication misconduct, complaints and appeals Predatory publishers and journals	CLO 3
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Unit 4 15 Hours	Open Access Publishing Open access publications and initiatives SHERPA/ROMEO online resource to check publisher copyright & self-archiving policies Software tool to identify predatory publication developed by SPPU Journal finder/journal suggestion tools viz. JANE, Elsevier Journal Finder, Springer Journal. Group Discussions: Subject specific ethical issues, FFP, authorship; conflicts of interest; complaints and appeals: examples and fraud from India and abroad Software tools: Use of plagiarism software like Turnitin, Urkund and other open source software tools	CLO 4
Transactional Modes	Databases and Research Metrics Databases: Indexing databases; Citation database: Web of Science, Scopus etc. Research Metrics: Impact Factor of journal as per Journal Citation Report, SNIP, SJR, IPP, Cite Score; Metrics : h-index, i10 index	

Suggested Readings

1. Best J.W. (1999). *Research in Education*. New Delhi: Prentice Hall of India Pvt. Ltd.
2. Bogdon, R., & Biklen, S. K. (2008). *Qualitative Research for Education: An Introduction to Theories and Practice*. New Delhi: PHI learning
3. Borg, W.R., & Gall, M.D. (1983). *Educational Research – An Introduction*. New York: Longman, Inc.

4. Chandra, S. S., & Sharma, R.K. (2010). *Research in education*. New Delhi: Atlantic Publishers and Distributors (P) Ltd.
5. Creswell, J. W. (2015). *Educational Research: Planning, Conducting and Evaluating Quantitative and Qualitative Research*. Boston: Pearson Publications.
6. Curtis, W., Murphy, M., N Shields, S. (2013). *Research and Education*. New York & London: Routledge
7. Gordon, P. (1996). *A Guide to Educational Research*. New York: Routledge
8. Kaul, L. (1984). *Methodology of Educational Research*. New Delhi: Vikas Publications.
9. Kilpatrick, D.L. (2005). *Evaluating training Programmes: The four Levels*. San Francisco: Brett-Kochler.
10. Kress, T. (2013). *Using Critical Research for Educational and Social Change*. New York & London: Routledge.
11. Lauren, B., Little, T. D., & Card, N. A. (2012). *Developmental Research Methods*. New York: The Guilford Press.
12. Martella, R. C., Nelson, J. R., Morgan, R. L., & Martella, N. E. (2013). *Understanding*
13. Patton, M.Q. (2002). *Qualitative Research and Evaluation Methods*. C.A: Sage Publications.
14. Tolmie, A., McAteer, E., & Muijs, D. (2012). *Quantitative Methods in Educational and Social Research Using SPSS*. Maidenhead: Open University Press
15. Wellington, J. (2015). *Educational Research*. New Delhi: Bloomsbury Academic.
16. Weir, W., & Stephen G. (2009). *Research methods in Education*. New York: Pearson Education

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Course Title: Teaching Assistantship

Course Code: PIR 752

Total Hours: 30

Learning Outcome:

At the end of this skill development course, the scholars shall be able to

CLO 1: Familiarize themselves with the pedagogical practices of effective classroom delivery and knowledge evaluation system

CLO 2: Manage large and small classes using appropriate pedagogical techniques for different types of content

Activities and Evaluation:

- The scholars shall attend Master degree classes of his/her supervisor to observe the various transaction modes that the supervisor follows in the class room delivery or transaction process one period per week.
- The scholars shall be assigned one period per week under the direct supervision of his/her supervisor to teach the Master degree students adopting appropriate teaching strategy(s).
- The scholars shall be involved in examination and evaluation system of the Master degree students such as preparation of questions, conduct of examination and preparation of results under the direction of the supervisor.
- At the end of the semester, the supervisor shall conduct an examination of teaching skills learned by the scholar as per the following **evaluation criteria**:
- The scholars shall be given a topic relevant to the Master degree course of the current semester as his/her specialization to prepare lessons and deliver in the class room before the master degree students for one hour (45 minutes teaching + 15 minutes interaction).
- The scholars shall be evaluated for a total of 50 marks comprising *content knowledge* (10 marks), *explanation and demonstration skills* (10 marks), *communication skills* (10 marks), *teaching techniques employed* (10 marks), and *classroom interactions* (10).
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Course Contents:

Unit /Hours	Contents	Mapping with CLOs
Unit 1/Hours 4	Bases and Principles of Curriculum Curriculum: Concept and Principles of curriculum development, Foundations of Curriculum Development. Types of Curriculum Designs- Subject centered, learner centered, experience centered and core curriculum. Designing local, national, regional and global specific curriculum. Choice Based Credit System and its implementation.	CLO 1

Unit 2 4 Hours	Curriculum Development 1. Process of Curriculum Development: Formulation of graduate attributes, course/learning outcomes, content selection, organization of content and learning experiences, transaction process. 2. Comparison among Interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary and trans-disciplinary approaches to curriculum.	CLO 2
Unit 3 10 Hours	Curriculum and Pedagogy 1. Conceptual understanding of Pedagogy. 2. Pedagogies: Peeragogy, Cybergogy and Heutagogy with special emphasis on Blended learning, Flipped learning, Dialogue, cooperative and collaborative learning 3. Three e- techniques: Moodle, Edmodo, Google classroom	CLO 3

Unit 4 10 Hours	Learners' Assessment Assessment Preparation: Concept, purpose, and principles of preparing objective and subjective questions. Conducting Assessment: Modes of conducting assessment – offline and online; use of ICT in conducting assessments. 3. Evaluation: Formative and Summative assessments, Outcome based assessment, and scoring criteria.	CLO 4
Transactional Modes:	Lecture, dialogue, peer group discussion, workshop	
Evaluation criteria	There shall be an end term evaluation of the course for 50 marks for duration of 2 hours. The course coordinator shall conduct the evaluation.	

Suggested Readings

1. Allyn, B., Beane, J. A., Conrad, E. P., & Samuel J. A., (1986). *Curriculum Planning and Development*. Boston: Allyn & Bacon.
2. Brady, L. (1995). *Curriculum Development*. Prentice Hall: Delhi. National Council of Educational Research and Training.
3. Deng, Z. (2007). Knowing the subject matter of science curriculum, *Journal of Curriculum Studies*, 39(5), 503-535. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00220270701305362>
4. Gronlund, N. E. & Linn, R. L. (2003). *Measurement and Assessment in teaching*. Singapore: Pearson Education
5. McNeil, J. D. (1990). *Curriculum: A Comprehensive Introduction*, London: Scott, Foreman/Little
6. Nehru, R. S. S. (2015). *Principles of Curriculum*. New Delhi: APH Publishing Corporation.
7. Oliva, P. F. (2001). *Developing the curriculum* (Fifth Ed.). New York, NY: Longman
8. Stein, J. and Graham, C. (2014). *Essentials for Blended Learning: A Standards-Based Guide*. New York, NY: Routledge.

Web Resources

1. https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/467095/Fundamentals_of_Blended_Learning.pdf
2. <https://www.uhd.edu/academics/university-college/centers-offices/teaching-learning-excellence/Pages/Principles-of-a-Flipped-Classroom.aspx>
3. <http://leerwegdialoog.nl/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/180621-Article-The-Basic-Principles-of-Dialogue-by-Renate-van-der-Veen-and-Olga-Plokhooij.pdf>

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Course Title: Seminar
Course Code: PIR. 700

Total Hours: 30

Learning Outcomes:

CLO 1: Students will be well versed with the communication and presentation skills required at different academic and research forums.

CLO 2: Students will learn how to make presentations on the concepts and research related topics.

Seminar Detail

Students will be given a topic by the respective supervisor related to research topics allotted to the students to prepare a presentation.

Transaction Mode: PowerPoint Presentation, Group Discussion, Reading Research Papers.

Seminar Detail

Students will be given a topic by the respective supervisor related to research topics allotted to the students to prepare a presentation. From the 7th week, the presentations will be taken.

Transaction Mode: PowerPoint Presentation, Group Discussion, Research Papers.

Evaluation Criteria for Seminar:

1. **Continuous Assessment – 50 Marks**

Sr. No.	SECTIONS	MARKS
1	Interaction with the Supervisor	25
2	Attendance Less than 70%= nil 70-74%=20 (75- 80%= 21, 81-85%= 22, 86-90% = 23, 91-95%=24 above 100%= 25)	25
Total		50

2. End Term Assessment – 50 Marks

Sr. No.	SECTIONS	MARKS
1	Presentation	25
2	Response to Question-Answer	10
3	Contents	15
Total		50

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4	0	0	4

Course Title: Government and Politics of South and Central Asia

Course Code: PIR. 703

Total Hours: 60

Learning Outcomes

Course Outcomes (CO): At the end of the course, the students will be able to:

CO 01	Demonstrate comprehensive understanding of South and Central Asia's political geography and historical relationship.
CO 02	Acquire a thorough comprehension of the governmental structures and political systems of South Asia.
CO 03	Acquire a thorough comprehension of the governmental structures and political systems of Central Asia
CO 04	Capable of comprehending the socio-political challenges in the regions of South and Central Asia.

Course Contents

Unit/ Hours	Content	Mapping with CLOs

Unit I 15 Hours	Geographical, Political and Cultural Links between South and Central Asia: South and Central Asia as political regions, economic importance of the regions Learning Activities: Evaluation of the geopolitical determinants of the region and constitutionalism	CO 1
Unit 2 15 Hours	South Asia Political Systems: Structures and Functions Learning Activities: Preparation and presentation of comparative report on different forms of governments	CO 2
Unit 3 15 Hours	Central Asia Political Systems: Structure and Functions Learning Activities: Preparation and presentation of comparative report on Political Parties and Party System	CO 3
Unit 4 15 Hours	Comparative Study of Politics of South Asia and Central Asia Social Schism, Ethnic Conflicts, International Terrorism Learning Activities: Debate on the ground realities of democratic system	CO 4
Transactional Modes	Class room teaching, group discussions, flip learning, and case studies	

Essential Readings:

1. Ahrens, Joachim and Herman W. Hoen, eds. (2012), Institutional Reform in Central Asia: Politico-Economic Challenges, London: Routledge.
2. Allworth, E. (1967). Central Asia: A Century of Russian Rule. New York, Columbia UP.
3. Anderson, J. (1997). Elections and Political Development in Central Asia. The Journal of Communist Studies and Transition Politics, 13(4), 28-53.
4. Asia and the Caucasus: Enduring Legacies and Emerging Challenges, London: Routledge.

5. Baxter, C. (Ed.). (2002). *Government and Politics in South Asia*. Westview Press.
6. Brass, P. R. (Ed.). (2010). *Routledge Handbook of South Asian Politics: India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and Nepal*. Routledge.
7. Chadda, M. (2000). *Building Democracy in South Asia: India, Nepal, Pakistan*. Lynne Rienner Publishers.
8. Cummings, Sally N. (2002), *Power and Change in Central Asia*, London, Routledge.
9. Cummings, Sally N. (2012), *Understanding Central Asia: Politics and Contested Transformations*, London: Routledge. Cummings.
10. Hiro, Dilip (2010), *Inside Central Asia: a Political and Cultural History of Uzbekistan*,
11. Hunter, S. (1996). *Central Asia Since Independence* (No. 168). Praeger Pub Text.
12. Kubicek, P. (1998). *Authoritarianism in Central Asia: Curse or Cure?*. *Third World Quarterly*, 19(1), 29-43.
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14. Laruelle, Marlene and Sebastian Peyrouse, eds. (2011), *Mapping Central Asia: Indian Perceptions and Strategies*, Surrey: Ashgate.
15. Malik, Y. K., Lawoti, M., & Rahman, S. (2008). *Government and Politics in South Asia*. Westview Press.
16. Matveeva, A. (1999). *Democratization, Legitimacy and Political Change in Central Asia*. *International Affairs* (Royal Institute of International Affairs 1944-), 23-44.
17. Mitra, S. K., Enskat, M., & Spiess, C. (Eds.). (2004). *Political Parties in South Asia*. Greenwood Publishing Group.
18. Nohlen, D., Grotz, F., & Hartmann, C. (Eds.). (2001). *Elections in Asia and the Pacific: A Data Handbook: Volume I: Middle East, Central Asia, and South Asia*. OUP Oxford.
19. Oberst, R. C., Malik, Y. K., Kennedy, C., & Kapur, A. (2013). *Government and Politics in South Asia*. Westview Press.
20. O'Kane, John, and Touraj Atabaki, eds. (1998), *Post-Soviet Central Asia*, London: Tauris.
21. Olcott, Martha Brill (1996), *Central Asia's New States: Independence, Foreign Policy, International Security*, United States Institute of Peace Press.
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Course Title: Environmental Politics and Public Policy in South and Central Asia

Course Code: PIR. 704

Course Type: Elective

Total Hours: 60

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

- CLO1: Explain the existing environmental issues and their impacts over social, economic and political life;
- CLO2: Analyse the key actors, institutions, and political processes that characterize and shape South and Central Asian environmental politics.
- CLO3: Critical analysis of the ongoing environmental politics over the region and the world in general.

Units/Hours	Contents	Mapping with Course Learning Outcome

I 15 Hours	Understanding Environmental Politics as a Discipline Understanding Environmental Policy: Processes and Institutions	CL01
	Learning Activities: Preparation of concept note, Group debate and discussion	
II 15 Hours	Understanding Environmental Issues: Air Pollution and Water - Resource Scarcity and Pollution Land Degradation, Deforestation, and Biodiversity Losses Climate Change	CL02
	Learning Activities: Brainstorming, Group debate and discussion	
III 15 Hours	Governance of Environmental Issues: Water, Waste and Forest Management Climate Change	CL02
	Learning Activities: Brainstorming, Group debate and discussion	
IV 15 Hours	Environment and Security: “New” and “Old” “Environmental War”. Environmental Justice: Dilemmas over Conservation, Poverty and Economic Growth; North-South Debate and Sustainable Development. Regional Environmental Regimes: A Critique	CL03
	Learning Activities: Brainstorming, Group debate and discussion	

Transactional Modes:	Lectures, Tutorials, Seminar, Group Discussion, Seminar, E-team teaching, E-tutoring, Dialogue, Peer Group Discussion/Debate, Mobile Teaching, Self-learning, Collaborative learning, Cooperative learning	
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Course Title: Comparative Perspectives of South and Central Asian Security

Course Code: PIR. 705

Total Hours: 60

Course Learning Outcomes: On completion of this course, students will be able to:

CLO1	Achieve an in-depth understanding of the concepts of strategic and strategic issues.
CLO2	Analyze the role and the importance of different actors in the security domain of the two regions
CLO3	Use different approaches and methods for understanding the contemporary security environments in the two regions
CLO4	Develop and display a strategic foresight for the two regions and IR in general

Unit/Hours	Content	Mapping with CLOs

Unit I 15 Hours	Contending Security Theories: Realism, Neo-realism and Liberal Institutionalism Makinder's Heartland Theory and Mahan's Theory of Sea Power Arms Reduction and Disarmament and the Importance of Security in International Relations. Perspective from Global South: Just War and Humanitarian Intervention; Right to Protect or/and Responsibility While Protecting Learning Activity: Book review of the Tragedy of Great Power Politics	CLO1, CLO2 and CLO4
Unit 2 15 Hours	New Great Game and Politics of Resource Diplomacy: Pipeline Politics China-Russia Strategic Synergy in South and Central Asia India's Aspirations, strategic outreach, and challenges Learning Activity: Article review on pipeline politics and energy diplomacy	CLO1, CLO2 CLO3 and CLO4
Unit 3 15 Hours	Evolving Factors of Southern Asian Security: Asia Pivot, OBOR, Russian Resurgence, and Ukrainian Conflict. Changing Security Architecture of South Asia: New Silk Route, Indo-Pacific and QUAD, BIMSTEC. Learning Activity: Class discussion on QUAD and AUKUS	CLO2, CLO3 and CLO4

Unit 4 15 Hours	Human Security and Sustainable Development Goals, Non-Traditional Security Issues: Water Scarcity, Climate Change and Food Security, Drug Trafficking and Narcoterrorism Hybrid warfare, Cyber Security, Kinetic Approach and AI Economic Security and Illegal Migration; Energy Politics and Cyber Security Learning Activity: Exercise: Presentation on any of the topics in the concerned Unit	CLO2, CLO3 and CLO4
Transactional Modes:	Lectures, Group Discussion, Seminar, Peer Group Discussion	

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Course Title: Regional and Extra-Regional Powers in Central Asia

Course Code: PIR 706

Total Hours: 60

Course Outcomes:

On completion of this course, students will be able to:

CLO1	Examine the role of Czarist Russia and Britain in the Great Game in Central Asia in the 19th century.
CLO2	Analyze the Russian and Chinese policies towards Central Asia.
CLO3	Compare and contrast the various regional organizations associated with the great powers
CLO4	Evaluate the impact of US Democracy Promotion in Central Asia
C05	Explain India's Approaches towards Central Asian Republics.

Units/Hours	Contents	Mapping with Course Learning Outcome
I 15 Hours	Geo-politics of Central Asia Great Game and New Great Game	CO1

	Learning Activities: Prepare a concept note on Mackinder Heartland Theory	
II 15 Hours	Russia and China in Central Asia Russia-China Cooperation, Competition and Conflict Regional Cooperation: CIS, SCO – EAEU – CSTO-BRI Exercise: Analyse the major problems of Regional integration in Central Asia.	CO2 CO3
III 15 Hours	The United States in Central Asia American Democracy Promotion and War against Terrorism US Projects-Greater Central Asia and New Silk Route. Central Asia Energy: Gas and Oil Pipelines Learning Activities: Compare and contrast the various policies of the United States in the Region.	CO4
IV 15 Hours	Role of other Powers in Central Asia India, Turkey, and the EU Learning Activities: Write a concept note on India's Approach towards Central Asia	CO5

Transactional Modes: Lectures, Tutorials, Seminar, Group Discussion, Self-Learning and Project Method

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Course Title: Politics in Soviet and Post-Soviet Eurasia
Course Code: PIR 710

Total Hours: 60

Learning Outcomes:

Course Outcomes:

On completion of this course, students will be able to:

CO1	Critically examine the downfall of the Czarist Empire in Russia.
CO2	Analyses the problems faced by Bolsheviks during socialist construction in the Soviet Union.
CO3	Evaluates the political transition in Central Asian Republics.
CO4	Study the ethno-national conflicts in South Caucasus after the dissolution of the USSR.

CO5	Examine the nature of economic transformations in Russia and Ukraine.
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Units/Hours	Contents	Mapping with Course Learning Outcome
I 15 Hours	Politics of Soviet Union Russian Revolution, State, Party, and Constitution Cold War and Disintegration of USSR	CO1 CO2
	Learning Activities: Discussion on October revolution and impact on global level.	
II 15 Hours	Central Asian Republics State and Institution Building in Central Asia: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan	CO3
	Learning Activities: Presentation on Multi-vector foreign policy of Central Asian Republics.	
III 15 Hours	Slavic Republics Socio-economic transformation, cultural and political consolidation: Russia, Belarus, and Ukraine	CO4

	Learning Activities: Brainstorming and group discussion on resurgent Russia.	
IV 15 Hours	South Caucasus Republics Ethno-national Conflicts: Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia Nagorno-Karabakh, Abkhazia and South Ossetia	CO5
	Learning Activities: Presentations on De-facto republics in the south Caucasus.	

Transaction Mode: Lecture, case study, blended learning, problem solving, discussion & demonstration, self-study.

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Course Title: The Emerging Dynamics in Indo-Pacific Region

Course Code: PIR. 711

Learning Outcomes:

Course Learning Outcomes:

On completion of this course, students will be able to:

CLO1: Understand the geopolitical complexities of the Indo-Pacific region, including its geographical, historical, and conceptual dimensions.

CLO2: Examine the security challenges facing the Indo-Pacific, both traditional (e.g., territorial disputes, military modernization) and non-traditional (e.g., cyber security, transnational crime).

CLO3: Explore the economic integration efforts and geo-economics dynamics in the Indo-Pacific, including trade relations, regional economic initiatives, and infrastructure development projects.

CLO4: Assess the role of regional and global governance mechanisms in addressing the geopolitical challenges of the Indo-Pacific.

Course Contents

Unit/Hours	Content	Mapping with CLOs
Unit I 15 Hours	Geopolitical Dynamics and Major Players in the Indo-Pacific Region The Indo-Pacific Construct Geopolitical Significance and Evolving Conceptualizations of the Indo-Pacific region Major Powers and Their Strategies Regional Security Complexities and Geostrategic Considerations Learning Activities: Class discussion and debate on key concepts and theories of geopolitics, exploring their application to power dynamics in the Indo-Pacific region.	CLO1
Unit II 15 Hours	Security Challenges and Regional Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific Region Traditional Security Threats Non-Traditional Security Issues Regional Security Architecture and Multilateral Approaches	CLO2

	Maritime Cooperation Among Indo-Pacific Countries Cooperative Security Mechanisms: ASEAN, Quad, Track Two Dialogues Learning Activities: Engage in a group discussion on non-traditional security issues in the Indo-Pacific, selecting a specific issue (e.g., cybersecurity or environmental degradation) to examine its impact on regional security and identify possible cooperative approaches	
Unit III 15 Hours	Economic Integration, Trade Relations, and Development in the Indo-Pacific Region Economic Interdependencies and Trade Flows in the Region Infrastructure Development and Connectivity Initiatives: Belt and Road Initiative, AAGC Energy Security, Resource Competition, and Environmental Sustainability Economic Governance and Regional Integration Efforts: RCEP, TPP, ASEAN Economic Community Learning Activities: Form study groups to analyze and compare the economic governance and regional integration efforts in the Indo-Pacific	CL03

Unit IV 15 Hours	Cultural Exchanges, Soft Power in the Indo-Pacific Region Cultural Diplomacy and Soft Power Competition Soft Power Projection and Public Diplomacy Strategies Diaspora, Memory Politics, and Historical Narratives in the Indo-Pacific region Learning Activities: Group discussions and Conduct a case study analysis of any successful soft power projection and public diplomacy strategies employed by a country or organization in the Indo-Pacific.	CL04
Transactional Modes:	Lectures, Seminar, Group Discussion, Seminar, Peer Group Discussion, Mobile Teaching, Self-learning.	

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PIR. 712: GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF JAPAN

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C01.	To provide a brief historical account of post-war Japanese politics, and Japanese culture and society
C02	To provide an overview of political structure, constitution, and policy in contemporary Japan.
C03	The course aims to give students a comprehensive understanding of the structures of Japanese government and political Institutions from different viewpoints.

C04	It aims to provide an understanding of Japanese electoral politics, party system, decision-making structures and processes, foreign affairs and political economy
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Content	Mapping with CLOs
Introduction to Government and Politics of Japan The Meiji Restoration and Constitutional Development during Meiji Period, Imperialistic Expansion, American Occupation, Post-war Reconstruction and the 1947 constitution Learning Activity: Book reviews, Movie screening on Japanese history and class discussion	C01
Institutional Functioning in Japan Prime Minister and Emperor, Structure and composition of Japanese Parliament and legislation in Japan and Role of Judiciary:	C02 & C03

Elections, Parties and Party System in Japan Parties and party system in Japan, Liberal Democratic party in Japanese Politics Komeito, Democratic Party of Japan and Constitutional Democratic Party and Elections for two house of Diet Learning Activity: Class discussion on parties and party politics and elections	CO3 and CO4
Strategies of Development in Post-War Japan Post-war economic miracle: economic and social transformations, Bubble economy, Japan's lost decades: economic stagnation and social insecurity. Learning Activity:Exercise: Presentation on any of the topics in the concerned Unit.	CO3 and CO4
Lectures, Group Discussion, Seminar, Peer Group Discussion.	

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Course Title: Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in India

Course Code: PIR. 713

Learning Outcomes:

Course Learning Outcomes:

On completion of this course, students will be able to:

CLO1: Understand the evolution of the SDGs, including its conceptual dimensions.

CLO2: Examine the various aspects of socio-economic development under the purview of SDGs.

CLO3: Explore the environmental sustainability efforts including water and sanitation management; access to clean energy; sustainable consumption and production; climate action; biodiversity conservation

CLO4: Assess the role of governing institutions in addressing the challenges of implementation of SDGs across the Globe. It will also highlight India's stand SDGs with particular focus on health and education

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Course Title: Sustainable Development Goals in India

Course Code: MPIS. 539

Credit: 4

Course Learning Outcomes:

On completion of this course, students will be able to:

- **CLO 1**
Describe the meaning, concept, origin, evolution, and basic principles of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with special reference to India.
- **CLO 2**
Analyze the socio-economic dimensions of SDGs and apply conceptual understanding to examine development challenges and policy responses in India.
- **CLO 3** Examine and evaluate India's environmental and ecological sustainability efforts under SDGs, including climate action, energy transition, water management, and biodiversity conservation.
- **CLO 4** Evaluate the role of institutions and governance mechanisms in SDG implementation and formulate critical perspectives on India's progress and future challenges in achieving sustainable development goals.

Course Contents

Unit/Hours	Content	Mapping with CLOs	BL
Unit I 15 Hours	Conceptual Foundations of SDGs Meaning, Nature and Scope of Sustainable Development; Origin and Evolution of SDGs; Transition from MDGs to SDGs; UN Agenda 2030; India and SDG Framework Learning Activities: Class discussion and debate on key concepts of SDGs, exploring their application to International Relations.	CLO1	Remember, Understand

Unit II 15 Hours	Socio-Economic Dimensions of SDGs in India - o Poverty reduction strategies - o Food security and nutrition - o Gender equality - o Quality education - o Reducing inequalities Learning Activities: Engage in a group discussion on socio-economic aspects of SDGs, selecting a specific issue (e.g., poverty, food security, gender equality etc) to examine its impact.	CLO2	Analyze, Apply
Unit III 15 Hours	Environmental Dimensions of SDGs in India Water and Sanitation; Clean and Renewable Energy; Sustainable Consumption and Production; Climate Change and Climate Action; Biodiversity Conservation; Environmental Governance in India Learning Activities: Form study groups to explore key concepts such as water and sanitation management, access to clean energy, sustainable consumption and production, climate action, and biodiversity conservation, fostering an understanding of environmental sustainability principles and solutions.	CLO3	Analyze, Evaluate

Unit IV 15 Hours	Unit 4: Governance and Institutions Peace, Justice and Institutions; Partnerships for SDGs; Role of NITI Aayog and Global Institutions; SDG Implementation in India; Challenges and Policy Gaps; India's Performance and Future Prospects Learning Activities: Students will engage in workshops, simulations, and forums to explore economic growth, infrastructure, sustainable cities, peace, effective institutions, global partnerships, and India's role in health and education for sustainable development.	CLO4	Evaluate, Create
Transactional Modes:	Lectures, Seminar, Group Discussion, Seminar, Peer Group Discussion, Mobile Teaching, Self-learning.		

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Course: Philosophy of Research

Code: XXX

Credit: 4

Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs)

After the completion of the course, the students will be able to:

CLO 1

Explain the meaning, nature, scope, and philosophical foundations of research, including ontology, epistemology, methodology, and major approaches to knowledge production.

CLO 2

Analyze major research paradigms, philosophical traditions, and approaches to scientific and social inquiry in interdisciplinary research contexts.

CLO 3

Apply appropriate philosophical perspectives and methodological approaches in designing and evaluating research problems, research questions, and research frameworks.

CLO 4

Critically evaluate ethical issues, contemporary debates, and emerging challenges in research, and develop a coherent research philosophy statement through academic presentations and review-based exercises.

Units/Hours	Contents	COs	BL
Unit-I 15 Hrs	Foundations of Research Philosophy Meaning and Nature of Philosophy; Philosophy of Research; Scientific and Social Inquiry; Objectivity and Subjectivity;	CLO-1	Remember, Understand
Unit-II 15 Hrs	Ontology, Epistemology and Paradigms of Research Epistemology, Ontology, Axiology; Deductive and Inductive Logic	CLO-2	Analyze
Unit-III 15 Hrs	Contextualization of Research Philosophy Paradigms of Research: Positivism, Interpretivism, Critical Theory, Constructivism, Pragmatism	CLO-2	Apply
Unit-IV 15 Hrs	Ethics, Contemporary Issues and Application in Research Confidentiality, Positionality, Philosophy and Research Design, AI and Ethics Policy-oriented Research Preparation of Research Philosophy Statement	CLO-2	Evaluate, Create

Suggested Reading

