

Course Code	Subject Name	Credits	Type
PS-325	Pakistan Studies	02(02+0)	General

### **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.

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

1. Have enhanced knowledge of 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 and their implications for Pakistan.

### **SYLLABUS**

#### **1. Introduction to Pakistan:**

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

#### **2. Political History of Pakistan**

- Formative phase: Military interventions and democratic transitions.

#### **3. Geography of Pakistan:**

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

#### **4. Society and Culture of Pakistan:**

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

#### **5. Economic Development of Pakistan:**

- Agricultural 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).
- Media and Social Change

#### **SUGGESTED READINGS**

1. *The struggle for Pakistan* by Ishtiaq Husain Qureshi. 1965. University of Karachi.
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3. Hayat, S. (2020). *Aspects of the Pakistan movement*. M/s Roohani Art Press, Blue Area, Islamabad, Pakistan.
4. *Constitutional and Political History of Pakistan"* by Hamid Khan. 2020.OUP.
5. *Trek to Pakistan"* by Ahmad Saeed and Kh. Mansur Sarwar.2019. Peace Publication.
6. *Pakistan: The Modern History"* by Ian Talbot. 2001. South Asia Research.
7. *Politics in Pakistan: The Nature and Direction of Change"* by Khalid B. Sayeed. 1980. Praeger.
8. Papanek, G. F. (2024). *Pakistan's development: Social goals and private incentives*. Harvard University Press.
9. Candland, C. (2024). *The Islamic Welfare State: Muslim Charity, Human Security, and Government Legitimacy in Pakistan*. Cambridge University Press.
10. Rumi, R. (2018). *Being Pakistani: Society, culture and the arts*. Harper Collins.