

Master of Arts in International Relations

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The Master of Arts in International Relations will have three parts. The first two parts consist of taught seminars: the program will have required seminars followed by electives. After completing the required seminars, students will proceed to the electives. At the end of the program students will take their field exam in the discipline of International Relations.

The field exam will consist of issues from the required seminars, as well as those two seminars elected by a student. Satisfactory completion of the field exam will be required to graduate from the program. The third part of the program will consist of research elements – students will be expected to complete a Master’s research paper (MRP) of approximate

length of 14 to 18 thousand words. Students will be encouraged to select their MRP or capstone topic as early as possible, and by the end of Seminar Four they will have advisors assigned. Students will be encouraged to choose their elective seminars according to their research interests. Master’s Research Paper will be a shorter version of MA thesis, with one important difference: students will not be asked to make original contributions to the field of international relations. Although it is not difficult to identify original theses statements in IR, even at Master’s level, fundamental difficulties exist in the field in terms of scholarly rigor and methodology of fully investigating the proposed research questions. Such challenges are common in the discipline at Master’s level and tend to exist even at wealthy schools – the challenges are connected with the limitations that naturally exist for those who study international security and history – it is seldom possible for Master’s students to do substantial field research, especially in the areas of conflict.

Curriculum Map

Semester 1	Credits	Semester 2	Credits	Semester 3	Credits
IR 510 World Politics Intl Relations	6	One concentration course	6	IR 555 Field Exam	0
One concentration course	6	One elective course	6	IR 590 Masters Research Paper	9
				IR 595 Residency ¹	
	12		12		9
Total Credits: 33					

¹ Students are required to attend a one-week, on campus Residency Conference in the June following or concurrent with their final course.

Core Requirements

All students in the Master of Arts in International Relations program are required to complete the following courses in the order prescribed in the curriculum map for the degree.

International Security Concentration Courses

IR 520	American Foreign Policy	6
IR 530	International Security	6
GD 540	Conflict Avoidance, Prevention & Containment in the International System	6
or GD 550	Conflict Resolution & Post-Conflict Reconstruction in the International System	
or GD 560	Military Intervention & Conflict Management in the International System	
or GD 561	Human Rights and Conflict in the International System	
or GD 562	International Response to Transnational Terrorism	
Total Credits		18

National Security Concentration Courses

IR 520	American Foreign Policy	6
IR 531	National Security	6
GD 540	Conflict Avoidance, Prevention & Containment in the International System	6
or GD 550	Conflict Resolution & Post-Conflict Reconstruction in the International System	
or GD 560	Military Intervention & Conflict Management in the International System	

or GD 561	Human Rights and Conflict in the International System	
or GD 562	International Response to Transnational Terrorism	
Total Credits		18

International Development Concentration Courses

GD 530	Economics and the International System	6
AD 564	International Development and Influence I	6
AD 574	International Development and Influence	6
Total Credits		18

Cyber Diplomacy Concentration Courses

GD 520	Law and the International System	6
GD 547	Cyber Policy I	6
or GD 548	Studies in Cyber Systems I	
GD 557	Cyber Policy II	6
or GD 558	Studies in Cyber Systems II	
Total Credits		18

Faculty Member	Institution at which highest degree was earned
Lasha Tchantouridze, PhD (Program Director)	Queens University
Charles Lerche, PhD (Associate Program Director of Academics)	University of Ibaden (Nigeria)
Clifford Bates, PhD	Northern Illinois University
Narain Batra, PhD	Gujarat University
John Becker, PhD	University of Denver
Najiba Benabess, PhD	University of Wisconsin

Bond Benton, PhD	University of Vienna
Stefan Brooks, PhD	University of Houston
Rowland Brucken, PhD	Ohio State University
Eric Bush, PhD	Widener University
Anthony Cain, PhD	Ohio State University
Stanley Carpenter, PhD	Florida State University
Emily Copeland, PhD	The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy
Paula Doherty, PhD	Nova Southeastern University
Robert Farkasch, PhD	York University
Don Harrington, PhD	University of Connecticut
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