

# Political Science and International Relations Optional Foundation 2024

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Start Date

**26**

**JUNE 2023**

**Batch - 1**

**Orientation**

**22 June 2023**

Paper-1 & 2 :  
Strategy, Approach & Booklist

**24 June 2023**



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# ABOUT THE PROGRAM

## Know your Course:

Political Science and International Relations (PSIR) is a popular optional choice among Civil Service aspirants due to its relevance to current affairs and its multidisciplinary nature. The subject deals with the study of political systems, government, and international relations. It provides a deeper understanding of the functioning of institutions and their impact on the society and global community.

The Foundation Course for Political Science and International Relations Optional (PSIR) is designed to cater to the needs of students new to the discipline. The course aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of the subject and develop analytical skills required for this optional. The curriculum is carefully crafted to **cover both the static and dynamic aspects of the syllabus**. The course will provide conceptual clarity and will discuss each topic meticulously in the light of credible works from the field. The course structure includes a **unique blend of conceptual explanations, examples from daily life, and robust analysis of the themes in the light of previous year questions**. The classes will provide breadth and depth that will significantly increase the likelihood of scoring high marks in the optional paper.

## Important:

- Class Starts:** 26 June 2023 | **Orientation:** 22 & 24 June 2023
- Weekly 4-5 Classes of 2.5 hr to 3 hr
- Total No. of Classes:** 100+ Classes
- No. of Tests:** 10 Regular Tests + Class Assignment based Tests.
- Overall duration of Course:** 4 to 4.5 Months

## Benefits of Political Science and International Relations (PSIR) Optional

- Political science is called the master science which includes the study of various subjects. The concepts learned in PSIR optional **enhances the comprehension of newspaper articles**. Candidates develop better **understanding of global and national issues**. The dynamic nature of the subject makes the study interesting and rewarding in various ways.
- Comprehensive preparation of PSIR optional will be immensely helpful in all four General Studies paper -4.
  - Large section of world history, Indian Freedom struggle, post independence history in **General Studies Paper-1**,
  - Almost complete **General Studies Paper-2**
  - International Financial Institutions, Global trade and finance, Global environmental issues, various internal and external security issues of **General Studies Paper-3**
  - Moral philosophers (including personalities like Buddha and Gandhi among others) in **General Studies Paper-4**
- Contrary to the popular perception PSIR optional syllabus is not vast. There is repetition of various topics in the syllabus. Many parts of the syllabus like Indian polity, International Relations, parts of World history etc. are studied by candidates for General studies regardless of their choice of optional. In PSIR optional the candidates prepare these topics in wholesale manner for both General studies and optional paper.
- Due to very wide area of coverage the knowledge of PSIR optional is **immensely useful in Essay paper and Interview**.
- In the revised syllabus of PSIR optional purely theoretical, academic and factual topics have been removed and thus it **can be prepared easily even by those who do not have background in this subject**.

## Some of the distinguishing features of the course are:

- Comprehensive coverage** of the topic mentioned in PSIR Syllabus supplemented with **regular handouts**.
- Focus will be on **conceptual clarity** and building the ability of the candidates to **interlink the static portion with current developments**.
- The content of class discussion and handouts will take extensive **references from journals and periodicals** like Indian Quarterly, Strategic Analysis, Foreign Affairs, Foreign Policy, Economic and Political Weekly, Studies in Indian Politics, The Economist, Project Syndicate etc.
- The course especially emphasises on **Answer writing practice**. To ensure this the completion of every topic will be followed by **discussion & model answers on PYQs** along with topic test and discussion.
- PSIR Foundation Course will also include crash course to be conducted before Mains examination. This will **cover all the current developments** important from examination point of view in that particular year.
- Regular foundation course will include Answer Writing cum **Test Series program on mentorship** based one to one interaction with faculty.

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Course

Total Fees Including GST @18%

PSIR Optional  
Foundation 2024

₹ 52,000/-

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