

Master of Arts in International Relations and Security Studies

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A = Core Papers B = Complimentary Papers C = Common Papers D = Open Papers

1. Students must compulsorily accumulate total of 80 Credits for award of degree.
2. Students must take 20% of total credits as optional papers outside the program/school.
3. IC04RMRW is a core paper with common classes for all Masters Students of University.
4. Students must take one out of three open papers of total 4 credits in the first semester.
5. Students must take two out of three open papers of total 4 credits in second/third semester.
6. All Core and Compulsory papers of the programme are open for all Masters Students.

SEMESTER I

Introduction to International Relations and National Security

Course Description

The paper will aim to assess the concept of security in general and the notion of national security in International Relations more specifically. It will examine the concept of national security from various perspectives even as it engages numerous contemporary issues of International Relations. Such an approach will enable students to achieve a comprehensive understanding of the subject. The paper will assist students to make informed analysis of various issues confronting International Relations and the Global Security Environment today.

State Behaviour and Global Security: Theoretical Approaches and Practices

Course Description

International scholars have been attempting to understand and categorise why and how nations behave with one other. The endeavour has been to analyse and identify common trends that have emerged which will enable predicting the behaviour of a state in a particular situation. This course has been designed to apprise students with an understanding of the theoretical aspects of state behaviour and global security. Understanding the history and changing nature of international Relations will provide critical insight into the current challenges faced by the International Security Environment.

Political Economy and Security in the International Milieu

Course Description

International political economy (IPE) is concerned with the interaction between economics and politics in the global arena. Simply put, the economy can be defined as the system by which the production, consumption and distribution of goods and services and the supply of money is organized. Politics concerns the total set of institutions and rules that govern our social and economic interactions. IPE scholars take as a starting point that, in order to understand the world around us, the economic and political domains cannot be separated in any meaningful way.

In daily life, the notion of a close connection between economics and politics makes perfect sense, as almost all economic behavior is directly or indirectly regulated by Government. Important aspects of our economy are also influenced by economic logic, in particular the forces of supply and demand in the marketplace on a global scale. This global interaction affects the security of a country and its wellbeing. This paper will enable students-

1. To make them understand the setting of international relations involving Sovereign countries/ Global institutions/ regulators and other economic actors.
2. How does IPE differ from International Relations (IR) on the one hand and international economics (IE) on the other?
3. To understand competing IPE theories and their relevance to the academic discipline, as well as their usefulness in understanding real-world problems.
4. Global trade and Finance is elaborated and how it impacts political economy and security of countries like India
5. Global institutions and regional groupings are discussed in the context of emerging political equations
6. Post Pandemic era of globalisation in terms of rise of China and decline of Europe and impact on USA. Implications for India in the emerging global order

Research Methodology & Research Writing

Course Description

This paper is designed to teach foundational methods and techniques of academic research in social sciences/international relations. The post-graduate students would not only learn but would also be practically exposed to the key components of a research framework i.e., problem definition, research design, data collection, ethical issues in research, report writing, and presentation. Equipped with this knowledge, participants would be well-placed to conduct disciplined research under supervision in an area of their choice. The paper also discusses many methodologies similar to those deployed in professional research environments.

The paper will enable to develop a research orientation among the scholars and acquaint them with fundamentals of research methods. Specifically, the papers aim to introduce them to the basic concepts used in research and to scientific social research methods and their approach. It includes discussions on sampling techniques, research designs and techniques of analysis. The paper will also develop understanding of the basic framework of research process, various research designs, techniques and understanding of the ethical dimensions of conducting applied research; identify various sources of information for literature review and data collection and enable the scholars to appreciate the components of scholarly writing and evaluate its quality.

Constitutional Law and Human Rights

(Ability Enhancement Course)

Course Description

The course is designed to make students aware about the basics of Indian Constitution and Polity as well as to sensitize them about their fundamental duties as responsible citizens. Further, the course is designed to introduce the concept of Human Rights and to make them aware about its development and its significance.

Personality Development & Communication

(Ability Enhancement Paper)

Course Description

This paper enable to understand the concept, process and importance of communication, understand and apply significance of soft skills in in professional and inter-personal communications and facilitate an all-round development of personality. It helps students to acquaint with application of communication skills and prepare them for various job markets. it is helpful in making them understand the concept of personality and personality development, its significance, to understand and develop various traits required for personality development.

Health & Fitness Management

(Ability Enhancement Paper)

SEMESTER TWO

Security Factor in India's Foreign Policy

Course Description

This course is aimed at providing the students with the basic understanding of all aspects of India's foreign policy and its efficacy in maintaining national security of the country. The course content is designed in such a way that the determinants, sources and evolution of both foreign policy and national security thoughts as well as their decision-making process are adequately introduced to the students. Further, the conduct of foreign policy and the instruments required for the same are dealt with adequately. The contemporary threats the

country has been facing to its national security and the way foreign policy is employed to address them are analysed with suitable examples. A student will complete this Course with acquiring the knowledge regarding the way the country has been managing its national security since independence till present day with suitable examples. The vast reading lists provided along with each unit will help the students study the issues in detail.

India and Major Powers: Security Dimensions

Course Description

This paper on India's National Security and Major Powers surveys the theoretical and empirical literature on India's key national security concerns and international politics with a primary though not exclusive emphasis on India's foreign policy. This paper recognizes that China, the United States of America and Russia influences India's decision making when it comes to its key national security concerns. In recent years we have witnessed an explosion of interest in understanding India's key links with these major powers, including the decidedly high politics arena of war and peace. This paper reviews a variety of issues concerning international security and bilateral engagements and also the role of various actors, political institutions and so on. The goal is to assess the strengths and weaknesses of domestic political explanations for policy outcomes in foreign policy and international affairs. At the end of this course, a student should be able to understand and explain India's security relations vis-à-vis China, the USA and Russia; and shall be in a position to also appreciate India's key challenges in dealing with these major powers.

Political Economy and Security: Indian Context

Course Description

As we have seen International political economy (IPE) is concerned with the interaction between economics and politics in the global arena. In daily life, the notion of a close connection between economics and politics makes perfect sense, as almost all economic behavior is directly or indirectly regulated by Government. Important aspects of our economy are also influenced by economic logic, in particular the forces of supply and demand in the marketplace and the regulatory role of Government. Incidentally till Adam Smith times Economy as a discipline was called political economy.

This course [PEI] provides an introduction to the political economy of India. It examines the interplay of politics and economics in this large sub-continental country from the village level to the international level. We look at post-independence period of India. It looks at the challenges it has faced since independence, and then focuses on the transformations that have taken place since liberalization in the 1990s. Some of the key themes to be explored are political parties and ideologies, economic reforms, structure of the economy, black money federalism, political protest, caste and regional politics. Most of the literature in the field is more from "left" perspective. But we have tried to provide other views also. Although we focus specifically on India, a number of the themes discussed in this course are important in the understanding of many developing countries. It will enable students

1. To understand the setting of the relations involving political parties/ideologies institutions/regulators and other economic actors.
2. Capitalism/Socialism and the middle path of mixed economy – control of commanding heights of the economy and allowing private entrepreneurship – Role of Planning commission.

3. The rise and decline of Congress [major political party] as well as other political parties and their ideologies and implication for economy.
4. Three major ideologies which were introduced in India around 1920—Communism [international]; RSS-Hindutva [National]; Dravidian [regional] are explained and their present position described.
5. Structure of the economy and reforms-unorganized sector and need for reforms at municipal and state levels.
6. The issues of corruption and black money and illicit funds kept in tax havens is elaborated in the context of Economic Security.
7. Role of caste in politics and impact on economy—quotas and caste as social and political capital. Caste in commerce and economy.
8. Post Pandemic era of globalisation in terms of rise of China and decline of Europe and impact on USA. Implications for India in the emerging global order

Elementary Chinese 1

Course Description

This course is to introduce the typological features and phonological characteristics of the language to students. It also aims to lay a foundation in term of basic but frequently used grammar and pronunciation for students to launch a long term learning process. It will help students to know the unique features of Chinese as a language and learn the pronunciation rules and are able to pronounce new vocabularies themselves. Acquire the ability of exchanging basic daily conversation under proper circumstances, such as introducing themselves and others, and be able to focus on personal details like where we live, who we know and ask questions about what people have.

Introduction to Arabic Language

Course Description

This course provides students the basic of Arabic language knowledge including the pronunciation of the letters, short vowel and long vowel, and joining up Arabic letters. At the same time, students will learn the history and Nation in which it is spoken.

Basic Russian: Introduction to Phonetics, Grammar and Vocabulary

Course Description

This course has been designed to train the students in listening, speaking, reading, and writing the Russian language with an emphasis on speaking and comprehension. As the Russian language is different from other European languages in the script, morphology, syntactic structures, etc., the course is designed in such a way that the learner is at ease with the learning process. The various concepts have been explained in detail with sufficient examples. Introducing students to the Russian alphabet, sounds, pronunciation, and reading rules. Presentation of grammar in the amount necessary to begin to understand and speak Russian. The successful mastering of any lexical and grammatical topic and understanding the subject of communication in a foreign language is best of all achieved through speech interaction.

- To develop the following skills: listening, speaking, reading & writing.
- Learners should be able to participate in simple conversations in various day-to-day situations.
- Read and understand simple texts.
- Write brief texts, dialogues, descriptions, etc.
- To develop the creative aspect of language learning i.e. the ability to work out different patterns and combinations with the help of basic grammatical structures and lexical items.

- To introduce the learner to different aspects of life and culture of the people who speak the language.
- Communicative skills training

English Language Proficiency: Spoken, Written and Comprehension Skills (Skill Enhancement Paper)

Course Description

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the theory, fundamentals and tools of communication and to develop in them vital communication skills which should be integral to personal, social and professional interactions. One of the critical links among human beings and an important thread that binds society together is an ability to share thoughts, emotions and ideas through various means of communication: both verbal and non-verbal. In the context of rapid globalization and increasing recognition of social and cultural pluralities, the significance of clear and effective communication has substantially enhanced. The present course hopes to address some of these aspects through an interactive mode of the teaching-learning process and by focusing on various dimensions of communication skills. Some of these are Language of communication, various speaking skills such as personal communication, social interactions and communication in professional situations such as interviews, group discussions and office environments, important reading skills as well as writing skills such as report writing, note-taking etc. While, to an extent, the art of communication is natural to all living beings, in today's world of complexities, it has also acquired some elements of science.

Key benefits

This programme benefits participants in the following ways:

- Enables the participants to develop a natural and accurate style of English pronunciation.
- Enhances their abilities to read, write, speak and comprehend the English language.
- Equips participants to exchange ideas and opinions, express emotions, and present information.
- Enables the participants to gain the relevant language skills for success in future courses.
- The participants will work with highly qualified teaching staff that has broad teaching experience.

Ethics, Values and Society (Skill Enhancement Paper)

SEMESTER THREE **Power Structure & Security Space in the Neighbourhood**

Course Description

As India rises comprehensively in hard and soft power capabilities, it faces formidable security challenges in traditional and non-traditional security realms emanating from the Indian neighbourhood. Moreover, in the past, India's structural environment has remained constant for many decades, with India being the largest and strongest country surrounded by relatively smaller and weak neighbours. China's rise has considerably changed India's circumstances and poses significant security challenges. This course, "India's Immediate Neighbourhood and National Security," will enable the students to gain an informed perspective and critical understanding of the strategic picture of India's neighbourhood, the security challenges posed by India's neighbours, and India's strategic response to the underlying challenges. The aim is to delve deeper into the social, political, economic, military, and strategic ingredients of the countries surrounding India and understand how their engagement with the regional and extra-

regional actors like the United States and China influences the broader security environment and shapes Indian security policy. The course looks at how the Indian neighbourhood and security space have evolved historically; also, it provides an overview of the contemporary security and geopolitical challenges faced by India, especially concerning the growing interests and influence of China in India's neighbourhood and the challenges it poses for India. Towards attaining these objectives, the course structure would be broadly divided into eight units.

Indo-Pacific in the National Security Calculus

Course Description

This course will introduce the students to the emerging strategic trends in the Indo-Pacific, a maritime geography which is now shaping the policy and academic discourse in South, South-East and East Asia. It will examine the main geopolitical trends in the region, as well as interrogate the evolving strategic postures of major powers, including the ASEAN, Australia, China, France, India, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Elementary Chinese 2

Course Description

- This course is designed to expand the scope of students' talking topic from themselves to their relations with the direct surrounding. This will help Students to understand sentences and common words in the most relevant fields (for example: basic personal and family information, shopping, local geographic environment and work) so that Students can respond to simple, direct questions or requests for information.

Beginner Arabic

Course Description

This will include Demonstrative (The names of the signal) information with Prepositions, Pronouns, Days of the week, Family, Colours and the Fruits, Numbers (1-100), Vegetables, Weather vocabulary, five seasons and five senses.

Russian Language: Speaking and Comprehensive

Course Description

Continued introduction to the minimum grammar necessary for speaking and understanding. More emphasis is placed on developing listening comprehension, then on recognizing texts and, finally, developing speaking skills. The grammar part gets more complex; the students are introduced to the Russian case system and verb conjugation. More practice in exercises. More emphasis on the reading skills and speaking competence.

Introduction to Information Communication and Technology (Skill Enhancement Paper)

Course Description

The Introduction to ICT course is intended to do more than teach basic computer literacy skills on current packages. It provides a combination of theoretical knowledge and practical skills that together comprise a mental framework that will enable the student to adapt and learn new IT packages as they change, to solve new IT problems and use additional package features that are not explicitly taught in this course. The course has a strong practical focus with the intention of enabling students to use ICTs as tools for productivity and problem solving in their lives.

Fire Safety and Management Training

(Skill Enhancement Course)

Course Description

This course aims to provide the basic knowledge and skills of fire safety, carrying out first aid fire fighting, recognising and operating fire fighting systems, responding to fire and other hazards, and maintaining safety of self and others.

SEMESTER FOUR

Relations with West Asia: Security Paradigm

Course Description

This course provides an in-depth introduction to historical as well as contemporary international relations of West Asian states with specific focus on issues having significant implications for India's National Security. The course is designed at exploring mainly the political, economic and cultural relationships between and among states of the region as well as their interactions with external powers having implications for the region. The preceding decades have witnessed the dramatic rise of religious assertion in political matters with huge implications on the entire gamut of other aspects of society and politics.

The aspects of analysis include the factors and reasons for the contemporary conflict ridden scenarios, efforts at peace and conflict resolution, incidence of cooperation in the form of alliance and regional integration, inter-state relations based on natural resources (especially oil), and religion. This region is the most vital and integral part of the global system or order because of its unique geostrategic, geo-economic and geopolitical groundings. It is at the crossroads connecting three continents and therefore acquires immense geostrategic significance in regional and world politics. The course explores the role and involvement of selected external and regional players that shape and characterise the international relations of the region.

Security Dynamics in Central Asia

Course Description

Central Asia has been the hub of civilisations for centuries. As part of the Silk Road, it has been at the intersection of trade, spread of religions, ideas, art, craft and culture. It has been a region of nomadic and sedentary lifestyles that has seen the spread of Arabic, Turkic and Persian influences and been part of several empires. Colonised by the Russians in the XIX century, it was also part of the Soviet Union. Five independent countries emerged after the collapse of the Soviet Union. The transition to market economy, desovietisation and the carving out of new political and ideological identities were part of the building of a new, independent statehood. Rich in energy resources, and strategically located in proximity to Afghanistan and West Asia, the Central Asian countries have become important players in world politics. The extensive exploration of hydrocarbon resources in Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan during the post-independence era has increased the geo-economic importance of Central Asia for the large economies of the world. The Central Asian countries like Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan which have comparatively little proven hydrocarbon resources have a huge potential for renewable hydro-electricity generation which makes them geo-economically far more important for their water and energy deficient immediate and extended neighbourhood. The objective of this course would be to introduce students to the security issues for India emanating from this culturally rich and politically complex region, which is part of India's larger neighbourhood, and India's strategic approach towards these security issues.

Intermediate Chinese

Course Description

This course aims to cultivate students' abilities to manage successfully a number of uncomplicated communicative tasks in straightforward social situations. This will also prepare students' ability of understanding text dealing with practice need such as highly standardized messages, phrases or instructions. It will enable students to process informative message provided on railway timetable, maps and street signs, etc. When the students write in the target language, they are able to recombine learned vocabularies and structures to create simple sentences on very familiar topics.

Elementary Arabic

Course Description

This will include Phrase "what he doing?", Demonstrative "here and there", (common words) Parts of house, clothes etc. Students will start understanding important things like, time (o'clock), ordinal numbers, Acquaintance and greetings, The article, Masculine and feminine, nationality. Students will also learn communicating in public sphere like hotel Airport and restaurants.

Russian Language: Speaking and Comprehensive 2

Course Description

Focus on the developing and practicing communicative skills and practicing comprehensive skills. Communicative approach is used. To achieve this goal through the numerous exercises, multiple tasks and activities for speaking and comprehensive practice
