

Syllabus  
of  
M.A. in Defence & Strategic Studies,



Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla-171 005  
w.e.f. 2020-21 onwards

# Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla 171005

Master of Arts

in

## DEFENCE & STRATEGIC STUDIES

### Guidelines for the students of M.A. in Defence & Strategic Studies (Semester System) effective from Admissions to the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester for the Academic Session 2020-2021.

The Board of Studies of the Department of Defence and Strategic Studies, H. P. University, Shimla has approved the following guidelines, mode of examination and evaluation including Internal Assessment of students:

### Pattern of Examination

The paper will have in all 100 marks. Each paper in M.A. in Defence and Strategic Studies will comprise of Theory and Internal Assessment (IA) segments of 80 and 20 marks each. (IA includes assignments, presentations and attendance.)

The course will have the following examination Pattern:

### M. A. in Defence and Strategic Studies

S.No.	Examination	Maximum Marks	Pass Marks (36%)
1.	Theory / Written Examination	80	29
2.	Internal Assessment (combined out of the following)	20	07
	(i) Assignment of the concerned course	10	
	(ii) Classroom Presentation	05	
	(iii) Attendance in the class	05	
	<b>Total: 1 and 2</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>36</b>

**Note:** A student will have to secure at least 36% marks in each segment (Theory as well as Internal Assessment) to qualify the examination in each paper (As shown in the table).

The successful candidate will be classified on the combined result of the written examination and Internal Assessment. Division of the candidate shall be determined as per follows:

- (i) First Division as 60% marks or more in the aggregate.
- (ii) Second Division as 50% marks in aggregate but less than 60%.
- (iii) Third Division as less than 50% marks in aggregate.
- (iv) The result shall be declared as per the university rules.
- (v) The grace marks under the annual system will be allowed as per provisions of H.P. University Rules.
- (vi) Re-evaluation shall be applicable as per provisions of H.P. University Rules.
- (vii) The students shall be required to complete the degree within 5 years.
- (viii) Term-end Examination shall be held as per University Rules.

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAPER SETTER**

- (1). The theory question paper will be of 80 marks.
- (2). Every paper has to be divided into four units and the paper setter is required to set eight questions in all; two questions from every unit.
- (3). The duration of examination shall be three hours.
- (5). The candidates will have to attempt four questions, one question from every unit. Each question carries 20 marks.

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENTS**

- (1). The theory question paper will be of 80 marks.
- (2). Every paper will have eight questions in all, two each from every unit.
- (3). The duration of examination shall be three hours.
- (5). The students will have to attempt four questions, one question from every unit. Each question carries 20 marks.

## **Syllabus for M.A. in Defence and Strategic Studies**

### **Semester I**

<b>SUBJECT CODE</b>	<b>Title of the Course</b>	<b>Theory</b>	<b>IA</b>
DSS 101	Strategic Thought I	80	20
DSS 102	International Relations	80	20
DSS 103	Theory and Practice of War I	80	20
DSS 104	International Law	80	20

### **Semester II**

<b>SUBJECT CODE</b>	<b>TITLE OF THE COURSE</b>	<b>Theory</b>	<b>IA</b>
DSS 105	Strategic Thought II	80	20
DSS 106	Military History of India	80	20
DSS 107	Theory and Practice of War II	80	20
DSS 108	National Security	80	20

## **FIRST SEMESTER**

### **DSS 101: STRATEGIC THOUGHT I**

#### **Unit 1**

1. Kautilaya's Philosophy of war.
2. Sun Tzu- The Art of war.

#### **Unit 2**

3. Machiavelli's views on the Art of war
4. Frederick the Great: His views on National War.
5. Clausewitz's theories on war: war and its relationship with Policy, Strategy and Tactics.

#### **Unit 3**

6. Jomini's Theories on the Concept of Mass Army, Strategy, Tactics and Logistics.
7. Adam Smith: Views on Importance of Military Power.

#### **Unit 4**

8. Engels and Marx: Military Concept of the Social Revolutionaries.
9. J.F.C.Fuller and Liddell Hart: their views on Warfare

### **SUGGESTED READINGS**

1. Cohen, S.B. (1964) : *Geography and Politics in a Divided World*
2. Duffy, Christopher (1979). *Siege Warfare*
3. Earl, E.M. (1943) . *Makers of Modern Strategy*
4. Fuller, J.F.C. (1961). *The Conduct of war (1789-1961)*
5. Fuller, J.F.C. (1971) . *Armament and History*
6. Hart, B.H. Liddell (1991). *Strategy*
7. Ropp, Theodore (1962) .*War in the Modern World*
8. Shama Shastri (1967) .*Kautilya's Arthshastra*
9. Shapherd, E.W. (1962) . *A Study of Military History*
10. Tzu, Sun (1963). *The Art of War*

## FIRST SEMESTER

### DSS 102: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

#### Unit 1.

Introducing Theory of International Relations, Rationale for Theory to Study IR, Advantages of using Theory  
Classical Realism, Neo-classical Realism and Neo Realism- Human Nature and Ethics in IR,

#### Unit 2.

Security Dilemma, Balance of Power, Deterrence, Power Transition, Hegemonic Stability and Strategic Deception  
Liberalism and Neo Liberalism- Wilsonian principles, Transnationalism. Interdependence, Security Community, Functionalism, Institutionalism

#### Unit 3

International Societal Approaches – Humanitarian Legal Order, Rationalism, Leadership, Three R's debate

#### Unit 4

Constructivism – Meaning and Importance of Constructs; Identity, Culture, Value – Impact on IR  
Introduction to Gender and Green Theories

#### Suggested Readings:

Robert Jackson, Georg Sorenson. *Introduction to International Relations*, OUP 1999

Siefreid and Spindle ed. (2014). *Theories of International Relations*, Routledge.

Oliver Daddow, *International Relations Theory*, Sage

Robert Keohane, (2009). Joseph Nye. Power and Interdependence

Mahendra Kapoor (1972). *Theoretical Aspect of International Politics*, Delhi, Shiva lal Agarwala.

Noam Chomsky (1998). *World Orders: Old & New*. (Delhi, Oxford University Press.

Norman D. Palmer and Howard Perkins (1985). *International Relations*. Calcutta, Scientific Book Agency.

Paul Kennedy (1995). *Preparing for the 21st Century*, Delhi, Harper Collins, 1995.

Rama S. Melkote and A. Narasimha Rao (1992). *International Relations*, Delhi, Sterling, 1992.

Scott, David (2011). *Handbook of India's International Relations*. London: Routledge.

V. N. Khanna (1997), *International Relations*, Delhi, Vikas Publishing House Pvt. Ltd.

Vivekanandan, Jayashree (2011). *Interrogating International Relations*. New Delhi: Routledge.

## FIRST SEMESTER

### DSS 103: THEORY & PRACTICE OF WAR I

#### Unit 1

##### 1. War:

- (a) Concept, Nature, Scope and Principles of War.
- (b) Theories of War.

##### 2. Evolution of Warfare:

- (a) Animal Warfare.
- (b) Primitive Warfare.
- (c) Historic Warfare.
- (d) Modern Warfare.

#### Unit 2

##### 3. Guerilla Warfare and Low Intensity Conflict: Concept, Origin, Scope and Objectives.

##### 4. Limited War: Meaning, Origin, Scope and Objectives.

##### War in Nuclear Age:

- a. Beginning of Nuclear Era.
- b. Main effects of Nuclear Energy: Flash, Heat, Blast and Nuclear Radiation.

#### Unit 3

##### 5. Theories of Nuclear Deterrence:

- a. Preventive
- b. Pre-emptive
- c. Massive Retaliation
- d. Flexible Response.

##### 6. Ballistic Missile Defence:

- a. Missiles and their classification
- b. Ground Based ABM System.

#### Unit 4

##### 7. Space Based Strategic Defence Initiative:

- a. Concept of Star War
- b. Space based battle stations.

##### 8. Counter Measures:

NMD, TMD

#### Suggested Readings:

1. Howard, Michael (1965) : *Theory and Practice of War*.
2. Howard, Michael (1983) : *The Causes of war and Other Essays*.
3. Wright, Quincy (1983) : *A study of war*
4. Mao-Tse-Tung (1937) : *Guerrilla Warfare*
5. Legueur Walter (1998) : *Guerrilla Warfare*
6. Robert E.Osgood (1957) : *Limited war- The Challenge to American Strategy*
7. Rees David (1985) : *Korea, the Limited War*
6. Kittson, Frank (1971) : *Low Intensity Operations, Subversion, Insurgency, Peace Keeping*
8. Osanka, F.M (1966) : *Modern Guerrilla Warfare*
9. Nasution, Abdul H. (1969): *Fundamentals of Guerrilla Warfare*
10. Brodie, Bernard (1959) : *Strategy in the Missile Age*
11. Singh, Sampooran (1971) : *India and the Nuclear Bomb*
12. Tirpathi, K.S. (1970) : *Evolution of Nuclear Strategy*
13. Gupta, Rakesh (1985) : *Militarisation of Outer-space*
14. Originally Published (1768) : *Encyclopaedia Britannica*
15. Halperin, Morton H. (1971) : *Defence Strategies for the Seventies*
16. Yevgeni Velikov, Roald & Sagdeev, Andrei (1986) : *Weaponry in space, The Dilemma of Society*

## FIRST SEMESTER

### DSS 104: INTERNATIONAL LAW

#### Unit 1

1. Definition, Nature and Application of International Law.
2. The 'Sources' of International Law.
3. Relationship between International Law and Municipal Law.
4. Subjects of International Law.

#### Unit 2

5. Means to Settle International Disputes;
  - (a) Pacific Means
  - (b) Coercive Means
6. War and its Effects.
7. Blockade: Conception, Establishment, Breach, Penalties for breach and the Doctrine of continuous voyage.
8. Contraband and Extradition

#### Unit 3

9. Rules of Land Warfare: Violence against Enemy Persons; Treatment of Wounded, Sick and the dead; Captivity; Appropriation and use of Enemy Property; Assault, siege and bombardment; Espionage; Ruses; and Occupation of Enemy Territory
10. Rules of Sea Warfare: Men of War; Attack and Seizure of Enemy Vessels; Appropriation and Destruction of Enemy Merchant Ships and Crews; Prize Courts; Treatment of Wounded and Ship-wrecked.
11. Rules of Aerial Warfare: Military Air Craft; Rules of Air Warfare in relation to Rules of War on Land and at Sea; Aerial Bombardment; Attack on Enemy Merchant Vessels; Liability of Civil Air Craft to Capture.

#### Unit 4.

12. War Crime Trials: Tokyo Trials, Nuremburg Trials and Milosevic Trials.
13. International Law on Atomic, Biological and Chemical warfare.
14. International Conventions on Human Rights.
15. Neutrality and Asylum

### SUGGESTED READINGS

1. Oppenheim (1996) :*International Law Vol. I & II.*
2. Kapoor, S.K. (1996) : *Public International Law (11th edition)*
3. Stark, J.G. (1964): *An introduction to International Law*
4. Brierly, J.L. (1964) :*The Law of Nations*
5. Carbett(1971):*The Growth of world Law*
6. Fanwick, C.G. (1950):*International Law*
7. Greig, D.W. (1976) : *International Law*
8. Kelson, H. (1952):*Principles of International Law*
9. Oppenheim(1996) :*International Law Vol. I & II.*
10. Kapoor, S.K. (1996) : *Public International Law (11th edition)*
11. Stark, J.G. (1964): *An introduction to International Law*
12. Brierly, J.L. (1964) :*The Law of Nations*
13. Carbett (1971):*The Growth of world Law*
14. Fanwick, C.G. (1950): *International Law*
15. Greig, D.W. (1976) : *International Law*
16. Kelson, H. (1952): *Principles of International Law*
17. Agrawal, S.K. (ed.) (1972) : *Essays on the Law of Treaties*
18. Anand ,R.P. (1972) : *New States and International Law*
19. Anand, R.P. (1986) : *Legal Regimes of the Sea Bed on the Developing Countries*

## SECOND SEMESTER

### DSS 105 STRATEGIC THOUGHT II

#### Unit 1

1. Mackinder and Haushofer: Their Ideas on Geo-politics.
2. Robert D. Kaplan: The Revenge of Geography

#### Unit 2

3. Mahan's Views on Sea Power and Naval Warfare.
4. Mao-Tse-Tung's views on Guerrilla warfare.

#### Unit 3

5. John Foster Dulles &
6. Andre Beaufre (Theories of Nuclear War and Deterrence)

#### Unit 4

7. Samuel, P. Huntington- The Clash of Civilizations.
8. Francis Fukuyama – 'End of History', and 'Identity'

#### SUGGESTED READINGS

1. Beaufre Andre (1966): *Deterrence and Strategy*
2. Earl, E.M. (1943): *Makers of Modern Strategy*
3. Fukuyama, F. (1992): *The End of History*
4. Fuller, J.F.C. (1945): *Armament and History*
5. Fuller, J.F.C. (1961): *The conduct of war*
6. Heilbrunn, Otto (1965): *Conventional Warfare in the Nuclear Age*
7. Huntington, Samuel (1992): *The Clash of Civilization*
8. Kaplan, Robert D. (2013): *The Revenge of Geography*
9. Mao-Te-Tung (1938): *On the protracted War: Selected works*
10. Nasution, Abdul Haris (1965): *Fundamentals of Guerrilla Warfare*
11. Reid, Brian Holden (1990): *J.F.C.Fuller: Military Thinker*
12. Fuller, J.F.C. (1948): *The Second World War*
13. Greene, T.N. (1964): *The Guerrilla and How to Fight Him*
14. McCuen John J. (1969): *The Art of Counter Revolutionary War*
15. Fukuyama F. (2018). *Identity: The Demand for Dignity and Politics of Resentment*. NY: Farrar, Straus and Giroux.



## SECOND SEMESTER

### DSS 106: THEORY AND PRACTICE OF WAR II

#### Unit 1

1. World War-I (1914-18)
  - (a) Causes (in brief)
  - (b) War Plans of Belligerents.
  - (c) Organisation of Theatres of War (in brief) of Contending Nations and Outcome.
  - (d) Strategy.
  - (e) Tactics.

#### Unit 2

2. World War-II (1939 to 1945)
  - (a) Causes (in brief)
  - (b) War Plans of Belligerents
  - (c) Organisation of Theatres of War (in brief) of Contending Nations and Outcome.
  - (d) Strategy
  - (e) Tactics

#### Unit 3

3. Korean War (1950-53)
  - (a) Causes (in brief)
  - (b) War Belligerents and their Plans.
  - (c) Outline of main Operations.
  - (d) Consequences.
4. Vietnam War (1954 – 1974)
  - (a) Causes
  - (b) Main events.
  - (c) Consequences.

#### Unit 4

5. Indo-Pak War-1971
  - (a) Causes
  - (b) Main events (in brief)
  - (c) Consequences
6. Gulf War (1990-91)
  - (a) Causes
  - (b) War Belligerents
  - (c) Outline of Main Operations
  - (d) Consequences

#### SUGGESTED READINGS

1. Howard, Michael (1965) : *Theory and Practice of War*
2. Roop Theodore (1959) : *War in the modern world*
3. Montgomery (1968) : *History of warfare*
4. J.F.C. Fuller (1956) : *Decisive Battles of the Western World Vol-II & III*
5. Shapher E.W. (1952): *The Study of Military History*
6. Hart, Liddle (1930) : *History of First World War*
7. Hart, Liddle (1970) : *History of Second World War*
8. Fuller, J.F.C (1948). : *The Second World War, 1939-45*
9. Fuller, J.F.C. (1961) : *The conduct of war*
10. Thomas, R.C.W. (1954) : *The war in Korea*
11. Robery, E, Ogood (1957) : *Limited war-The challenge to American Strategy*
12. Rees, David (1964) : *Korea, the Limited War*
13. Elliot-Bateman Michel (1967): *Defeat in the East*
14. O'balance, Edgar (1964) : *The Indo-China War 1945-54*
15. Sen L.P. (Lt.Gen.) (1994) : *Slender was the thread: Kashmir Confrontation 1947-1948*
16. Khaliq S.A. (1973) : *Pakistan Peace and War*
17. Abidi and Singh (1991) : *Gulf Crisis*
18. : *Encyclopedia Britannica*

## SECOND SEMESTER

### DSS 107: MILITARY HISTORY OF INDIA

#### Unit – I

Alexander's Invasion of India with special reference to the Battle of Hydaspes  
Military system of Mauryas, Guptas and Cholas

#### Unit 2

Military system of the Rajputs and their Art of Warfare with special reference to the Battles of Tarain-1191, 1192 A.D  
Babar's Invasion of India with special reference to the Battles of Panipat & Military System of Mughals under Akbar

#### Unit 3

Military organization of Marathas under Shivaji :  
a) Evolution of Guerilla Warfare  
b) Principles of War , New Techniques and Trends  
c) Second and Third Battle of Panipat

#### Unit 4

Military system & pattern of War under Haider Ali and Tipu Sultan with special reference to Anglo-Mysore Wars  
Military System of Maharaja Ranjit Singh:  
a) Maharaja Ranjit Singh as a Leader and his Campaigns  
b) Organisation of Ranjit Singh's Army & Impact of Western Art of Warfare  
c) Anglo-Sikh wars with Special Reference to the Battles of Sabraon, Ferozshah and Chillianwallah  
d) 1857 – Indian Mutiny.

#### Suggested readings :

1. B J. N. Sarkar, *Shivaji and His Times (New Delhi, Orient Longman, 1973).*
2. B. N. Majumdar, *Study of Indian Military History*, (University of Michigan, Army Educational Stores ,1963).
3. B.N. Majumdar, *Military System of The Sikhs*, (New Delhi, Army Educational Store, 1965).
4. Fauja Singh Bajwa, *Military System of the Sikhs during the Period 1799-1849* (Delhi, Motilal Banarsidass, 1964).
5. Gurcharn Singh Sandhu, *A Military History of Ancient India*. (New Delhi, Vision Books, 2000).
6. J. F. C. Fuller, *Generalship of Alexander the Great*, (London, Eyre and Spottiswoode Pub, 1958).
7. Jadunath Sarkar, *Military History of India*. (New Delhi, Orient Longman, 1960).
8. Jagdish Manohar, *The Art of War in Medieval India*, (New Delhi, Munshiram Manohar Lal Pub, 1984).
9. James Duff Grant, *History of Marathas*, (New Delhi, Associate Publishing House, 1971).
10. K. B. Kangley, *Kautilya's Arthashastra*, (Bombay, University of Bombay, 1972).
11. Kiran Kumar Thapiyal, Shive Nandan Misra, *Select Battles in Indian History: From Earliest Times To 2000 A.D, VOL-I*, (Delhi, Agam Kala Prakashan, 2002).
12. M. B. Deopujari, *Shivaji and the Maratha Art of War*, (Nagpur, Vidarbha Samshodan Mandal, 1973).
13. Peter Jackson, *Delhi Sultanate: A Political and Military History*. (UK, Cambridge University Press, 2003).
14. Rajendra Nath, *Military Leadership in India: Vedic Period to Indo-Pak Wars*. (New Delhi, Lancer Publication, 1990).

## SECOND SEMESTER

### DSS 108: NATIONAL SECURITY

#### Unit - I

Explaining National Security, National Defence and National Interest  
Evolution of the National Security Concept in 20th Century and beyond  
Key Concepts of Security: Human, Sub-National, National, Regional and Global.

#### Unit- II

Objectives, Core Values and Challenges of National Security, National Power and National Interests.  
Concept of Comprehensive National Power  
Nature and Character of threats to National Security: Emerging Trends and Changing Nature of Warfare.

#### Unit- III

Emerging Trends in National Security: An Overview of Political, Economic, Socio-Cultural Problems.  
Non-Traditional Dimensions of Security: Energy, Food, Water, Health, Environment, Drug Trafficking and Money Laundering.

#### Unit-IV

Higher Defence Organization and Decision-making structures of  
a) U.S.A.  
b) U.K.,  
c) Russia  
d) China  
e) Pakistan

#### Suggested readings:

1. *Annual Reports of Ministry of Defence*, Government of India.
2. ARTRAC, *Indian Army, National Security: Fundamentals, Doctrines and Concepts* (Shimla, H.C. ARTRAC, 1999).
3. CPPR-Centre for Strategic Studies, *National Security Management in Federal Structures: Perspective from India and the United States.*( Kochi, India, 2014).
4. Donald M Snow, *National Security for the New Era*, ( New York, Pearson Education Inc. 2014).
5. Kanti P. Bajpai, Harsh V. Pant, *India's National Security: A Reader*, (India, Oxford University Press, 2013).
6. Gautam Sen, *India's Security Considerations in Nuclear Age*, (New Delhi, Atlantic, 1986).
7. K. Subramanyam, *Our National Security*, (New Delhi, Economic and Scientific Research Foundation, Federation House, 1972).
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8. L. J. Kavic, *India's Quest for Security, 1947-1965*, (New York, Columbia University Press, 1962).
9. P. N. Kathpalia, *National Security Perspectives*, (New Delhi, Lancer International, 1986).
10. R. N. Mishra, *Indian Ocean & India's Security*, (New Delhi, Mittal Publishers, 1985).
11. Rajendra Prasad, *India's Security in 21st Century*, (New Delhi, Dominant, 2001)
12. Thomas Raju & Amit Gupta, *India's Nuclear Security*, (New Delhi, Sage/Vister, 2000).
13. Thomas, Raju, *India's Security Policy*, (Princeton, Princeton University Press, 1986).

