**Course Structure & Weekly Topics:**

**Unit I: Foundations of Conflict Studies**

**Week 1: Introduction to Contemporary Conflict**

* Definitions: War, conflict, violence
* Types of modern conflicts (state-based, non-state, hybrid)

**Week 2: Theories of Conflict**

* Realism, Liberalism, Marxist Perspectives
* Introduction to Johan Galtung

**Week 3: Johan Galtung’s Theory of Violence**

* Direct, Structural, and Cultural Violence
* Conflict Triangle

**Week 4: Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding (Galtung)**

* Positive vs. Negative Peace
* Peacebuilding frameworks and mediation strategies

**Unit II: Global Conflict Landscapes**

**Week 5: Resource and Environmental Conflicts**

* Oil, water, land: Conflict over scarcity and control
* Case Study: Sudan & South Sudan

**Week 6: Religion, Identity, and Ethnic Conflicts**

* Role of religion and identity politics
* Case Studies: Myanmar (Rohingya), India (communal riots)

**Week 7: Geopolitical Conflicts**

* Cold War legacies and great power competition
* Case Study: Ukraine-Russia Conflict

**Week 8: War on Terror and its Global Impact**

* Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria
* Rise of ISIS, drone wars, counter-terror strategies

**Week 9: Palestine-Israel Conflict**

* Historical roots and peace efforts
* Human rights and structural violence (Galtung application)

**Week 10: Kashmir & South Asia Regional Conflicts**

* Indo-Pak dynamics, cross-border insurgency
* Identity and nationalism

**Unit III: Peace Efforts & Conflict Resolution**

**Week 11: International Institutions & Peace Processes**

* UN, AU, ICJ, Peacekeeping & Diplomacy

**Week 12: Transitional Justice and Post-Conflict Recovery**

* Truth commissions, reconciliation
* Case Study: South Africa, Rwanda

**Week 13: Gender, Youth, and Conflict**

* Role of women and youth in peace processes
* UNSCR 1325

**Week 14: Media and Information Warfare**

* Propaganda, fake news, social media in conflicts
* Case Study: Ukraine, Gaza,

**Week 15: Fault line Analysis and prediction of Future conflicts**