

**III. MAJOR COURSE- MJ 8:
INTERNATIONAL POLITICS****Marks: 25 (5 Attd. + 20 SIE: 1Hr) + 75 (ESE: 3Hrs) = 100****Pass Marks: Th (SIE + ESE) = 40****(Credits: Theory-04) Theory: 60 Lectures****Course Objectives:**

1. The course seeks to provide building blocks for a sound understanding of international politics.
2. The key objective of this course is to introduce the students to both the mainstream International Relations theories and approaches as well as globally diverse actors, processes and outcomes.
3. It also intends to make the students aware of the key concepts of International Politics like National Interest, Power and Security as well as new international alignments.

Course Learning Outcomes:

1. The students shall be well-versed with the key theories and concepts of the discipline of International Relations after the completion of this course.
2. The course shall aim to instill in the students a degree of awareness and sensitivity regarding global occurrences.
3. The course shall aim to make students thinking individuals who understand and take cognizance of global developments.

Course Content**UNIT I:**

1. International Politics: Meaning, Nature and Scope
2. Theories of International Relations: Idealist, Realist theory, System Theory

UNIT II:

1. National Interest: Concept and Elements
2. Power: Soft Power and Hard Power
3. Security: Traditional and Non-Traditional

UNIT III:

1. New-Alignments in International Politics- G-7, G-20, Quad, Indo-Pacific, ASEAN, Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)

Reference Books:

1. Mahendra Kumar - Theoretical Aspects of International Politics
 2. M.P. Sullivan -Theories of International Politics: Enduring Paradigm in a Changing World
 3. Manuel Spindler- International Relations: A Self- Study Guide to Theory
 4. Peu Ghosh - International Relations
 5. C.W. Pevehouse – International Relations
 6. Christian Reus-Smit- The Oxford Handbook of International Relations
 7. V.N. Khanna and Leslie K. Kumar- International Relations
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