

MS IR (International Relations)

There are two streams available for MS International Relations. One stream is Course Work Based Stream and other on is Research based Stream. In Course Work Based Stream, a student is required to complete 32 credit hours, which including 12 Courses (32 Credit Hours). In Research based Stream, a student is required to complete 32 credit hours, which including 10 Courses (26 Credit Hours) and one thesis (06 Credit Hours). The time limit to successfully complete the degree requirements is 1.5 to 4 years.

1. Semester wise break-up of MS International Relations (Course Based Stream)

First Year

Semester I			
S.N.	Course	Credit Hours	Category
1	Theories of International Relations	3	Core
2	Advanced Research Methodology	3	Core
3	Understanding of Holy Quran - I	1	Core
4	Elective-I	3	Elective
5	Elective-II	3	Elective
Total Credits		13	

Semester II			
S.N.	Course	Credit Hours	Category
1	Understanding of Holy Quran - II	1	Core
2	Elective-III	3	Elective
3	Elective-IV	3	Elective
4	Elective-V	3	Elective
5	Elective-VI	3	Elective
Total Credits		13	

Second Year

Semester III		
S.N.	Course	Credit Hours
1	Elective VII	3
2	Elective VIII	3
Total Credits		06

2. Semester wise break-up of MS International Relations (Research Based Stream)

First Year

Semester I			
S.N.	Course	Credit Hours	Category
1	Theories of International Relations	3	Core
2	Advanced Research Methodology	3	Core
3	Understanding of Holy Quran - I	1	Core
4	Elective-I	3	Elective
5	Elective-II	3	Elective
Total Credits		13	

Semester II			
S.N.	Course	Credit Hours	Category
1	Understanding of Holy Quran - II	1	Core
2	Elective-III	3	Elective
3	Elective-IV	3	Elective
4	Elective-V	3	Elective
5	Elective-VI	3	Elective
Total Credits		13	

Second Year

Semester III			
S.N.	Course	Credit Hours	Category
1	Thesis // IRS I & II/ 2 Elective Course	6 (3 in case of Thesis)	Research
Total Credits		06	

Semester IV			
S.N.	Course	Credit Hours	Category
1	Thesis	3	Research

Program total credit hours = 32

Specialization Domains:

The M.S. in International Relations Program will also offer the following two specialization domains:

1. South Asian Studies
 2. China Studies
- If a student opts for a specific number of modules prescribed by the HEC from one of the above-mentioned specialization domains, then he / she will be offered an M.S. in International Relations with specialization.
 - However, if a student opts for general electives, then he will be awarded M.S. in International Relations in its generic form and without any specialization.

Electives

- 1 Theories of International Relations
- 2 Advanced Research Methods
- 3 Political Economy in the Global Perspective
- 4 Foreign Policy Analysis
- 5 International and Regional Organizations
- 6 The Politics of International Law: Regulating Force
- 7 The Muslim World in International Affairs
- 8 Peace Building in Post-Conflict Societies
- 9 Politics and Security of Asia-Pacific Region
- 10 International Economic Institutions in International Relations
- 11 Environmental Studies
- 12 Global Security, Arms Control and Disarmament
- 13 Post-Conflict Reconstruction: Theory and Practice
- 14 Maritime Security in the Indian Ocean
- 15 Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction: Strategy and Policy
- 16 Multi-Domain Warfare in the 21st Century
- 17 Politics of Central Asia & Caucasus

- 18 Human Rights in International Perspective
- 19 Modern Issues in International Law
- 20 Introduction to Populism
- 21 Globalization in the 21st Century: Issues & Debates
- 22 Great Power Dynamics in World Affairs
- 23 Critical Geopolitics
- 24 Geo-economics and Global Strategy
- 25 Globalization and Developing Countries
- 26 History of International Relations
- 27 Ethnicity, Conflict and Global Politics
- 28 Conflict Management in Multi-Ethnic and Divided States
- 29 Critical Infrastructure Protection in the Digital Age
- 30 Cybersecurity in International Relations
- 31 Strategic Dynamics of Security
- 32 Emerging Technologies and Global Security Challenges
- 33 Environmental Security and Resource Conflict
- 34 Maritime and Port Security in International Relations
- 35 Transnational Organized Crime and Global Governance
- 36 Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism
- 37 Insurgency and Counterinsurgency Strategies

STREAM I: CHINA STUDIES

- 1 Contemporary Chinese Foreign Policy
- 2 China's Military Modernization and Regional Security
- 3 China's Political System and Governance Model
- 4 China's Role in Regional Organizations (e.g., SCO, ASEAN+)
- 5 China and South Asia
- 6 China's Belt and Road Initiative: Global Implications
- 7 China-Africa Relations: Development or Dependency?
- 8 China's Soft Power Strategy in Global Affairs
- 9 China and the Asia-Pacific Regional Order

10 China's Politics and Strategy in the Middle East

STREAM II: SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

- 1 International Politics of South Asia
- 2 Foreign Policy of Pakistan
- 1 National Security Issues in Contemporary Pakistan
- 2 Defense and Security Policies of South Asia
- 3 Afghanistan and Regional Security in South Asia
- 4 India's Foreign Policy Since 1947
- 5 Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding in South Asia
- 6 India–Pakistan Relations: Historical and Contemporary Dynamics
- 7 Regional Cooperation in South Asia: Challenges and Prospects
- 8 State and Society in South Asia