

Course Description

INR2002 | International Relations | 3.00 credits

The nature of international relations, the causes of leading international problems, foreign policies of world powers, international political organizations, and the origins of war and peace in the international arena.

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will analyze the nature of international relations by:

- 1. Identifying key theories and concepts in international relations
- 2. Evaluating the impact of globalization on international relations
- 3. Comparing and contrasting the perspectives of different international relations theorists

Competency 2: The student will investigate the causes of leading international problems by:

- 1. Examining the historical and contemporary factors contributing to international conflicts
- 2. assessing the role of economic, environmental, and political factors in shaping international problems
- 3. identifying the influence of cultural and social dynamics on international issues

Competency 3: The student will evaluate the foreign policies of world powers by:

- 1. Examining the foreign policy strategies of major global players
- 2. Analyzing the impact of foreign policies on international cooperation and conflict
- 3. Critically assessing the effectiveness of diplomatic and military approaches in foreign policy decision-making

Learning Outcomes:

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Demonstrate knowledge of ethical thinking and its application to issues in society

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