

**UNIVERSITY OF KERALA**  
**Core Course in POLITICAL SCIENCE**  
**for the students of BA Degree Programme in Political Science under CBCSS**

**SYLLABUS**

Semester: **5**                                    Type of course: **Core**  
 Course Code: **PS1543**                      Course Name: **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**  
 Instruction Hours/Week: **3**               Number of credits: **2**

**Aim of the Course**

The course seeks to equip the students with the basic concepts, theories, ideologies and approaches to the study of International Relations.

**Objectives of the course**

1. To familiarize the changing nature of power relations.
2. To make an understanding about issues in global politics.

- MODULE I - Emergence of International Politics as a Discipline.  
 Meaning, Nature and Scope of International Politics.  
 Major Actors- State System and Non State Actors  
 National Power, Balance of Power in the Present Global Scenario.
- MODULE II - Approaches to the Study of International Politics:  
 Idealism Vs. Realism, Neo-Liberalism, Rationalism, Systems Theory,  
 Dependency Theory, World System Theory
- MODULE III - Foreign Policy and Diplomacy:  
 National Interest and Foreign Policy-with special reference to India's Foreign  
 Policy, Traditional and Modern Diplomacy, International Law.
- MODULE IV - International Organization:  
 Role of U.N. in Maintaining International Peace and Security- Pacific Settlement  
 of Disputes, Collective Security. Regional Organizations- E.U., SAARC, ASEAN,  
 SCO, BRIC.
- MODULE V - Issues in Global Politics:  
 Terrorism, Environmental Issues, Globalization, Nuclear Proliferation, Energy  
 Crisis, Food Crisis.

**BOOKS**

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