Evening Programme

School of Politics and International Relations
Quaid-I-Azam University
Islamabad

Postgraduate Certificate in International Relations
Postgraduate Advanced Diploma in International Relations
Master of Science (MSC) in International Relations

Objective

Keeping in view the relevance of the global politics understanding for various mid-career professionals (Foreign Diplomats, Pakistani Civil-Military Bureaucrats, Politicians Journalists and NGO employees posted/based in Islamabad), the School of Politics and International Relations, Quaid-i-Azam University introduces Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Advanced Diploma and Mater of Science (MSC) in International Relations programmes during the evening. All the courses will be taught by the experienced PhD qualified faculty.

Rationale

The SPIR already offers M. Sc, M. Phil and PhD programs, it is felt that short-term courses leading to M.Sc during the evening-time could be beneficial for the mid-career professionals who otherwise might not be able to apportion two or more years for degree programs.

Medium of Study

English

Research Outcome

Compulsory course on the Research Methodology will be taught to all the students in the first semester. A student has to produce two research papers (3 credit hours of each) on the Current Issues in the Global Politics and Regional settings during the second and third semesters, respectively. A student has to opt for compulsory Thesis (9 Credits) in the final semester (fourth semester) of M.Sc. in lieu of three optional courses from his/her field of interest. The selection of the topic for the Thesis and Supervisor shall be finalized during the third semester.

Eligibility Criteria

The programmes are only for professionals; therefore fresh graduates would be barred to take admission in the said programs. The Committee comprising of the SPIR faculty shall determine the candidate’s eligibility/qualification to take admission in the evening program. The various
steps to evaluate the candidate: previous education, at least Bachelors (14 years, education) work experience, written test or interview.

**Time Schedule**

**Weekly Schedule**

Five Working Days

1700 to 2000 (5pm to 8 pm) Class Teaching

2000 to 2100 (8pm to 9 pm) Tutorial on need basis

Note: Occasionally classes can be arranged on the holidays to complete the Credit hours.

**Semester Schedule**

1. First Semester: February 18, 2013 to June 09, 2013
2. Second Semester: June 24, 2013 to October 13, 2013
4. Fourth Semester: March 03, 2014 to June 22, 2014

**Structure of the Program**

1. Postgraduate Certificate in International Relations – 15 Credit Hours
2. Postgraduate Advanced Diploma in International Relations - 33 Credit Hours
3. Master of Science in International Relations - 60 Credit Hours

**Postgraduate Certificate in International Relations (leading to Postgraduate Advanced Diploma in International Relations)**

- Classes to be held 5 days a week
- **Duration:** 16 working weeks (4 months)
- **Credit Hours:** 15
- **No. of Courses:** 5 Courses
- **Courses:** All Compulsory

**Postgraduate Advanced Diploma in International Relations**

The Advanced Diploma would be buildup upon the courses studied in the Certificate in International Relations’ course, allowing those who do not abandon the program after qualifying certificate course to get Advanced Diploma in International Relations.

- **Duration:** 8 months, 2-semesters (including the certificate course duration)
- **Credit Hours:** 33 (Certificate Course Credit Hours (15) + Second Semester 18 = 33)
- **No. of Courses:** 6 Courses
The Division of the Credit as follow:

1. Four Compulsory Course including Seminar on Current Issues in International Politics
2. Two Optional Courses

Master of Science in International Relations
The Master’s Degree in International Relations buildup upon the courses studied in both the Certificate (15 Credit Hours) and Advanced Diploma courses (31 Credit Hours), allowing those who do not abandon the program after qualifying for an Advanced Diploma in International Relations to get a M.SC in International Relations.

Duration: 16 months- 4 Semesters (including certificate and Diploma courses or 2 semesters)

Credit Hours: 60 (including Certificate semester 15 Credit Hours, Advanced Diploma semester 18 Credit Hours, Third Semester 15/18, Fourth Semester: Thesis 9 Credit Hours

Third Semester
Duration 4 months or 16 weeks
No. of Course: 6 Courses 18 Credit Hours

Fourth Semester
Duration 4 months or 16 weeks
Thesis: 9 Credit Hours (equal to 3 Courses)

CERTIFICATE COURSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Classes to be held 5 days a week in the evenings

Duration: sixteen weeks (4 months)

Credit Hours: 15

No. of Courses: 5 Courses

Courses: All Compulsory

1. IR-300 Theories of International Relations – 3 Credit Hours
2. IR-303 Politics of International Economic Relations – 3 Credit Hours
3. IR-304 Dimension of Modern Strategy – 3 Credit Hours
4. IR-307 Research Methodology- 3 Credit Hours
5. IR-309 Foreign Policy of Pakistan – 3 Credit Hours

ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The Diploma would buildup upon the courses studied in the certificate course, allowing those who do not abandon the program after securing a certificate to get a Diploma in International Relations.
**Duration:** 8 months, 2-semesters (including the certificate course duration)

**Credit Hours:** 31 (Certificate Course Credit Hours (15) + Second Semester 18 = 33)

**No. of Courses:** 6 Courses (First Four are Compulsory and Two Optional)

**Courses:**

1. IR-301 International Relations Since 1945 – 3 Credits Hours
2. IR-302 An Introduction to International Law – 3 Credit Hours
3. IR-305 Foreign Policy Analysis – 3 Credits Hours
4. IR-320 Seminar on Current Issues – 3 Credit Hours
5. IR-356 Disarmament, Arms Control & Nuclear Non-Proliferation – 3 Credits Hours
6. IR-328 International Politics of Middle East – 3 Credit Hours

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**MASTER'S DEGREE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

The Master’s Degree in International Relations buildup upon the courses studied in both the Certificate (15 Credit Hours) and Advanced Diploma courses (31 Credit Hours), allowing those who do not abandon the program after qualifying for an Advanced Diploma in International Relations to get a M.SC in International Relations.

**Duration:** 16 months- 4 Semesters (including Certificate and Advanced Diploma courses or 2 semesters)

**Credit Hours:** 60 (including Certificate semester 15 Credit Hours, Advanced Diploma semester 18 Credit Hours, Third Semester 15/18, Fourth Semester: Thesis 9 Credit Hours and one optional course 3 Credit Hours)

**No. of Courses:** 9 – Divided into two semesters

**Third Semester**

Duration 4 months or 16 weeks

**No. of Course:** 5 or 6 i.e. 15/18 Credit Hours

**Courses:**

1. IR-306 International Organization – 3 Credit Hours
2. IR-324 International Politics of South Asia – 3 Credit Hours
3. IR-351 Conflict and Conflict Resolution – 3 Credit Hours
4. IR-338 Seminar on Issues Relating to Area Study – 3 Credit Hours
5. IR-361 International Politics of Terrorism – 3 Credit Hours
6. IR-348 Human Rights Law – 3 Credit Hours

**Fourth Semester**

Duration 4 months or 16 weeks

1. IR-364 Thesis – 9 Credit Hours