SEMESTER V

Core XI | Global Politics (UG Semester V)

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This course introduces students to the key debates on the meaning and nature of globalization by addressing its political, economic, social, cultural, and technological dimensions. In keeping with the most important debates within the globalization discourse, it imparts an understanding of the working of the world economy, its anchors and resistances offered by global social movements while analysing the changing nature of the relationship between the state and trans-national actors and networks.

The course also offers insights into key contemporary global issues such as the proliferation of nuclear weapons, ecological issues, international terrorism, and human security before concluding with a debate on the phenomenon of global governance.

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Unit I: Globalisation – Perspectives

a) Understanding Globalisation and Its Alternative Perspectives

b) Global Economy: Its Significance & Anchors of Global Political Economy; IMF, World Bank, WTO, TNCs

c) Political Debates on Sovereignty & Territoriality

Unit II: Globalisation – Issues & Dimensions

a) Cultural & Technological Dimensions

b) Gender and Human Rights

c) Ecological Issues

Unit III: Issues of Global Commons

a) Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: NPT, CTBT

b) International Terrorism & Counter-Terrorism Measures

c) Crisis of Human Security: Refugee & Migration

Unit IV: Global Multilateral Governance

a) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Food Security & Poverty Alleviation

b) Climate Summit, Energy Security & International Solar Alliance

c) Management of Epidemic & Natural Disaster

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Essential Readings

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