

### 3.3 West Europe and USA

**Course Code: MAPS – 568 (3)**

Credit Hours: 3

Teaching Hours: 48

This course provides basic information about the state of the USA and some Western European countries (France, Germany and UK): history, society, economy and politics. Besides, it helps to understand regional cooperation among the Western countries. It also includes relations between Nepal and the Western countries, particularly the economic relation.

#### **Objectives:**

1. To make students familiar with national, regional and international affairs of the USA and some Western European countries.
2. To impart analytical knowledge to understand the growing role of regionalism and regional organizations of the European countries in the present globalized world.
3. To provide knowledge on Nepal's economic interests with the Western countries.

#### **Units:**

#### **Class Hours**

<b>I. Introduction: Country Profile of the Western European Countries and USA</b>	<b>12</b>
1. Geo-Politics	
2. Society	
3. Economy	
<b>II. History</b>	<b>8</b>
1. State of War in Europe	
2. Competition for Colony	
3. Independence of USA	
<b>III. Political System</b>	<b>8</b>
1. USA	
2. Democracy with Constitutional Monarchy (UK)	
3. Republic (France and Germany)	
<b>IV. West in Post- Second World War</b>	<b>10</b>
1. Emergence of USA as a Super Power vis-à-vis Former Soviet Union	
2. Quest of Collective Security: NATO versus Warsaw Pact	
3. Regional Diplomacy: EU	
<b>V. West in Contemporary International Politics</b>	<b>10</b>
1. USA's Foreign Policy Strategy: Making a Uni-polar World after the down-fall of Soviet Union	
2. Emergence of EU as Power Centre in the Multi-polar World	
3. Collaboration for Human Rights, Democracy and Peace round the World	
4. Relations between Nepal and Western Countries	

**Core Readings:**

Bongiovanni, Francesco M. 2012. *The Decline and Fall of Europe*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Janda, Kenneth et al. 1995. *The Challenge of Democracy: Government in America*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company.

Kriesi, Hanspeter et al. 2012. *Political Conflicts in Western Europe*. London: Routledge.

Mahbubani, Kishore. 2013. *The Great Convergence: Asia, the West and the Logic of one World*. Philadelphia: Public Affairs.

Naunin, Daniel. 2012. *Dynamics of Change in European Union*. London: Routledge.

Rose, Gideon. 2014. *American Foreign Policy*. New York: Foreign Affairs.

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Elgie, Robert. *Political Leadership in Liberal Democracies*. 1995. London: Macmillan.

Goetz, Klaus et al. 2010. *European Politics*. London: Routledge.

Mair, Peter (ed.). 1990. *The West European Party System*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Ross, Robert. 2010. *US-China-EU Relations*. London: Routledge.

USIA. 1989. *An Outline of American Government*. Washington D.C.: United States Information Agency.