

Program: Politics and International Studies

This document outlines the scope of themes, which may be included in the Olympiad tests. The themes are grouped by areas and are followed by the list of recommended references in the Russian and English languages.

Olympiad winner's skill set by Subject

Political sciences are a multidisciplinary field. The politics and international studies module consists of five sections, equally represented in the test tasks. The test will contain several open-ended questions, any of which you can choose as the topic of your mini-essay.

We expect you to:

- be able to distinguish, systematize and interpret semantic constructions in classical and modern texts on social and political theory;
- be familiar with the concepts of social and political theories, their principles and limitations;
- be able to evaluate and describe reasons for social, economic, and political processes at international, regional, and national levels;
- be able to analyze social, economic and political processes and activities of actors on different levels.
- be able to use research methods to investigate political and social processes.

You will receive additional points if you can:

- evaluate the social dimensions (power issues, cultural biases) embedded within methodologies and methods;
- devise a detailed research plan in a motivation letter;
- set a research question, using theoretical terms and/or models.

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5. Development and modernization in comparative perspective

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3. Regionalism and regional international organizations in international relations
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5. Great powers in international relations

Section 4. Public Policy

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Section 5. World politics and global problems

1. World politics: history and theory
2. Globalization and regionalization
3. Integration processes
4. International security issues
5. Stability and dynamic development

Recommended literature

Section 1. Social and political thought

Sources	Topic
<p>Coleman, J. A History of Political Thought from the Ancient Greeks to the Early Christians. Blackwell Publishers Ltd, 2000. 363 p. URL://https://eruditor.io/file/3572450/ (Open Access).</p> <p>Coleman, J. A History of Political Thought from the Middle Ages to the Renaissance. London: Athlone Press, 2000. 302 p. URL://https://eruditor.io/file/1994967/ (Open Access).</p>	<p>Political philosophy of the Ancient World and the Middle Ages; The human being and politics</p>
<p>Heywood, A. Political theory: an introduction. L.: Macmillan Education Limited, 2015. 437 p. URL://https://hostnezt.com/cssfiles/politicalscience/Political%20Theory%20An%20Introduction%204th%20Edition%20By%20Andrew%20Heywood.pdf (Open Access)</p>	<p>Power as a political phenomenon; The human being and politics</p>
<p>The Oxford handbook of political theory / Ed. by Dryzek J.S., Honig B., Phillips A. Oxford University Press, 2006. 883 p. URL://https://elearn.unisofia.bg/pluginfile.php/322222/mod_resource/content/1/Handbook%20of%20Political%20Theory.pdf (Open Access)</p>	<p>Power as a political phenomenon; The human being and politics</p>
<p>Skinner, Q. The Foundations of Modern Political Thought, 2 vols. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1978. Vol. 1. 330 p. URL://https://eruditor.io/file/1994973/ (Open Access) Vol. 2. 414 p. URL://https://eruditor.io/file/1994977/ (Open Access)</p>	<p>Political philosophy of the Ancient World and the Middle Ages; Political doctrines of the Modernity</p>

Sources	Topic
Access)	
Алексеева Т.А. Современные политические теории. М.: РОССПЭН, 2007. 402 с. URL://http://politics.elib.org.ua/pages-cat-73.html (Open Access)	Political doctrines of the Modernity; Methodological approaches to policy research
Дегтярев А.А. Основы политической теории: Учеб. пособие. М.: Высшая школа, 1998. 239 с. URL://http://politics.elib.org.ua/pages-cat-4.html (Open Access)	Methodological approaches to policy research; Power as a political phenomenon
История политических и правовых учений: Учебник для вузов / Под общ. ред. В. С. Нерсесянца. М.: Норма, 2004. 923 с. URL://http://library.khpg.org/files/docs/1380635715.pdf (Open Access)	Political philosophy of the Ancient World and the Middle Ages; Political doctrines of the Modernity
Федорова М.М. Классическая политическая философия. М.: Изд-во "Весь Мир", 2001. 224 с. URL://https://libr.link/politiki-filosofiya/klassicheskaya-politicheskaya-filosofiya.html (Open Access)	Political philosophy of the Ancient World and the Middle Ages; Political doctrines of the Modernity
Чанышев А.А. История политических учений. М.: ПРОСПЕКТ, 2007. 479 с. URL://http://romants.narod.ru/for_students.htm (Open Access)	Political philosophy of the Ancient World and the Middle Ages; Political doctrines of the Modernity

Section 2. Comparative politics

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Lichbach, Mark Irving, & Alan S. Zuckerman. Comparative Politics: Rationality, Culture and Structure (2nd Edition), 2009 URL://https://books.google.ru/books?hl=ru&lr=&id=V49jfE9HyJgC&oi=fnd&pg=PR1&dq=1.%09Lichbach,+Mark+Irving,+%26+Alan+S.+Zuckerman.+(2009).+Comparative+Politics:+Rationality,+Culture+and+Structure+(2nd+Edition)&ots=okWHjUFgfB&sig=5GkzwQjGpNdIFSMHn1C80Dhk6RI&redir_esc=y#v=onepage&q=1.%09Lichbach%2C%20M	Methodology of comparative politics; Political systems and regimes; Culture in comparative politics; Political institutions and actors

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ark%20Irving%2C%20%26%20Alan%20S.%20Zuckerman.%20(2009).%20Comparative%20Politics%3A%20Rationality%2C%20Culture%20and%20Structure%20(2nd%20Edition)&f=false (Open Access)	
Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics / Ed. by Carles Boix and Susan Stokes. Oxford ; New York : Oxford University Press, 2007. URL://https://www.mgdc-chararisharief.com/elearn/The%20Oxford%20Handbook%20of%20Comparative%20Politics-1stSem.pdf (Open Access)	Methodology of comparative politics; Political systems and regimes; Culture in comparative politics; Development and modernization in comparative perspective
Patrick Theiner Comparative Politics (2019) (YouTube) URL://https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2itlXnURSP4&list=PLsUEDhdw74mLkZZ_GoRhjGJw0uPf1DIMG (Open Access)	Methodology of comparative politics; Political systems and regimes; Political institutions and actors
The Democracy Sourcebook, edited by Robert Dahl, Ian Shapiro, and José Antonio Cheibub. The MIT Press, 2003 URL://http://pavroz.ru/files/democracysourcebook.pdf (Open Access)	Political systems and regimes; Culture in comparative politics; Political institutions and actors; Development and modernization in comparative perspective
Голосов Г.В. Сравнительная политология. СПб, 2001. URL://http://pavroz.ru/files/golosovcp.pdf (Open Access)	Methodology of comparative politics; Political systems and regimes; Culture in comparative politics; Political institutions and actors; Development and modernization in comparative perspective

Section 3. International relations and global organizations

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2021 Report of the Secretary-General on the Work of the Organization. New York: United Nations, 2021. 144 p. URL://https://www.un.org/annualreport/index.html *(in all languages of UN) (Open Access)	United Nations as a global organization

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<p>Barbieri G. Regionalism, globalism and complexity: a stimulus towards global IR? // Third World Thematics: a TWQ Journal. 2019. №6. P. 424 – 441. URL://https://doi.org/10.1080/23802014.2019.1685406 (Open Access)</p> <p>Ishikawa K. The ASEAN Economic Community and ASEAN Economic Integration. // Journal of Contemporary East Asia Studies. 2021. №1. P. 24 – 41. URL://https://doi.org/10.1080/24761028.2021.1891702 (Open Access)</p> <p>Pekkanen S., Ravenhill J., Foot R. The Oxford Handbook of the International Relations of Asia. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014. 840 p. URL://https://portal.edu.asu.ru/pluginfile.php/248693/mod_resource/content/0/Oxford_Handbooks_Saadia_M_Pekkanen_John_Ravenhill_Rosemary_Foot-The_Oxford_Handbook_of_the_International_Relations_of_A.pdf (Open Access)</p> <p>Зеленкова М.С. АСЕАН в условиях нарастания китайско-американских противоречий // Проблемы национальной стратегии. 2022. №1. С. 31 – 49. URL://https://riss.ru/documents/1786/journal_221_70_02.pdf (Open Access)</p> <p>Михайленко Е.Б. «Старый» и «новый» регионализм: теоретический дискурс. Екатеринбург: Издательство Уральского университета. 116 с. URL://https://elar.urfu.ru/bitstream/10995/27024/1/978-5-7996-1243-6.pdf (Open Access)</p>	<p>Regionalism and regional international organizations in international relations</p>
<p>Global Trends to 2030: Can the EU meet the challenges ahead? Luxembourg: Publications office of the European Union, 2015. 85 p. URL://https://espas.eu/files/espas_files/about/espas-report-2015.pdf (Open Access)</p> <p>Grexit and Brexit: Lessons for the European Union. E-IR, 2020. URL://https://www.e-ir.info/2020/05/04/grexit-and-brexit-lessons-for-the-eu (Open Access)</p>	<p>European Union as an example of regional union with deep integration</p>

Sources	Topic
<p>The historical development of European Integration. European parliament, 2018. 24 p. URL://https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/PERI/2018/618969/IPOL_PERI(2018)618969_EN.pdf (Open Access)</p> <p>Кольцов М.В. Европейская интеграция: история и современность. Ярославль: ЯрГУ. 2014. 68 с. URL://http://www.lib.uni-yar.ac.ru/edocs/iuni/20140131.pdf (Open Access)</p> <p>Худолей К.С., Ерёмина В.В. Брекзит: новый «старый» выбор Великобритании. // Современная Европа. 2017. №3. С. 28 – 36. URL://http://www.sov-europe.ru/images/pdf/2017/3-2017/Khudoley-3-2017.pdf (Open Access)</p>	
<p>Manning R. US Indo-Pacific Strategy: Myths and Reality. Moscow: Valdai, 2018. 15 p. URL://https://valdaiclub.com/a/valdai-papers/valdai-paper-89-us-indo-pacific-strategy (Open Access)</p> <p>Mazarr M. Understanding Competition: Great Power Rivalry in a Changing International Order – Concepts and Theories. RAND Corporation, 2022. 52 p. URL://https://www.rand.org/pubs/perspectives/PEA1404-1.html (Open Access)</p> <p>Алхименков М.А. Стратегия администрации Дж. Байдена по сохранению американской гегемонии. // Проблемы национальной стратегии. 2021. №3. С. 25 – 41. URL://https://riss.ru/documents/1707/journal_213_66_02.pdf (Open Access)</p> <p>Комиссина И.Р. Китай как потенциальный претендент на глобальное лидерство. // Проблемы национальной стратегии. 2021. №1. С. 130 – 163. URL://https://riss.ru/documents/1677/journal_211_64_07.pdf (Open Access)</p>	Great powers in international relations

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<p>Mazzar M., Priebe M., Radin A., Cevallos A. Understanding the current International Order. RAND Corporation, 2016. 64 p. URL://https://www.rand.org/content/dam/rand/pubs/research_reports/RR1500/RR1598/RAND_RR1598.pdf (Open Access)</p> <p>Кобаяси К. Будущее транслатерального мирового порядка: переосмысление глобального партнёрства в эпоху неопределенности. Валдайский клуб. 2021. 27 с. URL://https://ru.valdaiclub.com/files/38500/ (Open Access)</p>	Problems of world order in XXI century

Section 4. Public policy

Sources	Topic
<p>Adler, Matthew D., "Regulatory Theory". Faculty Scholarship at Penn Law. 301, 2009 URL://https://scholarship.law.upenn.edu/faculty_scholarship/301 (Open Access)</p>	<p>Theories and approaches to public policy; Public policy processes; State regulation of the economy; Public policy in different spheres</p>
<p>Handbook of Public Policy Analysis: Theory, Politics, and Methods. Edited By Frank Fischer, Gerald J. Miller. Talor and Francis group, 2007. 670 p. URL://http://www.untag-smd.ac.id/files/Perpustakaan_Digital_2/PUBLIC%20POLICY%20(Public%20Administratio%20and%20public%20policy%20125)%20Handbook%20of%20Public%20Policy%20Analysis%20Th.pdf (Open Access)</p>	<p>Elements of public policy; Theories and approaches to public policy; Public policy processes; State regulation of the economy; Public policy in different spheres</p>
<p>Handbook of Public Administration, 3rd Edition. 2007. CRC Press, Taylor & Francis Group. Jack Rabin, W. Bartley Hildreth, Gerald J. Miller (eds.). 1266 p. URL://https://hostnezt.com/cssfiles/publicadmin/Handbook%20of%20Public%20Administration%20By%20Jack%20Rabin.pdf (Open Access)</p>	<p>Elements of public policy; Theories and approaches to public policy; Public policy processes</p>
<p>Jay M. Shafritz ed., International Encyclopedia of Public Policy and Administration, Westview Press, 1998. URL://https://www.taylorfrancis.com/books/mono/10.4324/9780429045097/international-encyclopedia-public-policy-administration-jay-shafritz (Open Access)</p>	<p>Elements of public policy; State regulation of the economy</p>

Sources	Topic
<p>Дегтярев, А. Принятие политических решений. Москва: КДУ, 2004. 416 с. URL://https://www.civisbook.ru/files/File/Degtyaryov_2004_4.pdf (Open Access)</p>	<p>Elements of public policy; Public policy processes</p>

Section 5. World politics and global problems

Sources	Topic
<p>Collin, R. O., Martin, P. L. An Introduction to World Politics: Conflict and Consensus on a Small Planet. Соединенные Штаты Америки: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2012. 635 p. URL://https://www.google.ru/books/edition/An_Introduction_to_World_Politics/-vSlx-Z408C?hl=ru&gbpv=0 (Open Access).</p>	<p>Globalization and regionalization; Integration processes; International security issues</p>
<p>Sustainable Development Goals: Law, Theory and Implementation. Великобритания: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2018. 336 p. URL://https://www.google.ru/books/edition/Sustainable_Development_Goals/e81eDwAAQBAJ?hl=ru&gbpv=1 (Open Access).</p>	<p>Stability and dynamic development</p>
<p>Wang, J. Essential Goals in World Politics. Германия: Springer Nature Singapore, 2021. 161 p. URL://https://www.google.ru/books/edition/Essential_Goals_in_World_Politics/t7osEAAAQBAJ?hl=ru&gbpv=0 (Open Access).</p>	<p>World Politics: History and Theory</p>
<p>Лебедева, М. М. Мегатренды мировой политики и их развитие в XXI веке : учебное пособие для студентов вузов / Под ред. М. М. Лебедевой. - Москва : Аспект Пресс, 2019. - 400 с. URL://https://www.studentlibrary.ru/book/ISBN9785756710236.html (Open Access).</p>	<p>World Politics: History and Theory; Stability and dynamic development</p>
<p>Лебедева М.М. Мировая политика : Учебник для бакалавров / М.М. Лебедева. – М.: Аспект Пресс, 20007. - 365 с. URL://http://igf.chuvsu.ru/bibl/lebedeva_mirpolit.PDF (Open Access).</p>	<p>World Politics: History and Theory; Globalization and regionalization; Integration processes; International security issues</p>
<p>Современная мировая политика : учебник / С. С. Жильцов, Т. Н. Мозель, М. А. Неймарк ; под ред. Е. П. Бажанова ; Дипломатическая академия МИД России.</p>	<p>Globalization and regionalization; Integration processes; International security issues</p>

Sources	Topic
<p>— 2-е изд. — Москва : Издательско-торговая корпорация «Дашков и К°», 2019. 450 с.</p> <p>URL://https://znanium.com/catalog/product/1081777 (Open Access).</p>	

Recommended online courses

Section 1. Social and political thought

1. Introduction to Political Philosophy (Open Yale Courses)
URL://https://oyc.yale.edu/political-science/plsc-114 (Open Access)
2. Introduction to Political Thought (ocw.mit.edu)
URL://https://ocw.mit.edu/courses/political-science/17-03-introduction-to-political-thought-spring-2004/index.htm (Open Access)
3. Political Philosophy: An Introduction (Oxford)
URL://https://www.conted.ox.ac.uk/courses/political-philosophy-an-introduction-online?code=O21P303PHV (Open Access)
4. Understanding Political Concepts (edX)
URL://https://www.edx.org/course/understanding-political-concepts (Open Access)

Section 2. Comparative politics

1. Comparative Political Systems (edX) URL://https://www.edx.org/course/comparative-political-systems?source=aw&awc=6798_1625742682_b04ed508a29cf605fcfc59af52b32d88&utm_source=aw&utm_medium=affiliate_partner&utm_content=text-link&utm_term=301045_https%3A%2F%2Fwww.class-central.com%2F (Open Access)
2. Comparative Research Designs and Methods (edX)
URL://https://www.edx.org/course/comparative-research-designs-and-methods (Open Access)
3. Introduction to Comparative politics (saylor.org)
URL://https://learn.saylor.org/course/view.php?id=344§ionid=3416 (Open Access)
4. Patrick Theiner Comparative politics (2019) (YouTube)
URL://https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2itlXnURSP4&list=PLsUEDhdw74mLkZZ_GoRhjGJw0uPf1DIMG (Open Access)
5. Political Science 103: Comparative politics (study.com)
URL://https://study.com/academy/course/political-science-103-comparative-politics.html (Open Access)

Section 3. International relations and global organizations

1. EU policy and implementation: making Europe work! (Coursera)
URL://https://www.coursera.org/learn/eu-making-europe-work (Open Access)
2. Global diplomacy: United Nations in the world (Coursera)
URL://https://www.coursera.org/learn/global-diplomacy-un (Open Access)
3. International Organizations Management (Coursera)
URL://https://www.coursera.org/learn/international-organizations-management

4. Russia, China and the US in the Asia-Pacific Region (Stepik)
URL://<https://stepik.org/course/50042/promo> (Open Access)
5. Sustainable Development Goals – A global, transdisciplinary vision for the future (Coursera) URL://<https://www.coursera.org/learn/international-organizations-management> (Open Access)
6. Understanding international relations theory (Coursera)
URL://<https://www.coursera.org/learn/international-relations-theory> (Open Access)
7. US-China Relations: past, present and future (EdX)
URL://<https://www.edx.org/course/us-china-relations-past-present-and-future?index=product&queryID=8612825fc87d4bb616ed2a7f8486fe88&position=4>
(Open Access)

Section 4. Public policy

1. Evidence for Decisions: From Description to Decisions (Harvard)
URL://<https://pll.harvard.edu/course/evidence-decisions-description-decisions?delta=0>
(платный)
2. Solving Public Policy Problems: UC Berkeley's Eightfold Path (edX)
URL://<https://www.edx.org/course/tools-for-academic-engagement-in-public-policy>
(Open Access)
3. Tools for Academic Engagement in Public Policy (edX)
URL://<https://www.edx.org/course/tools-for-academic-engagement-in-public-policy>
(Open Access)

Section 5. World politics and global problems

1. Contemporary Issues in World Politics (edX)
URL://<https://www.edx.org/course/contemporary-issues-in-world-politics> (Open Access)
2. Environmental Gamechanger – Lead the Way to Sustainable Development (edX)
URL://<https://www.edx.org/course/becoming-an-agent-of-sustainable-change> (Open Access)
3. Global Politics (edX) URL://<https://www.edx.org/course/global-politics> (Open Access)
4. The Changing Global Order (Leiden University) (Coursera)
URL://<https://www.coursera.org/learn/changing-global-order> (Open Access)