

BACHELORS WITH POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR (CT – II)
8th SEMESTER

Title: FOREIGN POLICY ANALYSIS AND DECISION- MAKING

CREDITS: THEORY: 04; TUTORIAL: 02

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Course Objectives

- To introduce students to the key concepts, components, and theoretical frameworks of foreign policy analysis and decision-making.
- To critically examine the roles of various state and non-state actors, including diplomats, intelligence agencies, media, and international organizations, in shaping foreign policy.
- To engage students with contemporary issues such as climate change, cybersecurity, and economic diplomacy through analytical and participatory pedagogies.

Learning Outcomes

- Students will be able to explain and differentiate between major theories and models of foreign policy decision-making such as the Rational Actor Model and Bureaucratic Politics Model.
- Students will critically analyze real-world foreign policy decisions using theoretical frameworks and assess the influence of actors and systemic constraints.
- Students will demonstrate the ability to conduct policy analysis and simulations (e.g., Model UN) and apply qualitative methods like discourse and content analysis in the study of foreign policy communication.

UNIT-I: INTRODUCTION TO FOREIGN POLICY

- Definition and Components of Foreign Policy
- Theories of Foreign Policy Decision-Making
 - Role Theory – Holsti, Harnisch, Thies
 - Bureaucratic Politics Theory – Graham Allison (Model II), Morton Halperin
 - Principal-Agent Theory – Robert Barzelay, Darren G. Hawkins
 - Transnationalism – Joseph Nye, Robert Keohane, Thomas Risse
 - Media and Public Opinion Theories

UNIT-II: ACTORS IN FOREIGN POLICY

- Diplomacy and Diplomats
- Intelligence agencies and Foreign Policy
- Non-State Actors in Foreign Affairs
- The Influence of International Organizations

UNIT-III: FOREIGN POLICY DECISION-MAKING

- Rational Actor Model
- Bureaucratic Politics Model
- Psychological Factors in Decision making
- Domestic and International Constraints

UNIT-IV: CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN FOREIGN POLICY

- Climate Change and Global Cooperation
- Trade and Economic Diplomacy

- Cybersecurity in Foreign Relations
- National Security and Foreign Policy

TUTORIALS (02 CREDITS)

- Policy Analysis: Examining A Recent Foreign Policy Decision
- Model United Nations Simulation
- Content Analysis/Discourse Analysis of Selected Press Briefings of Foreign Ministers/ New Coverages

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