

**PG Course: Core Course VI**

Semester	Two
Paper Number	MPLS4202
Paper Title	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: THEORIES AND ISSUES
No. of Credits	6
Theory/Composite	Theory
No. of periods assigned	Theory: 6 Practical: ---
Name of Faculty member(s)	
Course description/objective	This course on theories and issues of International Relations provides the student with an opportunity to gain insights into global politics and regional studies, to enhance their awareness and understanding of global threats and problems. Students will learn about various perspectives to the study of International Relations as an independent field of enquiry and the widening agenda and concerns of international relations in an age of globalization. Students will be able to equip and groom themselves as they aspire to take up challenging positions in government, international organizations, NGOs, consulting, academia, and the media.
Syllabus	<p><b><u>Module I (40 marks)</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Emergence of International Relations as an autonomous discipline–theory building in International Relations</li> <li>2. Contemporary theories : Realism and Neo-realism, Liberalism and Neo-liberalism, neo-neo debate</li> <li>3. Social Constructivism</li> <li>4. Alternative approaches to the study of International Relations: Historical Sociology, Global Society approach, Peace and Conflict approach</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Module II (40 marks)</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Environmental issues–climate change</li> <li>6. Energy crisis</li> <li>7. Globalisation: issues and debates</li> <li>8. Regionalism in international affairs</li> </ol>
Texts	

<p>Reading/Reference Lists</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chris Brown and Kirsten Ainley, <i>Understanding International Relations</i>, 4<sup>th</sup> edition, London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009.</li> <li>2. J. Timmons Roberts and Amy Bellone Hite eds., <i>The Globalization and Development Reader – Perspectives on Development and Global Change</i>, MA, USA: Blackwell Publishing, 2007.</li> <li>3. Christian Reus-Smit and Duncan Snidal eds., <i>The Oxford Handbook of International Relations</i>, Oxford University Press, 2010.</li> <li>4. Steve Smith, Ken Booth and Marysia Zalewski eds., <i>International Theory: positivism and beyond</i>, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996.</li> <li>5. J. Baylis and S. Smith, <i>The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations</i>, 4<sup>th</sup> edition, Oxford University Press, 2005.</li> <li>6. K. Waltz, <i>Theory of International Politics</i>, USA: Waveland Press, 2010.</li> <li>7. A. Blair and Steve Curtis, <i>International Politics – An Introductory Guide</i>, Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2009.</li> </ol>
<p>Course Outcomes/ Evaluation</p>	<p>CIA: 20 End-Semester: 80</p>