

Master of Arts in International Relations

Program Overview

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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 10 to 12 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.

Requirements

Curriculum Map/Plan of Study

Term 1		
IR 510	World Politics Intl Relations	6
Term 2		
One concentration course		6
Term 3		
One concentration course		6
Term 4		
One elective course		6
Term 5		
IR 555	Field Exam	0
IR 590 & IR 591	Masters Research Paper I and Masters Research Paper Conclusion and Examination	9
IR 595	MIR Residency ¹	0
Total Cr.		33

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

Curriculum 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/plan of study for the degree.

Core Courses for all Concentrations

IR 510	World Politics Intl Relations	6
IR 555	Field Exam	0
IR 590 & IR 591	Masters Research Paper I and Masters Research Paper Conclusion and Examination	9
IR 595	MIR Residency	0
Total Cr.		15

Concentration Areas

All students in the Master of Arts in International Relations program must select one concentration area of study and will complete 18 credits in the concentration.

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 541	The Practice of Diplomacy	
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 Cr.		18

National Security Concentration Courses

IR 520	American Foreign Policy	6
IR 531	National Security	6
IR 541	Intel & Natl Security Policy	6
Total Cr.		18

International Development Concentration Courses

GD 530	Economics and the International System	6
IR 543	PoliEconomy of IntDevelopment	6
IR 553	Capital and international Development	6
Total Cr.		18

Cyber Diplomacy Concentration Courses

GD 520	Law and the International System	6
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Policy Track Seminars

GI 556 or GI 557	Cyber Crime Cyber Law	6
GI 566 or GI 567	Critical Infra. Protection International Perspectives on Cyberspace	6

Cyber Systems Seminars

GI 554 or GI 562	Computer Security Incident Response Team Management Vulnerability Management and Penetration Testing I	6
GI 551 or GI 563	Computer Forensic Investigations Vulnerability Management II	6
Total Cr.		18

Regions of the World Concentration Courses

IR 520	American Foreign Policy	6
IR 530	International Security	6
IR 549	Regions of the World	6
Total Cr.		18

One-Week Residency

All degree candidates of the Master of Arts in International Relations are required to attend a one-week Residency Conference (<http://catalog.norwich.edu/archives/2018-19/onlineprogramscatalog/academicpolicies/graduationrequirements>) on the Norwich University campus, during which they may attend professional presentations, participate in roundtable discussions with faculty, and present papers. The one-week residency is a degree requirement.

Faculty

Faculty Member	Institution at which highest degree was earned
Lasha Tchatouridze, PhD (Program Director)	Queens University, Canada
Charles Lerche, PhD (Associate Program Director of Academics)	University of Ibaden, Nigeria
Hayat Alvi, PhD	Howard University
Clifford Bates, PhD	Northern Illinois University
Narain Batra, PhD	Gujarat University, India
John Becker, PhD	University of Denver
Najiba Benabess, PhD	University of Wisconsin
Bond Benton, PhD	University of Vienna, Austria
James Binney, PhD	University of Kentucky
Stefan Brooks, PhD	University of Houston
Rowland Brucken, PhD	Ohio State 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, Canada
Hatice Gamze Menali, MA	Norwich University
Don Harrington, PhD	University of Connecticut
Michael Jackson, PhD	Brandeis University
David Jones, PhD	State University of New York at Albany
William Jong-Ebot, PhD	University of Wisconsin
Seung-Ho Joo, PhD	Pennsylvania State University
Angela Kachuyevski, PhD	The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy
Brian Kupfer, PhD	Claremont Graduate School
Jonathan Levy, PhD	William Howard Taft Law School
James Miskel, PhD	State University of New York

Darryl Mitry, PhD	University of Southern California
Amit Mukherjee, PhD	Syracuse University
Eric Nelson, PhD	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Scott Nelson, PhD	Arizona State University
Robert Pauley, PhD	Old Dominion University
Timothy Riesen, PhD	Claremont Graduate University
Eileen Scully, PhD	Georgetown University
Steven Shirley, PhD	Old Dominion University
Joel Sokolsky, PhD	Harvard University
Andrea Talentino, PhD	UCLA
Eugene Tardie, PhD	Northern Illinois University
Stephen Twing, PhD	University of South Carolina
Shelton L. Williams, PhD	John Hopkins University