## Peace & Conflict Studies

**Core Courses**

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| IRL | 6011 | Theories of Peace, Conflict, and Security Studies | 3 units |
| IRL | 6012 | Conflict Analysis and Resolution | 3 units |
| IRL | 6013 | Conflict and Human Security | 3 units |

**Electives (Select 2 courses)**

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| IRL | 6241 | Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding | 3 units |
| IRL | 6242 | Emerging Issues in Peace and Conflict World Politics | 3 units |
| ILR | 6215 | International Humanitarian Law | 3 units |

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

A Master of Arts in International Relations program opens up a wide range of career opportunities, examples include:

1. Diplomat
2. Foreign Policy Analyst
3. International Development Specialist
4. Intelligence Analyst
5. Humanitarian Aid Worker
6. Political Risk Analyst
7. International Trade Specialist
8. Global Communications Consultant
9. Conflict Resolution Specialist
10. NGO Program Manager
11. Government Affairs Specialist

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# Master of Arts in International Relations

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## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Master of Arts in International Relations equips students with the analytical skills needed to understand the complexities of global politics and international affairs. The program covers key subfields, including globalization, human rights, humanitarian action, conflicts, foreign policy, and economic development.

Through a multidisciplinary approach, students gain insights into the forces shaping global interactions and policy decisions. Graduates are prepared for careers in diplomacy, international organizations, government agencies, NGOs, and global business, where they can contribute to addressing critical international challenges.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of the program, students will be able to:

1. Evaluate contending concepts and theories in International Relations.
2. Conduct empirical research in International Relations and formulate evidence-based policies.
3. Devise problem-solving intervention strategies and programs for dealing with national and international situations.
4. Employ an integrated multi-disciplinary approach to the management of international affairs.
5. Assess issues in International Relations within the context of a complex multi-cultural and interconnected world.

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

**42 UNITS**

### PREREQUISITE COURSES — 6 UNITS

(Only for students without adequate background in the field of International Relations)

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| IRL | 2000 | Foundation of International Relation | 3 units |
| POL | 2201 | Introduction to Political Science | 3 units |

### CORE COURSES — 27 UNITS

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| IRL | 6004 | Foundations of International Relations | 3 units |
| IRL | 6006 | Contemporary International Relations Theory | 3 units |
| IRL | 6007 | International Law | 3 units |
| IRL | 6008 | Qualitative Research Methods | 3 units |
| IRL | 6200 | International Organizations | 3 units |
| IRL | 6234 | Internatioal Political Economy | 3 units |
| IRL | 6009 | Quantitative Research Methods | 3 units |
| IRL | 6901 | Thesis I (Must have a GPA of 3.0) | 3 units |
| IRL | 6902 | Thesis II | 3 units |

### CONCENTRATIONS — 15 UNITS

#### Development Studies

**Core Courses**

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|---|---|---|---|
| IRL | 6054 | Theories of Development | 3 units |
| IRL | 6031 | Politics of International Development | 3 units |
| IRL | 6033 | Global Environmental Politics | 3 units |

**Electives (Select 2 courses)**

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| IRL | 6032 | Sustainable Development: Theories, Policy, and Practice | 3 units |
| IRL | 6034 | Public Policy | 3 units |
| IRL | 6240 | Post Coloniality in Africa | 3 units |
| IRL | 6050 | Project Management | 3 units |

#### Diplomacy & Foreign Policy

**Core Courses**

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|---|---|---|---|
| IRL | 6210 | Foundations of Diplomacy | 3 units |
| IRL | 6211 | Geopolitics and Diplomacy | 3 units |
| IRL | 6260 | Foreign Policy Analysis | 3 units |

**Electives (Select 2 courses)**

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| IRL | 6250 | Africa in International Affairs | 3 units |
| IRL | 6251 | Diplomatic Practices | 3 units |
| IRL | 6252 | Diplomatic and Consular Law | 3 units |