

PAKISTAN STUDIES

DEPARTMENT OF PAKISTAN STUDIES GCUF

Credits:	02
Pre-Requisite:	Nil
Course Code:	PST-321
Offering:	Undergraduate Degrees
Placement:	1 – 8 Semesters
Type:	General Education
Fields:	All

DESCRIPTION

This Course is designed to provide students with a comprehensive exploration of Pakistan's identity, spanning geographical, historical and cultural dimensions. It delves into the diverse landscapes, ancient civilizations and rich cultural heritage that define Pakistan. Moreover, it examines the socio-cultural and political transformations in Pakistan over time including democratic transitions and military interventions. The aim of this course is to inculcate in students a nuanced understanding of Pakistan's past, present and potential future trajectories, enabling them to critically evaluate the complex dynamics shaping the nation's development.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this course, students will be able to :

1. Have enhanced knowledge of the the geographical historical and political aspects of Pakistan.
2. Understand the Society and culture of Pakistan.
3. Understand and Explain the Socio-economic developments in Pakistan.
4. Explore contemporary issues and challenges faced by Pakistan and their implications for the future.

SYLLABUS

1. Introduction to Pakistan:

- Geographical location and significance.
- Historical background: Ancient civilization in the region.
- Factors leading to the creation of Pakistan.

2. Political History of Pakistan:

- Formative phase.
- Military interventions and democratic transition.

3. Geography of Pakistan:

- Physiography: Mountains, plains, plateaus, deserts, valleys and coastal areas.
- River systems: Indus River and its tributaries.
- Climate regions of Pakistan.

4. Society and Culture of Pakistan:

- Socio-cultural diversity.
- Languages and Literature of Pakistan.

5. Economic Development of Pakistan:

- Agriculture and industrial sectors of Pakistan.
- Economic challenges of Pakistan.

6. Contemporary Issues:

- Foreign relations of Pakistan
- Security challenges: terrorism, extremism and regional conflicts.
- Environmental problems and sustainable development (SDGs)

SUGGESTED INSTRUCTIONAL/READING MATERIALS

1. “Jinnah of Pakistan” by Stanely Wolpert.
2. “The Sole Spokesman: Jinnah, the Muslim League and the Demand for Pakistan” by Ayesha Jalal.
3. “The Struggle for Pakistan” by Ishtiaq Husain Qureshi.

4. "Pakistan, the Formative phase, 1857-1948" by Khalid B. Sayeed.
5. "Pakistan Studies: A Book of Readings" by Sikandar Hayat.
6. "Constitutional and Political History of Pakistan" by Hamid Khan.
7. "Trek to Pakistan" by Ahmad Saeed and Kh. Mansur Sarwar.
8. "Pakistan: A Modern History" by Ian Talbot.
9. "Politics in Pakistan: The Nature and Direction of Change by Khalid B. Sayeed.
10. "Physical Geography of Pakistan" by Umar Jahangir.
11. "A Geography of Pakistan: Environment, People and Economy" by Fazle Karim Khan.
12. "Pakistan's Foreign Policy: An Historical Analysis" by S.M Burke.
13. "Being Pakistani: Society, Culture and the Arts" by Raza Rumi.
14. "Pakistan's Cultural Heritage: Socio-Economic and Technological Aspects" edited by Abdul Jabbar Khan.
15. "Language and Politics in Pakistan" by Tariq Rehman.
16. "Sociology" by Horton and Hunt.
17. "Pakistan in the twentieth Century: A Political History" by Lawrence Ziring.
18. "Economic Development of Pakistan" by Ishrat Husain.
19. "Issues in Pakistan's Economy" by S. Zaidi.