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| <b>Course Code:</b> PPOL7031          | <b>Course Title:</b> India and the World              |                   |
| <b>Trimester:</b> 1                   | <b>Course Type:</b> Core                              | <b>Credits:</b> 3 |
| <b>Home Program(s):</b> MPP           | <b>Batch/Academic Year:</b> 2023-2025                 |                   |
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### Course Description

As a rising power, India is at a critical crossroad of change and transformation which makes Foreign Policy an increasingly important segment of public policy in India. India's young generation need thought leadership, skill set, tools and expansion of their knowledge base to analyze the country's growth trajectory, understand the nuances of diplomacy and policy making. This course looks at the evolution of India's Foreign Policy (IFP) thinking to understand the decisions India takes in multilateral, plurilateral and bilateral forums. It provides an analytical understanding of the political, security, economic, and development dimensions of India's journey in the international arena. It addresses critical gaps in understanding Indian foreign policy formulation and decision-making processes, deriving lessons from Indian strategic thought and practice, that continue to assist India in the changing global order.

The course provides an in-depth understanding of the nuances of India's foreign policy making, the structures and processes, interests of various parties and stakeholders, and the external and internal determinants of the foreign policy making. The course provides an overview of India's neighborhood policy and examines the role of different actors in policy making, which influences policy making dynamics. It explores India's interaction with global and regional organizations, the state's current role and its future possibilities. More importantly, the course explores the way the world looks at India and the way India envisions the world. In sum, the course provides the basis for understanding Indian foreign policy that will be useful to a public policy professional to make change at a global and national level.

### Learning Objectives

1. Gain an in-depth understanding of Indian foreign policy making processes and the intersection with public policy.
2. Acquire specialized knowledge of India's engagement with its neighborhood, policy impact and outcomes.
3. Develop practical skill set and tools to improve foreign policy decision making and enhance its impact to meet India's rise on the global stage.

4. Utilize critical analytical tools in shaping India's preparedness for meeting emerging national security, socio-economic and foreign policy challenges.
5. Explore alternate frameworks of cooperation through global institutions to address future global challenges.

### Course Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Identify various factors and actors who shape India's foreign policy making.
2. Understand the nuances of India's neighborhood policy and its impact on internal and external policies.
3. Analyze India's interests and role in regional and international organizations and its outcome.
4. Examine the possibilities for future cooperation with great powers and multilateral organizations..
5. Enable students to link global issues with local context to actualize India's vision of the world and its critical interests in its rise on the global stage.

### Textbooks and Course Materials

Required Readings

1. *K. Subrahmanyam, Self- Reliance and National Resilience, 1975.*
2. *Shivshankar Menon, Choices: Inside the Making of Indian Foreign Policy, 2018.*
3. *Shashi Tharoor, Pax Indica: India and the World of the 21st century, Penguin, May 2020*
4. *S.Jaishankar, The India Way, Harper Collins, 2020*
5. *Shyam Saran, How India sees the world: Kautilya to the 21st Century, Juggernaut Books, 2017.*
6. *David Malone, C Raja Mohan and Srinath Raghavan, Oxford Handbook of Indian Foreign Policy, 2015*

### Course Schedule

| Unit I  | Sessions: 4 | Indian Foreign Policy : Through the Decades |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Session 1</b> : India's foreign relations before independence: From Arthshastra and Neeti Shastra to the 19th century</li> <li>● <b>Session 2</b> : Non Alignment :Idealism- Realism- Idealism- Vajpayee to Modi: Pragmatism and Indian Sovereignty</li> <li>● <b>Session 3</b> : Concepts in IFP: Gujral Doctrine, Look East, Act East to Net Security Provider</li> <li>● <b>Session 4</b>: Commonalities and Differences in IFP</li> </ul> |             |   |

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| <b>Unit II</b>   | <b>Sessions : 10</b> | <b>India's External Relations</b>                      |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Session 1 - 2</b> : India and China</li> <li>● <b>Session 3-4:</b> India and Russia : Between Asia and Europe</li> <li>● <b>Session 5</b> : Africa : The New Geo-Political Frontier</li> <li>● <b>Session 6:</b> West Asia and India</li> <li>● <b>Session 7 - 10</b> : India and the West : USA, U.K., Europe and Israel</li> </ul>   |                      |  |
| <b>Unit III</b>  | <b>Sessions: 3</b>   | <b>Indian Foreign Policy : Contemporary Era</b>        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Session 1</b> : Defense Diplomacy: From Purchaser to Manufacturer</li> <li>● <b>Session 2</b> : Structures of MEA and Foreign engagement of other Ministries</li> <li>● <b>Session 3</b> : India in international forums: GGE, INGOs,</li> </ul>   |                      |  |
| <b>Unit IV</b>   | <b>Sessions: 7</b>   | <b>Transnational Issues and Multilateral Diplomacy</b> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Session 1</b> : Multilateral Organizations and Plurilateral Initiatives</li> <li>● <b>Session 2</b> : Aid Diplomacy: US, China, EU and India</li> <li>● <b>Session 3</b> : Resource Wars: Water, Oil and Food Security</li> <li>● <b>Session 4</b> : Disarmament and Non Proliferation</li> <li>● <b>Session 5</b> : Climate and Energy Security: Changing paradigms</li> <li>● <b>Session 6:</b> Tech and International Security</li> <li>● <b>Session 7:</b> Diaspora : Migrant or Refugee?</li> </ul> |                      |  |