

UPSC CSE PSIR

Political Science & International Relations
OPTIONAL COURSE

It is said that Optional determines the destiny of UPSC journey. It is the most important weapon to conquer this exam. To get into the final list, one must ace the optional.

Batch Timings
1:00 PM To 4:00 PM

Start Date
18th August 2022

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StudyIQ is here with its PSIR Optional Course.

Let's start with understanding the merits of PSIR optional.

- It tests the capability of integrating static knowledge with contemporary issues.
- Overlap with PSIR Optional
 - GS 1 - Freedom Struggle, Social Issues
 - GS 2 - Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International Relations
 - GS 3 - Security, Environment
 - GS 4 - Moral Thinkers and Philosophical part
- It is also to be noted that certain questions with regards to International Relations are also asked in the UPSC- Civil Services Interview
- Abundance of Sources from basic books like NCERTs to advanced books
- One of the highest selections and rewarding optional subject year on year.

Features of the course



400+ hours of live lectures spread over 5 months



Comprehensive coverage through high quality lecture notes



Hand written notes and hand written model answers



Live answer writing program under the guidance of faculty



Previous Year Questions discussions



PSIR Current affairs to keep the aspirant updated



Doubt clearing sessions by the faculty



Static Sessions

Time Table

Date	Topics
18th August 2022	Introduction and orientation session
19th August 2022	PAPER 1 SECTION A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Political Theory: meaning and approaches → Western Political Thought → Theories of the state → Justice → Equality → Rights → Democracy → Concept of power, hegemony, ideology, and legitimacy → Political Ideologies → Indian Political Thought
3rd October 2022	PAPER 1 SECTION B <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Indian Nationalism → Making of the Indian Constitution → Salient Features of the Indian Constitution → Principal Organs of the Union Government → Grassroots Democracy → Statutory Institutions/Commissions → Federalism → Planning and Economic development → Caste, religion and ethnicity in Indian Politics → Party System, Social Movements
14th November 2022	PAPER 2 Section A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Comparative Politics State in comparative perspective → Politics of representation and participation → Globalisation → Approaches to the Study of international relations → Key concepts in International relations → Changing International Political Order → Evolution of International economic systems → United Nations → Regionalisation of world politics → Contemporary Global Concerns
19th December 2022	PAPER 2 Section B <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Indian Foreign Policy : Determinants → India's contribution to Non-Alignment movement, different phases, current role → India and South Asia → India and the Global South → India and the global centres of power → India and the UN system → India and the Nuclear Question → Recent Developments in Indian Foreign Policy

UPSC Optional Live courses **FAQs**

Q1. When does the optional live course start ?

- ➔ The course starts on 18th August 2022.

Q2. What are the Deliverables of the optional live course?

- ➔ Live lectures, high quality lecture notes, handwritten notes and handwritten model answers, live answer writing program under the guidance of faculty, previous year questions discussions, PSIR current affairs to keep the aspirant updated, doubt clearing sessions by the faculty mains mentorship sessions to enhance the marks.

Q3. What would be the batch timings ?

- ➔ Batch timings are 1 p.m - 4 p.m, Monday to Saturday (6 days a week)

Q4. Where can I watch the optional live classes?

- ➔ Live classes will be conducted at <http://liveclass.studyiq.com/>

Q5. What if my live classes don't start due to some technical issue ?

- ➔ The Live classes Support team will help in quick resolution. They can be contacted through "support.liveclasses@studyiq.com". Our support team will call you and get the resolution done at the earliest.

Q6. How can I login into the web link provided ?

- ➔ LoginID and password will be provided to the students on email and SMS. This can be used to login and use the profile created by the student. The student can see his/her schedule in the profile. The Password will be shared one day prior to the start of the batch. For the students joining on the day/after the start of the batch the password and email will be shared on the same day of their joining.

Q7. During the classes can I interact with the faculty? Can I ask the doubts?

- ➔ Yes, you can interact with the faculty and clear your doubts in the live sessions through In-App Chat Section and through speaking directly with the faculty member by unmuting yourself.

Q8. What If the student misses the live class

- ➔ If the student misses the live class he will be provided with the recorded videos of the live session by the same day (11 PM). It will be ensured that the recording is made available to students prior to the next live session.

Q9. Where can students find recorded videos ?

- ➔ The student can find recorded videos by the same day (11PM) at StudyIQ application in the enrolled course. The student can watch the recorded videos any number of times as per their convenience.

Q10. Where can the student find the lecture handouts ?

- ➔ The lecture handouts will be available on the StudyIQ App and Web.

Q11. Is this for English medium students or Hindi medium students?

- ➔ The communication medium will be Hinglish. The lecture handouts will be in English only.

Q12 . How will I get answer writing practice ?

- ➔ After teaching every Mains-related topic, faculty will give a question for practice. Discussion will be done the next day.

Q13. How can existing smart course students migrate to the new course?

- ➔ They can contact us on our Support and our team will help them upgrade to the live optional Course at a nominal cost. You can call us at 9580048004.