CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

1. International Relations Professor
2. Diplomatic Advisor
3. Foreign Policy Analyst
4. International Development Consultant
5. Global Security Analyst
6. Intelligence Analyst
7. Human Rights Advocate
8. Conflict Resolution Specialist
9. United Nations Officer
10. Political Risk Analyst
11. International Business Consultant

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in International Relations is a research-focused program designed around a student-centered curriculum. Combining rigorous coursework with independent research, the program is offered on both full-time and part-time bases. Its core strengths lie in peace and conflict studies, development studies, and foreign policy and diplomacy. The curriculum emphasizes participatory learning through research, seminar presentations, interactive discussions, case studies, group work, reflective exercises, portfolio development, and simulations.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Advanced understanding of international relations theories and global governance.
2. Ability to conduct independent, original research on international political, economic, and security issues.
3. Expertise in analyzing geopolitical trends and their impact on global affairs.
4. Proficiency in policy formulation and diplomatic negotiation strategies.
5. Critical evaluation of international institutions, laws, and human rights frameworks.
6. Strong academic writing and presentation skills for publishing and teaching in higher education.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS — 90 UNITS

CORE COURSES — 40 UNITS

IRL	7001	Epistemological Debate on the Application of IR Theories	3 units
IRL	7002	Research Philosophy & Methods in IR	3 units
IRL	7004	Comparative Foreign Policy Analysis	3 units
IRL	7005	Classical Political Philosophy	3 units
IRL	7007	Peace and Security Studies	3 units
IRL	7015	Environmental Theories and Politics	3 units
IRL	7008	Public Policy Analysis	3 units
IRL	7009	Comparative Politics	3 units
IRL	7013	International Law	3 units
IRL	7011	PhD Research Seminar	3 units
IRL	7012	PhD Project Development and Field Work	3 units
IRL	7016	Democratization and Governance	3 units
IRL	7801	Comprehensive Exams	1 unit
IRL	7900A	Dissertation 1	3 units
IRL	7900B	Dissertation 2	3 units
IRL	7900C	Dissertation 3	3 units
IRL	7900D	Dissertation 4	3 units

ELECTIVES — 12 UNITS

Choose four electives

IRL	7003	International Development	3 units
IRL	7006	Contemporary Political Philosophy	3 units
IRL	7010	Diplomatic & Consular Practice	3 units
IRL	7014	Gender and IR	3 units
IRL	7017	International Humanitarian Law	3 units
IRL	7018	Conflict Analysis	3 units
IRL	7019	Conflict Resolution and Peace building	3 units