

**Maritime Politics-IR, 821**  
**(Elective Course)**

**Course Description:** Maritime Politics explores the intricate dynamics of maritime spaces, encompassing oceans, seas, and their surrounding regions. The course examines how states, international organizations, non-state actors, and maritime communities navigate issues of jurisdiction, security, economic development, environmental sustainability, and geopolitical rivalries in these critical areas. Through historical analysis, legal frameworks, case studies, and contemporary challenges, students will gain a deep understanding of the multifaceted dimensions of maritime politics and its implications for global governance.

**Course Objectives:** The course aims to introduce maritime security as a significant issue in international relations. Today's maritime domain overlaps multiple aspects like politics, economics, strategy, environment, and International Law (IL). The maritime features like reefs, archipelagos, straits, channels, and shoals can/might all act as critical choke points for different actors in specific contexts – threatening traditional and non-traditional security. This is why great powers are working towards enhancing their maritime capabilities; the maritime domain is significantly focused upon in their security and grand strategies.

**Learning Outcome:** By the end of the course, students will be apprised of all the above-mentioned themes. They will be familiarized with the key facets of strategic thought associated with the maritime realm. They will also debate how maritime security is vital to Pakistan's long-term prosperity and security. Towards the end of the course, the scholars will be equipped with enough know-how to identify the issues related to maritime security and the remedial measures to be adopted.

**Course Content**

Week 1:	Evolution of the concept of Maritime Security
Week 2:	The key terminologies: Difference between the naval and maritime
Week 3:	Maritime domain through the lens of critical Naval strategists
Week 4:	Regulation of maritime domain under International Law
Week 5:	Comprehensive Security and the maritime domain – Military,

	Political, Economic, Societal, and Environmental
Week 6:	The significance of blue economy
Week 7:	Oceans as Contested Spaces - Case studies: Asia-Pacific, Arctic Ocean, Mediterranean Sea, & Indian Ocean
Week 8:	The link between Naval capabilities and Maritime interests
Week 9:	<i>Midterm Exam</i>
Week 10:	Maritime Security Challenges
Week 11:	Environmental Issues and Governance
Week 12:	Economics of Maritime Politics
Week 13:	Role of maritime trade and global shipping routes
Week 14:	Technological Advancements in Maritime Affairs
Week 15:	Future Trends and Challenges
Week 16:	<i>Final Exams</i>

### **Reading Material**

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