

BS Program Layout

The scheme of study for the program of Bachelor of Science (BS) in International Relations (irrespective of the area of specialization) is given as under:

Semester-wise Scheme of Studies for BS in International Relations

Semester I			
Course Code	Course Type	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.
UHQ-5112	General Compulsory	Understanding of Holy Quran I	1
IR-5101	Major	Introduction to International Relations	3
GEO-5140	Interdisciplinary	Introduction to Geography	3
QTR-5110	General Education	Quantitative Reasoning I	3
ARA-5116	General Education (Arts & Humanities)	Arabic	2
ENG-5105	General Education	Functional English	3
ICT-5107	General Education	Application of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)	3 (2+1)
TOTAL			18

Semester II			
Course Code	Course Type	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.
UHQ-5213	General Compulsory	Understanding of Holy Quran II	1
IR-5202	Major	Geo Political Structure of the World	3
IR-5203	Major	International Relations Since 1648 –1945	3
IR-5204	Major	Regional And International Organizations	3
QTR-5211	General Education	Quantitative Reasoning II ¹	3
ENG-5205	General Education	Expository Writing	3
PKS-5209	General Education	Pakistan Studies	2
TOTAL			18

¹ For enhanced relevance to IR research, the Departmental Council's approval is sought to ensure that the faculty teaching this course incorporates **Statistical Techniques**: Descriptive Statistics (Mean, Median, Mode, SD, Frequency Distributions), Correlation Analysis (Pearson/Spearman), Regression Analysis (Linear & Logistic), T-tests/ANOVA, Chi-Square Test; and **Software applications** including SPSS, R, NVivo, and Excel into the course outline for empirical analysis and interpretation.

Semester III			
Course Code	Course Type	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.
IR-5305	Major	Theories of International Relations	3
IR-5306	Major	International Relations Since 1945	3
IR-5307	Major	International Law	3
EDS-5322	General Education	Everyday Science ²	3(2+1)
ISL-5308	General Education	Islamic Studies/ Ethics ³	2
ICP-5306	General Education	Ideology and Constitution of Pakistan	2
TOTAL			16

Semester IV			
Course Code	Course Type	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.

² Attached Course Outline is placed for approval

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IR-5408	Major	Globalization And International Relations	3
IR-5409	Major	Foreign Policy Analysis	3
IR-5414	Major	Conflict Management and Resolution	3
ECO-5437	General Education	Introduction to Economics	2
CCE-5401	General Education	Civics and Community Engagement	2
ETR-5402	General Education	Entrepreneurships	2
TOTAL			15

Semester V			
Course Code	Course Type	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.
IR-6511	Major	Diplomacy	3
IGS-6539	Interdisciplinary	Introduction to Gender Studies	3
IR-6512	Major	International Political Economy	3

IR-6513	Major	Global Politics of Environment	3
SOC-6557	Interdisciplinary	Introduction to Sociology	3
IR-6510	Major	Foreign Policy of Pakistan	3
Total			18

Semester VI			
Course Code	Course Type	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.
IR-6615	Major	Foreign Policy Of Major Powers	3
IR-6616	Major	Defense and Strategic Studies	3
IR(X)-66....	Major	Elective I	3
IRA..-66...	Major	Elective II	3
IR-6631	MAJOR + General Education	Research Methodology: Academic Writing and Research Methods	3
IR-6622	Major	Geopolitics of Azad Jammu and Kashmir ⁴	1

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Semester VII			
Course Code	Course Type	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.
IR-6717	Major	Regional Connectivity	3
IR-6718	Major	Nuclear Studies	3
IRA..-67...	Major	Elective III	3
IRA..-67...	Major	Elective IV	3
IDS-6704	Interdisciplinary	Sustainable Development	3
IR-6720	Mandatory	Internship ⁵	3
TOTAL			18

⁵Internship is a mandatory degree award requirement of three (03) credit hours for Bachelor of Science (BS) in International Relations. Internship of six (06) to eight (08) weeks (preferably undertaken during semester or summer break) must be graded by a faculty member in collaboration with the supervisor in the field. This requirement cannot be substituted with additional course work, capstone or project work.

Semester VIII			
Course Code	Course Type	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.
IR- 6819	Major	Arms Control, Disarmament, And Nuclear Non-Proliferation	3
IRA..-68...	Major	Elective V	3
IRA..-68...	Major	Elective VI	3
IRA..-68...	Major	Elective VII	3
IR-6823	Major	Dynamics of Kashmir Conflict ⁶	1
IR-6821	Mandatory	Capstone ⁷	3
		TOTAL	16

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⁷ Capstone project is a mandatory degree award requirement of three (03) credit hours for Bachelor of Science (BS) in International Relations. The capstone project must be supervised and graded by a faculty member as per the protocols prescribed by the department. This requirement cannot be substituted with additional course work or internship.

List of Courses

General Compulsory (HEC requirement)		
16 Courses		
37 Credit Hours		
Code	Subject	Cr. Hr.
ENG-XX05	Functional English	3
ENG-XX04	Expository English	3
EDS-XX22	Natural Sciences (Everyday Science)	3
CHI-XX20	Arts and Humanities (Culture and History of Indus Civilization)	2
ECO-XX37	Social Sciences (Introduction to Economics)	2
ISL-XX08	Islamic Studies/ Ethics	2
QTR-XX10	Quantitative Reasoning I	3
QTR-XX11	Quantitative Reasoning II	3
PKS-XX09	Pakistan Studies	2
ICP-XX06	Ideology and Constitution of Pakistan	2
ICT-XX07	Applications of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)	3
ETR-XX02	Entrepreneurship	2
CCE-XX01	Civics and Community Engagement	2
IR-XX31	Academic Writing and Research Methods	3
UHQ-XX10	Understanding of Holy Quran I	1
UHQ-XX11	Understanding of Holy Quran II	1
Total		37

Interdisciplinary Course		
Opt 4 Courses		
12 Credit Hours		
Code	Subject	Cr. Hr.
CPS-0019	Communication and Presentation Skills	3
IDS-XX01	Comparative Politics	3
ANT-XX27	Introduction to Anthropology	3
IDS-XX02	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3
IDS-XX03	Introduction to Development Studies	3
ECO-XX37	Introduction to Economics	3
IGS-XX39	Introduction to Gender Studies	3
GEO-XX40	Introduction to Geography	3
PHL-XX51	Introduction to Philosophy	3
POL-XX53	Introduction to Political Science	3
PSY-XX54	Introduction to Psychology	3
SCO-XX57	Introduction to Sociology	3
IPP-XX56	Introduction to Public Policy	3
IDS-XX04	Sustainable Development	3
IDS-XX05	Technology & Society	3
IDS-XX06	World History: Ancient to Modern Times	3

IDS-XX07	Introduction to Cultural Studies	3
IDS-XX08	Introduction to World Religions	3
IDS-XX09	Introduction to Social Work	3
IDS-XX10	Introduction to Demography and Population Studies	3

Discipline Specific Foundation Courses	
30 Courses (19 Foundation Course, Internship, Capstone, 2 new courses and 7 Elective Courses)	
86 Credit Hours (57+3+3+1+1+21)	
Code Starting from IR-XX01 ⁸ to IR-XX30	
Subject	Cr. Hr.
1. Introduction to International Relations	3
2. Geo Political Structure Of The World	3
3. International Relations Since 1648 – 1945	3
4. Regional And International Organizations	3
5. Theories of International Relations	3
6. International Relations Since 1945 – 2000	3
7. International Law	3
8. Globalization And International Relations	3
9. Foreign Policy Analysis	3
10. Foreign Policy of Pakistan	3
11. Diplomacy	3
12. International Political Economy	3
13. Global Politics of Environment	3
14. Conflict Management And Resolution	3
15. Foreign Policies of Major Powers	3
16. Defense and Strategic Studies	3
17. Regional Connectivity	3
18. Nuclear Studies	3
19. Arms Control, Disarmament And Nuclear Proliferation	3
20. Internship	3
21. Capstone Project	3
22. Geopolitics of AJK	1
23. Dynamics of Kashmir Conflict	1
24. Elective I	3
25. Elective II	3
26. Elective III	3
27. Elective IV	3
28. Elective V	3
29. Elective VI	3
30. Elective VII	3

⁸ XX01 = Level Semester 01 eg 5101 for Introduction to IR

Total	86
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Elective Within the Major Specializations of IR	
7 Courses	
21 Credit Hours	
Subject	
NON-AREA STUDY SPECIALIZATION	
IRA-XX01 to IRA-XX15 <u>BLUE ECONOMY</u> 1) Blue Economy and Geopolitics 2) Climate Change Impacts on Coastal Economies 3) Deep-Sea Mining: Opportunities and Challenges 4) Fisheries Policy and Economic Development 5) Governance of Marine Protected Areas 6) International Maritime Law and Governance 7) Marine Biodiversity and Conservation Policy 8) Marine Energy and Renewable Resources 9) Maritime Logistics and Global Shipping Networks 10) Maritime Security and Piracy Studies 11) Ocean Acidification and Policy Responses 12) Oceanic Trade and Global Supply Chains 13) Role of Ports in Regional Development 14) Small Island Economies and Development Strategies 15) Sustainable Marine Resource Management	
IRB-XX01 to IRB-XX15 <u>DEFENSE AND STRATEGIC STUDIES</u> 1) Arms Procurement and Defense Industry Management 2) Artificial Intelligence in Modern Defense Systems 3) Asymmetric Warfare and Counterinsurgency 4) Civil-Military Relations in Democratic States 5) Comparative Defense Policies of Major Powers 6) Counterterrorism Strategies and Policies 7) Cyber Defense and Information Warfare 8) Defense Economics and Budgeting 9) Ethics in Warfare and Military Conduct 10) History of Modern Warfare 11) Intelligence Operations and National Security 12) Maritime Security and Naval Strategy 13) Military Alliances and Regional Security Complexes 14) Military Strategy and Grand Tactics 15) Space Security and Satellite Warfare	
IRC-XX01 to IRC-XX15 <u>DIPLOMACY</u> 1) Case Studies in Diplomatic Crises 2) Conflict Mediation and Peace Agreements 3) Crisis Diplomacy and Conflict Management	

- 4) Cultural Diplomacy and Soft Power Strategies
- 5) Digital Diplomacy and Cyber Negotiations
- 6) Diplomacy of Emerging Powers (e.g., BRICS nations)
- 7) Diplomatic Protocol and Consular Practices
- 8) Economic Statecraft and Trade Negotiations
- 9) Energy Diplomacy and Resource Politics
- 10) Multilateral Diplomacy and Global Governance
- 11) Negotiation Techniques in International Relations
- 12) Public Diplomacy in the Age of Social Media
- 13) The Role of International Diplomats and Envoys
- 14) The Role of the United Nations in Diplomacy
- 15) Track II Diplomacy and Informal Negotiations

IRD-XX01 to IRD-XX15 EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

- 1) Artificial Intelligence in Global Politics
- 2) Autonomous Weapons and Global Security
- 3) Big Data Analytics in International Relations
- 4) Biotechnologies and International Regulations
- 5) Blockchain Technology in International Trade
- 6) Cyber Diplomacy and International Norms
- 7) Cyber Warfare and Global Security Dynamics
- 8) Digital Currencies and Global Financial Systems
- 9) Emerging Technologies and National Security Strategies
- 10) Ethics and Governance of AI in International Relations
- 11) Internet Governance and Cyber Sovereignty
- 12) Role of Social Media in Global Politics
- 13) Smart Borders and Surveillance Technologies
- 14) Space Technologies and International Competition
- 15) Technology and Human Rights in the Digital Age

IRE-XX01 to IRE-XX15 FOREIGN POLICY ANALYSIS

- 1) Alliance Building and Coalition Formation
- 2) Case Studies in Successful and Failed Foreign Policies
- 3) Comparative Foreign Policies of Major Powers
- 4) Decision-Making Processes in Foreign Policy Formulation
- 5) Economic Tools of Foreign Policy (Sanctions, Aid, Trade)
- 6) Foreign Policy in the Age of Multipolarity
- 7) Foreign Policy of Developing Nations
- 8) Media and its Influence on Foreign Policy Decisions
- 9) Regional Foreign Policy Dynamics in South Asia
- 10) Role of Leadership in Shaping Foreign Policy
- 11) The Foreign Policy of the European Union
- 12) The Impact of Public Opinion on Foreign Policy
- 13) The Role of Domestic Politics in Foreign Policy
- 14) The Role of Ideology and National Identity in Foreign Policy

15) The Role of Think Tanks in Foreign Policy Formulation

IRF-XX01 to IRF-XX15 GEOPOLITICS

- 1) Case Studies in Geopolitical Conflicts
- 2) Cyber Geopolitics and Digital Sovereignty
- 3) Emerging Powers and Their Strategic Objectives
- 4) Energy Geopolitics and Resource Wars
- 5) Geography of Power and Global Competition
- 6) Geopolitical Rivalries in the Indo-Pacific Region
- 7) Geopolitics of Maritime Trade Routes and Chokepoints
- 8) Geopolitics of the Arctic and Polar Regions
- 9) Great Power Rivalry in the Post-Cold War Era
- 10) Regional Geopolitics of South Asia and the Middle East
- 11) Territorial Disputes and Border Politics
- 12) The Geopolitical Dimensions of Climate Change
- 13) The Geopolitical Impact of Belt and Road Initiative
- 14) Theories of Geopolitics: Classical and Contemporary Approaches
- 15) Urban Geopolitics: Cities as Strategic Zones

IRG-XX01 to IRG-XX15 GLOBAL GOVERNANCE

- 1) Accountability and Transparency in International Organizations
- 2) Global Governance and Public Health Crises
- 3) Global Governance of Climate Change and Sustainability
- 4) Governance of Cybersecurity and Internet Freedom
- 5) Governance of International Financial Institutions
- 6) Governance of Technology and Artificial Intelligence
- 7) International Migration Governance and Policy
- 8) Multilateralism in the 21st Century
- 9) Power Dynamics in Global Governance Institutions
- 10) Reforming International Governance Structures
- 11) Regional Governance Mechanisms: Case Studies
- 12) The Evolution of Governance in International Trade
- 13) The Role of NGOs and Civil Society in Global Governance
- 14) The Role of the United Nations in Global Crisis Management
- 15) Theories of Global Governance

IRH-XX01 to IRH-XX15 GLOBAL POLITICS OF ENVIRONMENT

- 1) Biodiversity Politics and Conservation Policies
- 2) Climate Diplomacy and Global Sustainability Effort
- 3) Climate Justice and International Equity
- 4) Environmental Disasters and Global Security
- 5) Environmental Refugees and Migration Politics
- 6) Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture
- 7) International Environmental Agreements and Protocols

- 8) Oceans Governance and Marine Biodiversity Conservation
- 9) Renewable Energy Policies in Global Contexts
- 10) Resource Scarcity and Environmental Conflict
- 11) The Global Politics of Waste Management
- 12) The Political Economy of Carbon Markets
- 13) The Politics of Water Security and Transboundary Rivers
- 14) The Role of Non-State Actors in Environmental Advocacy
- 15) Urbanization and the Global Environmental Agenda

IRI-XX01 to IRI-XX15 HUMAN RIGHTS

- 1) Business and Human Rights: Corporate Responsibility
- 2) Child Rights and the Role of International Organizations
- 3) Climate Justice as a Human Rights Issue
- 4) Cultural Relativism and Universalism in Human Rights
- 5) Digital Rights and Privacy in the Information Age
- 6) Genocide Studies and the Responsibility to Protect
- 7) Human Rights in the Context of Armed Conflict
- 8) Human Rights Violations and Accountability Mechanisms
- 9) International Human Rights Law and Enforcement Mechanisms
- 10) Minority Rights in Multicultural Societies
- 11) Refugee Rights and Migration Policies
- 12) The Role of NGOs in Human Rights Advocacy
- 13) The Role of the United Nations in Human Rights Protection
- 14) Transitional Justice and Post-Conflict Reconciliation
- 15) Women's Rights in International Law and Politics

IRJ-XX01 to IRJ-XX15 INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 1) Climate-Resilient Development and Adaptation Strategies
- 2) Development and Trade Policies of Emerging Economies
- 3) Development Ethics and Cultural Sensitivities
- 4) Education for Development: Policies and Practices
- 5) Foreign Aid: Effectiveness and Controversies
- 6) Gender and Development in Global Contexts
- 7) Global Health and Development Policies
- 8) Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development
- 9) Poverty Alleviation Policies and Global Best Practices
- 10) Sustainable Development Goals and Global Strategies
- 11) Technology and Innovation in International Development
- 12) The Political Economy of International Development
- 13) The Role of International Financial Institutions in Development
- 14) The Role of Regional Organizations in Promoting Development
- 15) Urbanization and Development Challenges in the Global South

IRK-XX01 to IRK-XX15 INTERNATIONAL LAW

- 1) Advanced Topics in International Criminal Law
- 2) Comparative International Environmental Law

- 3) Counter-Terrorism and International Legal Norms
- 4) Extraterritorial Application of Human Rights Law
- 5) Intellectual Property Law in International Relations
- 6) International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution
- 7) International Law and Cyber Warfare
- 8) International Law and the Protection of Indigenous Peoples
- 9) Law of State Responsibility
- 10) Law of the Sea and Maritime Disputes
- 11) Legal Frameworks of the United Nations
- 12) Legal Perspectives on Humanitarian Intervention
- 13) Sovereignty and International Law in the 21st Century
- 14) The Role of International Courts and Tribunals
- 15) Treaty Law and Diplomacy

IRL-XX01 to IRL-XX15 INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY

- 1) Case Studies in Global Economic Disputes
- 2) Comparative Political Economies of Developing Nations
- 3) Cryptocurrency and the Future of Global Finance
- 4) Economic Sanctions and International Power Politics
- 5) Financial Crises and Global Economic Governance
- 6) Global Supply Chains and Political Economy
- 7) International Labor Movements and Economic Policy
- 8) Political Economy of Natural Resource Management
- 9) The Impact of Multinational Corporations on State Sovereignty
- 10) The Political Economy of Development Aid
- 11) The Political Economy of Globalization
- 12) The Politics of International Trade Agreements
- 13) The Role of BRICS in the Global Economy
- 14) The Role of Economic Policies in Regional Integration
- 15) Trade Wars and Their Global Implications

IRM-XX01 to IRM-XX15 MIGRATION AND REFUGES STUDIES

- 1) Asylum Systems and Humanitarian Assistance
- 2) Climate-Induced Displacement and Migration
- 3) Diasporas and Transnational Communities
- 4) Economic Impacts of Migration
- 5) Gender and Migration Studies
- 6) Global Patterns and Trends in Migration
- 7) Human Trafficking and Modern-Day Slavery
- 8) Integration Policies for Refugees and Migrants
- 9) Migration Narratives and Media Representation
- 10) Migration Policy and Border Governance
- 11) Migration, Security, and Policy Challenges
- 12) Refugee Camps and Crisis Management
- 13) Refugee Rights and International Law
- 14) The Role of International Organizations in Refugee Management

15) Urbanization and Migrant Communities

IRN-XX01 to IRN-XX15 NUCLEAR STUDIES

- 1) Arms Control Mechanisms and Verification Challenges
- 2) Case Studies in Nuclear Crises
- 3) Civil-Military Relations in Nuclear States
- 4) Emerging Technologies and the Future of Nuclear Security
- 5) International Atomic Energy Agency: Roles and Challenges
- 6) Nuclear Deterrence and Strategic Stability
- 7) Nuclear Energy and Non-Proliferation Treaties
- 8) Nuclear Weapons and International Law
- 9) Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction
- 10) Regional Nuclear Rivalries and Their Impacts
- 11) Tactical Nuclear Weapons and Battlefield Implications
- 12) The Ethics of Nuclear Weapons and Their Use
- 13) The History of the Nuclear Age
- 14) The Politics of Nuclear Disarmament
- 15) The Role of Nuclear Weapons in National Security Strategies

IRO-XX01 to IRO-XX15 PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES

- 1) Community-Based Conflict Resolution
- 2) Conflict Analysis and Mapping
- 3) Cultural Dimensions of Peacebuilding
- 4) Economic Dimensions of Peacebuilding
- 5) Environmental Conflicts and Peacebuilding
- 6) Gender and Conflict
- 7) Humanitarian Intervention and Responsibility to Protect (R2P)
- 8) International Organizations and Peacekeeping
- 9) Peace Processes and Negotiation Strategies
- 10) Post-Conflict Reconstruction and State-Building
- 11) Religion and Conflict Resolution
- 12) The Politics of Ceasefires and Peace Agreements
- 13) The Role of Media in Peace and Conflict
- 14) Theories of Peace and Conflict
- 15) Transitional Justice and Reconciliation

IRP-XX01 to IRP-XX15 POLITICAL VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM

- 1) Case Studies in Global Terrorism
- 2) Causes and Dynamics of Terrorism
- 3) Counterterrorism Policies and Strategies
- 4) Cyber Terrorism and Digital Security
- 5) Insurgencies and Counterinsurgency Strategies
- 6) Media and Political Violence
- 7) Non-State Actors in Political Violence
- 8) Political Violence in Civil Conflicts
- 9) Radicalization and Deradicalization Processes

10) Religion and Political Extremism 11) Role of International Organizations in Combating Terrorism 12) State Violence and Human Rights 13) Suicide Terrorism: Motivations and Tactics 14) Terrorism Financing and Economic Impacts 15) Theories of Political Violence <u>IRQ-XX01 to IRQ-XX15 REGIONAL INTEGRATION</u> 1) Case Studies in Regional Integration (EU, ASEAN, AU) 2) Cross-Border Conflict and Integration Policies 3) Cultural Dimensions of Regional Integration 4) Geopolitics of Regional Energy Cooperation 5) Migration and Labor Policies in Regional Integration 6) Political Challenges to Regional Cooperation 7) Regional Connectivity and Infrastructure Development 8) Regional Economic Integration and Trade Agreements 9) Regional Integration in South Asia: Challenges and Prospects 10) Regionalism vs. Globalization: Comparative Analysis 11) Role of Regional Courts in Conflict Resolution 12) Role of Regional Integration in Sustainable Development 13) Role of Regional Organizations in Global Governance 14) Security Cooperation in Regional Frameworks 15) Theories and Models of Regional Integration <u>IRR-XX01 to IRR-XX15 SECURITY STUDIES</u> 1) Asymmetric and Hybrid Warfare 2) Critical Infrastructure Protection in the Digital Age 3) Cybersecurity in International Relations 4) Emerging Technologies and Global Security Challenges 5) Environmental Security and Resource Conflicts 6) International Terrorism and Counterterrorism Strategies 7) Maritime Security and Piracy in International Waters 8) Military Alliances and Collective Security 9) Non-Traditional Security Threats: Pandemics and Climate Change 10) Post-Conflict Security Sector Reform 11) Private Military Companies and Security Outsourcing 12) Space Security and the Militarization of Outer Space 13) The Politics of Intelligence and Espionage 14) Transnational Crime and Global Governance 15) Weapons of Mass Destruction: Proliferation and Control	
AREA STUDY SPECIALIZATIONS	
<u>IRS-XX01 to IRS-XX15 AFRICAN STUDIES</u> 1) African Diaspora and Global Influence 2) African Economic Development: Challenges and Opportunities	

- 3) African Literature and Political Narratives
- 4) Case Studies in African Foreign Policies
- 5) China-Africa Relations: Geopolitical and Economic Perspectives
- 6) Colonial Legacies and Modern African States
- 7) Conflict and Peacebuilding in Sub-Saharan Africa
- 8) Contemporary Political Systems in Africa
- 9) Ethnic Conflicts and Identity Politics in Africa
- 10) Human Rights and Governance in Africa
- 11) Natural Resources and Environmental Politics in Africa
- 12) Post-Colonial State-Building in Africa
- 13) Public Health and Pandemic Responses in Africa
- 14) The Politics of African Regional Organizations (e.g., AU, ECOWAS)
- 15) Urbanization and Social Change in African Cities

IRT-XX01 to IRT-XX15 AMERICAN STUDIES

- 1) America's Role in Global Security Alliances (e.g., NATO)
- 2) American Exceptionalism: Myth or Reality?
- 3) Case Studies in U.S. Interventions Abroad
- 4) Climate Policy and Environmental Movements in the U.S.
- 5) Immigration and Identity in U.S. Society
- 6) Media and Politics in American Society
- 7) Populism and Polarization in American Politics
- 8) Race, Ethnicity, and Civil Rights Movements in the U.S.
- 9) The Political Economy of the United States
- 10) The Role of Religion in U.S. Politics
- 11) The U.S. Constitution and Political System
- 12) U.S. Foreign Policy: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives
- 13) U.S. Leadership in International Organizations
- 14) U.S. Policy in Latin America and the Caribbean
- 15) U.S.-China Relations: Competition and Cooperation

IRU-XX01 to IRU-XX15 CHINA STUDIES

- 1) China's Foreign Policy and Global Strategy
- 2) China's Military Modernization and Regional Security
- 3) China's Political System and Governance Model
- 4) China's Role in Global Trade and Investment
- 5) China's Role in Regional Organizations (e.g., SCO, ASEAN+)
- 6) China's Soft Power Strategy in Global Affairs
- 7) China-Africa Relations: Development or Dependency?
- 8) China-U.S. Relations in the 21st Century
- 9) Digital Governance and Surveillance in China
- 10) Economic Reforms and Growth in Modern China
- 11) Energy Politics and Environmental Policies in China
- 12) Historical Perspectives on Modern Chinese Diplomacy
- 13) Human Rights and Social Policies in China
- 14) Taiwan and Hong Kong: Political and Strategic Dynamics

15) The Belt and Road Initiative: Global Implications

IRV-XX01 to IRV-XX15 EUROPEAN STUDIES

- 1) Brexit and Its Implications for Europe
- 2) Case Studies in European Diplomacy
- 3) Cultural Diversity and Integration in Europe
- 4) Eastern Europe and Post-Soviet Transitions
- 5) EU's Foreign Policy and Relations with the Global South
- 6) Europe and Climate Change: Policies and Challenges
- 7) Europe's Energy Security and Relations with Russia
- 8) Europe's Role in Global Security and Defense
- 9) European Colonial Legacies in Global Politics
- 10) European Union Governance and Policy-Making
- 11) Human Rights and the Rule of Law in Europe
- 12) Migration and Refugee Policies in Europe
- 13) Rise of Populism and Nationalism in Europe
- 14) The Eurozone Crisis and Economic Integration
- 15) The Role of Germany and France in EU Leadership

IRW-XX01 to IRW-XX15 FAR EAST ASIAN STUDIES

- 1) ASEAN's Role in Regional Stability
- 2) Case Studies in Regional Cooperation in East Asia
- 3) Cultural Diplomacy in Japan, Korea, and China
- 4) Historical Legacies and Nationalism in East Asia
- 5) Japan's Post-War Foreign Policy
- 6) Maritime Security in the Pacific Rim
- 7) North Korea's Foreign Policy and Regional Security
- 8) Political Systems and Governance in East Asian States
- 9) South Korea's Economic Miracle and Global Influence
- 10) Taiwan's Strategic Importance in Asia
- 11) The Geopolitics of the South China Sea
- 12) The Impact of Western Influence on East Asia
- 13) The Role of Technology and Innovation in East Asia
- 14) Trade and Investment in the Far East: Challenges and Opportunities
- 15) Urbanization and Social Transformation in East Asia

IRX-XX01 to IRAX-XX15 MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES

- 1) Arab-Israeli Conflict: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives
- 2) Geopolitics of the Persian Gulf
- 3) Governance and Political Systems in the Middle East
- 4) Human Rights and Civil Society Movements in the Middle East
- 5) Middle Eastern Media and Cultural Dynamics
- 6) Peace Processes and Conflict Resolution in the Middle East
- 7) Refugee Crises in the Middle East: Causes and Impacts
- 8) Regional Organizations in the Middle East (e.g., GCC, Arab League)
- 9) Sectarianism and Identity Politics in the Middle East

- 10) The Arab Spring and Its Aftermath
- 11) The Politics of Oil in the Middle East
- 12) The Role of Religion in Middle Eastern Politics
- 13) U.S. and Russian Policies in the Middle East
- 14) Water Security and Environmental Challenges in the Middle East
- 15) Women's Rights and Gender Policies in the Middle East

IRY-XX01 to IRY-XX15 RUSSIA, CENTRAL ASIA, AND CAUCASIAN STUDIES

- 1) Case Studies in Conflict Resolution in Central Asia
- 2) Central Asia's Connectivity with China's Belt and Road Initiative
- 3) Economic Integration in the Eurasian Region
- 4) Energy Politics in Russia and Central Asia
- 5) Ethnic Conflicts and Identity Politics in the Caucasus
- 6) Historical Legacies of the Soviet Union
- 7) Human Rights and Civil Society in Russia and the Caucasus
- 8) Islam and Politics in Central Asia
- 9) Post-Soviet Transitions in Central Asia
- 10) Regional Security Dynamics in the Caucasus
- 11) Russia's Role in Global Power Rivalries
- 12) Russian Foreign Policy and Global Influence
- 13) Russian Media and Propaganda Strategies
- 14) Russian-American Relations in the 21st Century
- 15) Water Resource Management in Central Asia

IRZ-XX01 to IRZ-XX15 SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

- 1) Afghanistan and Regional Security in South Asia
- 2) Case Studies in Foreign Policy of South Asian States
- 3) China's Influence in South Asia
- 4) Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding in South Asia
- 5) Ethnic Diversity and Political Systems in South Asia
- 6) Gender and Governance in South Asia
- 7) Human Rights and Development in South Asia
- 8) India-Pakistan Relations: Historical and Contemporary Dynamics
- 9) Regional Cooperation in South Asia: Challenges and Prospects
- 10) Religious Movements and Their Impact on South Asian Politics
- 11) The Geopolitics of River Basins in South Asia
- 12) The Impact of Colonial Legacies in South Asia
- 13) The Political Economy of South Asia
- 14) The Role of SAARC in Regional Integration
- 15) Urbanization and Social Change in South Asia

Agenda Item 6

Course Outlines Approval

Five Course Outlines are placed before the forum for academic review and formal approval:

Course Outlines

Geopolitics of Azad Jammu & Kashmir(AJK)	Credit Hour 1
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Course Objectives

This course aims to:

- Introduce students to the geopolitical significance of AJK.
- Examine AJK's role in the Kashmir conflict and South Asian geopolitics.
- Explore AJK's role in emerging geo-economic connectivity (CPEC, trade, energy routes).
- Examine the interplay of regional and global powers in AJK's geostrategic outlook.

Learning Outcomes

By the completion of this course student will be able to:

1. Understand the geography and geostrategic importance of AJK.
2. Analyze the Kashmir dispute in geopolitical terms.
3. Evaluate AJK's position in regional and global politics.
4. Assess AJK's role in regional connectivity and geo-economics.
5. Analyze how AJK shapes Pakistan's and the region's strategic future.

Course Content

1. Introduction
 - Basic concepts of geopolitics
 - AJK's geography and strategic location
2. AJK in Regional Context
 - AJK and the Kashmir conflict
 - Pakistan–India rivalry and Line of Control (LOC)
 - AJK's linkages with Gilgit-Baltistan and CPEC
3. Regional and Global Dimensions
 - AJK in Pakistan–India strategic competition
 - Role of China, US, and international organizations
 - AJK's potential in regional integration (SAARC, SCO, OIC)

4. AJK in Geo-economic Connectivity
 - AJK's role in CPEC and the Belt & Road Initiative
 - Energy, water resources, and hydropower potential
 - Trade linkages with Gilgit-Baltistan and beyond
5. Contemporary Challenges and Future Prospects
 - Human rights and self-determination
 - Economic integration vs. conflict trap
 - Policy choices for Pakistan and AJK

Assessment:

1. Sessionals (35%)
 - Quizzes (15%)
 - Presentation (10%)
 - Assignments/ Report Writing (10%)
2. Mid Term (25%)
 - Written (Long Questions, Short Questions)
3. Final Term (40%)
 - Written (Long Questions, Short Questions)

Suggested Readings

- 1) Wirsing, R. G. (2003). Kashmir in the Shadow of War. Routledge.
- 2) Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad. (2020, March 10). CPEC in AJ&K: Regional Connectivity & Beyond [Report].
- 3) Hayyat, J. (2023). Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Polity, Politics, and Power-Sharing. Oxford University Press Pakistan.
- 4) Husain, M. (2025). Geography of Jammu and Kashmir. Books Readify. <https://booksreadify.com/download/geography-of-jammu-and-kashmir-by-majid-husain-4973089>
- 5) Muneer, S., Rabbani, A., & Iftikhar, A. (2018). CPEC: Crafting a Rational Way Towards Kashmir Dispute. Journal of the Punjab University Historical Society, 31(1), 1–14.
- 6) Ahmed, F. (2023). The Kashmir Conflict Amid the Geopolitical Chess Game of Three Nuclear Powers. World Geostrategic Insight (WGI). <https://www.wgi.world/the-kashmir-conflict-amid-the-geopolitical-chess-game-of-three-nuclear-powers/>
- 7) Wagner, C., & Stanzel, A. (2020, November). Redrawing the Maps in Kashmir (SWP Comment No. 52).
- 8) United Nations, & Organization of Islamic Cooperation. Documents on the Kashmir issue.

Dynamics of Kashmir Conflict	Credit hour 1
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Course Objectives:

The course aims to provide undergrads with sufficient understanding of the geographic, historical, political, diplomatic, social and legal perspectives on Kashmir issue and its importance in International Relations.

- To study and analyze the United Nations Resolutions on the Kashmir Conflict and to evaluate them separately.
- To equip students with a sound grounding of the role of Major Powers in the Kashmir Conflict.

Course Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, the students will be able to:

- Demonstrate increased understanding on the Kashmir Conflict.
- Assess different resolutions by United Nations on Kashmir conflict.
- Critically analyze the conflict and share out of the box ideas in making a contribution to the academic discourse.

Course Contents:

1. Geo-political and Historical Perspectives on Kashmir Conflict

- Pre-partitioning
- Partitioning of the Subcontinent
- Post-Interdependence
- Cold War
- Post-Cold War

2. Current Nature and Significance of the Conflict

3. Moral, Legal, and International Law Perspectives on Kashmir Conflict

4. Role of the UN, and other International Forums

5. Internal Dynamics of Kashmir

6. Pakistan and India's Standpoints

7. Issues of Human Rights

8. Role of Major Powers and International Community in Kashmir Conflict

9. Options on Resolution of Kashmir Conflict and the Way Forward

Assessment:

1. Sessionals (35%)

- Quizzes (15%)
- Presentation (10%)
- Assignments/ Report Writing (10%)

2. Mid Term (25%)

- Written (Long Questions, Short Questions)

3. Final Term (40%)

- Written (Long Questions, Short Questions)

Recommended Books:

1. Alastair Lamb, Kashmir: A Disputed Legacy, 1846-1990 (Oxford University Press, 1991).
2. Alastair Lamb, Incomplete Partition: The Genesis of the Kashmir Dispute, 1947-1948 (London: Oxford University Press, 2002).
3. Ijaz Hussain, Kashmir Dispute: An International Law Perspective (National Institute of Pakistan Studies: Quaid-i-Azam University Islamabad, 1998).
4. Victoria Schofield, Kashmir in Conflict: India, Pakistan and the Unending War (IB Tauris, 2000)

Everyday Science	Credit hour 3 (2+1)
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Course Description

This course introduces the basic principles of natural sciences and their applications in everyday life. It covers concepts from physics, chemistry, biology, earth sciences, space science, and information technology in a simplified manner. The aim is to promote scientific literacy, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills while linking science with societal, environmental, and technological developments.

Course Objectives

The course aims to:

1. Familiarize students with fundamental concepts of science.
2. Explain the role of science in daily human activities.
3. Develop logical and critical reasoning skills.
4. Create awareness about environmental and technological issues.
5. Build a foundation for advanced scientific learning.

Learning Outcomes

After successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Define and explain the basic principles of natural sciences.
- Apply scientific reasoning to daily life situations.
- Demonstrate understanding of human biology, health, and environment.
- Analyze scientific phenomena in the physical and natural world.
- Relate modern technological advancements to everyday life.

Weekly Course Contents

Week 1: Introduction to Everyday Science

- Scope, importance, and applications of science
- Scientific method and reasoning

Week 2: Matter and Its Properties

- States of matter
- Physical and chemical changes

Week 3: Force and Motion

- Newton's laws of motion
- Speed, velocity, and acceleration

Week 4: Work, Energy, and Power

- Types and transformation of energy
- Conservation of energy in daily life

Week 5: Heat and Temperature

- Heat transfer: conduction, convection, radiation
- Applications in daily life

Week 6: Light and Sound

- Reflection, refraction, lenses, and optical instruments
- Sound waves, frequency, and noise pollution

Week 7: Electricity and Magnetism

- Current, circuits, household electricity
- Magnetic fields and applications

Week 8: Midterm Examination

Week 9: The World of Chemistry

- Elements, compounds, and mixtures
- Acids, bases, and salts in daily life

Week 10: Biology and Human Body

- Cell structure and function
- Major systems of the human body

Week 11: Health, Nutrition, and Diseases

- Balanced diet and nutrition
- Communicable and non-communicable diseases

Week 12: Earth and Environment

- Structure of earth, rocks, and minerals
- Environmental pollution and conservation

Week 13: The Universe and Space Science

- Solar system, planets, and galaxies
- Satellites and Pakistan's space program

Week 14: Information and Communication Technology

- Computers, internet, and mobile communication
- Artificial intelligence and robotics

Week 15: Science, Society, and Development

- Role of science in agriculture, transport, and industry
- Science for sustainable development

Week 16: Final Examination**Teaching Methodology**

- Interactive lectures with multimedia presentations
- Demonstrations and practical examples
- Group discussions and case studies
- Assignments, quizzes, and student presentations

Recommended Books / Readings

1. Bajwa, I. A. (2017). Everyday Science. Lahore: Caravan Book House.
2. Chaudhry, A. A. (2019). General Science. Lahore: Dogar Publishers..
3. Khan, F. S. (2018). General Knowledge & Everyday Science. Islamabad: Jahangir Book Depot.
4. Rana, M. A. (2020). Fundamentals of Everyday Science. Lahore: Ilmi Kitab Khana.

Ethics	Credit Hours 2
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Course Description

This course introduces the study of ethics as a systematic approach to understanding human values, moral principles, and decision-making. It examines major ethical theories, applied ethics, and the role of ethics in personal, social, professional, and global contexts. Students will be encouraged to reflect on ethical dilemmas, develop moral reasoning, and apply ethical principles in daily life.

Course Objectives

The course aims to:

1. Familiarize students with the fundamental concepts, theories, and traditions of ethics.
2. Develop critical thinking skills to evaluate moral issues.
3. Encourage ethical awareness in personal and professional life.
4. Analyze contemporary ethical challenges in Pakistan and the wider world.
5. Foster responsible citizenship and integrity in social and academic practices.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Define and explain major ethical theories and principles.
- Apply ethical reasoning to real-life situations.
- Recognize ethical challenges in professional and social contexts.
- Demonstrate moral responsibility and civic sense.

- Develop an ethical framework for personal and professional decision-making.

Weekly Course Contents

Week 1: Introduction to Ethics

- Definition, nature, and scope of ethics
- Difference between ethics, morals, and law

Week 2: Historical Development of Ethics

- Ethics in Greek philosophy (Socrates, Plato, Aristotle)
- Ethics in Islamic thought

Week 3: Ethical Theories I

- Utilitarianism
- Deontological ethics

Week 4: Ethical Theories II

- Virtue ethics
- Rights-based and justice theories

Week 5: Ethics in Religion and Culture

- Ethical principles in Islam, Christianity, Hinduism, Buddhism
- Universal moral values

Week 6: Personal Ethics

- Honesty, integrity, responsibility, self-discipline
- Ethical decision-making in daily life

Week 7: Social Ethics

- Ethics of family, society, and community
- Tolerance, justice, and equality

Week 8: Midterm Examination

Week 9: Professional Ethics I

- Role of ethics in education, medicine, business, and law
- Ethical responsibilities of professionals

Week 10: Professional Ethics II

- Research ethics and academic integrity
- Media and journalism ethics

Week 11: Ethics and Governance

- Ethical leadership and accountability
- Corruption and moral decline in society

Week 12: Ethics and Technology

- Ethics of artificial intelligence, biotechnology, and digital media
- Privacy, security, and social responsibility

Week 13: Global Ethical Issues

- Human rights and social justice
- Environmental ethics and sustainable development

Week 14: Contemporary Ethical Challenges in Pakistan

- Gender ethics and social justice
- Extremism, intolerance, and moral challenges

Week 15: Case Studies & Student Presentations

- Analysis of real-world ethical dilemmas

- Group discussions and debates

Week 16: Final Examination

Teaching Methodology

- Interactive lectures and multimedia presentations
- Class discussions and debates
- Case study analysis
- Group work and presentations

Recommended Books / Readings

1. Aristotal. (2011). Aristotal's Nicomachean Ethics. University of Chicago Press
2. Singer, P. (2011). Practical Ethics. Cambridge University Press

Culture and History of Indus Civilization	Credit Hours 2
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Course Description

This course explores the cultural, historical, social, and economic dimensions of the Indus Valley Civilization, one of the earliest urban societies in South Asia. Students will examine archaeological evidence, urban planning, trade networks, religious practices, art, and the eventual decline of the civilization. The course situates the Indus Civilization within a comparative context, linking it with Mesopotamia, Egypt, and later South Asian civilizations.

Course Objectives

The objective of the course:

1. Understand the origins and development of the Indus Valley Civilization.
2. Explore the socio-economic, political, and cultural structures of the civilization.
3. Analyze archaeological findings and interpret their significance.
4. Compare the Indus Civilization with other Bronze Age cultures.
5. Critically evaluate theories regarding the decline and legacy of the Indus Civilization.

Learning Outcomes

Students completing this course will be able to:

- Identify key sites and artifacts of the Indus Valley Civilization.
- Explain the cultural, religious, and technological achievements of the Indus people.
- Assess the contributions of the Indus Civilization to later South Asian history.
- Develop critical thinking through archaeological interpretation and historical analysis.
- Present informed perspectives on the continuity of cultural traditions in South Asia.

Weekly Course Contents

Week 1: Introduction to Ancient Civilizations & Methodologies of Archaeology

- Understanding archaeology, prehistory, proto-history, and early states
- Methods of dating and interpreting evidence

Week 2: Discovery of the Indus Civilization

- Excavations by Sir John Marshall, Mortimer Wheeler, and later archaeologists
- Key sites: Harappa, Mohenjo-daro, Dholavira, Kalibangan

Week 3: Geographical Extent and Environmental Background

- River systems (Indus, Ghaggar-Hakra)
- Impact of geography on settlement and culture

Week 4: Urban Planning and Architecture

- Grid system, drainage, granaries, citadels, and public baths
- Domestic architecture and town planning

Week 5: Economic Life I – Agriculture and Craft Production

- Irrigation, crops, and tools
- Pottery, metallurgy, bead-making, textiles

Week 6: Economic Life II – Trade and Commerce

- Internal and external trade routes
- Trade with Mesopotamia, Central Asia, and the Persian Gulf

Week 7: Social Structure and Political Organization

- Hypotheses on governance
- Class structure and social stratification

Week 8: Midterm Examination**Week 9: Religion and Ideology**

- Mother goddess figurines, seals, fire altars
- Proto-Shiva and animal worship theories

Week 10: Art and Symbolism

- Sculpture, terracotta, seals, jewelry
- The undeciphered Indus script and its debates

Week 11: Science and Technology

- Standardized weights and measures
- Hydraulic engineering, metallurgy, urban planning innovations

Week 12: Cultural Contacts and Comparative Studies

- Indus relations with Mesopotamia and Egypt
- Shared technologies and symbols

Week 13: Decline of the Indus Civilization

- Theories: Aryan invasion, ecological change, tectonic shifts, internal decline

Week 14: Legacy and Continuity

- Cultural influences on later South Asian societies
- Indus heritage in modern South Asian culture

Week 15: Review & Student Presentations**Week 16: Final Examination****Teaching Methodology**

- Lectures and multimedia presentations
- Group discussions and debates
- Archaeological site reports and case studies
- Student presentations and assignments

Recommended Readings

1. Kenoyer, J. M. (1998). Ancient Cities of the Indus Valley Civilization. Oxford University Press.
2. Possehl, G. L. (2002). The Indus Civilization: A Contemporary Perspective. AltaMira Press.
3. Wheeler, R. E. M. (1968). The Indus Civilization (3rd ed.). Cambridge University Press.
4. Lal, B. B. (1997). The Saraswati Flows On: The Continuity of Indian Culture. Aryan Books International.
5. Wright, R. P. (2010). The Ancient Indus: Urbanism, Economy, and Society. Cambridge University Press.