

Nirma University
Institute of Law
B.A.,LL.B. (Hons) [5-Year Integrated Programme]
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Semester – IV

Course Code	2BAL441
Course Title	International Relations

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Course Learning Outcomes (CLO):

At the end of the course the students will be able to:

1. Interpret history of nationalism from a global perspective
2. Apply dominant theories to contemporary events
3. Distinguish competing perspectives on war
4. Dissect the emerging neo-liberal world order
5. Relate international politics to international law

Unit I. International Relations in Globalised World

(10 Hours)

- 1.1 Scope and Importance of International Relations
- 1.2 Nation-State and history of Nationalism
- 1.3 From the Cold War to the War on Terror

Unit II.Theories of World Politics

(12 Hours)

- 2.1 Idealism
- 2.2 Realism
- 2.3 Debate between Neo-realism and Neo-Liberalism
- 2.4 Structural theories of International Relations
- 2.5 Non-Statist response to National Interest

Unit III. War and International Governance

(8 Hours)

- 3.1 War as a tool of change in politics
- 3.2 Changing nature and character of war
- 3.3 Utility of force

Unit IV Conflicts in International relations

(8 Hours)

- 4.1 Theories of conflict: Peace and Conflicts in IR
- 4.2 Conflicts of territory and conflicts of ideology
- 4.3 Clash of civilization debate and Islam Phobia
- 4.4 Environmental Issue and its impact on security
- 4.5 Approaching stability in South Asia with a Indian Perspective

Unit V International Political Economy

(12 Hours)

- 5.1 Problematizing the Neo-Liberal world order
- 5.2 Development of Underdevelopment
- 5.3 Regionalism in the Third World and BRICS

Unit VI. International Law, Organisations and Institutions

(10 Hours)

- 6.1 Role of UN in Peacekeeping and Equitable development; and the Right of Self-Determination
- 6.2 Humanitarian intervention and Right to Protect
- 6.3 Human Rights and International Intervention: From Kosovo to Kabul and Libya and far beyond
- 6.4 New Flash points in International Law
- 6.5 Refugees and International Law

Suggested Readings:

1. Baylis J. and Smith S. (2016) *The Globalisation of World politics: An introduction to International Relations* Oxford University Press.
2. Waltz. K. (1979). *Theory of International Politics*. New York: Mc Graw Hill.
3. Rawls. J. (1991). *The Law of Peoples*. New York: Harvard University Press.
4. Nardine. T. (1983) *Law morality and the relation of states*. New York: Princeton University Press.
5. Meadows, D. (1982). *The Limits to growth*. New York: Universe Books.
6. World Commission on Environment and Development (1987). *Our Common Future*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
7. Beck, G., & Parke, H. (1992). *Agenda 21* (1st ed.). New York: United Nations.
8. Galtung G., (1996). *Peace by Peaceful Means* (1st ed.) Sage Publication, London
9. Gilpin R., (1987). *The Political Economy of International Relations*, Princeton University Press, New Jersey