

Master of International Relations

Coursework or coursework and dissertation



THE UNIVERSITY OF
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Faculty of Arts

About the course

The Master of International Relations is a professionally-oriented postgraduate degree that equips graduates with the advanced academic training, essential practical skills and industry networking opportunities required to gain employment and operate effectively in a range of careers that require expertise on our complex, dynamic and globalised world.

Graduates will be able to critically apply key theories and concepts to understanding and tackling contemporary national and international policy issues.



What topics are studied in the course?

The degree explores and analyses the following topics:

Core component:

- Foundations of International Relations
- Evolution of International Society
- Governance in the International System
- International Security
- Global Political Economy
- Capstone Experience: Responding to International Crises

Elective component:

- China and the World
- International Relations of the Asia-Pacific
- US Foreign Policy
- Religion, Global Identities and World Politics
- Critical Perspectives in International Development
- Peace and Security in Africa
- NGOs, Governance and Development
- World Politics: Muslims in the West
- Security and Crisis in the Asia-Pacific
- Global Social Movements
- International Norms, Ethics and Human Rights

Special Electives

- Professional Placement (internship)
- International Collaborative Study Experience
- Introductory Languages for Professionals (Chinese, Indonesian, Korean, Japanese)

Optional research pathway for high-achieving students:

- Research Design
- Fieldwork in Complex and Hostile Places
- Masters Dissertation

About UWA

Located on the beautiful Swan River in Perth, Western Australia, The University of Western Australia (UWA) is proud to have scored five star rankings in the Good Universities Guide 2016 for student demand, graduate starting salaries, and research intensity. UWA is recognised internationally and is ranked in the top 100 of the highly respected Shanghai-JiaoTong University's Academic Ranking of World Universities. UWA belongs to the Group of Eight (a coalition of the top research universities in Australia), it is one of only two Australian members of the Worldwide Universities Network and the only Australian member of the Matariki Network (a network of leading universities with long track records in research and teaching excellence).



Students will develop the capacity to collect and interpret information; to analyse arguments, policies and developments; and to construct cogent verbal and written arguments on international relations subjects. It also gives students an appreciation of the ways in which knowledge of international relations is utilised, including in professional employment.

Career prospects

The course prepares graduates for exciting careers in foreign affairs and diplomacy, government, international and non-governmental organisations, business, the media, and the education sector.

Course structure

The course can be taken flexibly in a number of ways, with both full time and part time enrolment and beginning and mid-year entry. Maximum enrolment is 5 years. International students may only study full time.

Program type	Credit points	Equivalent full time semester
Standard Master of IR	72	3
Graduate Certificate in IR	24	1
Graduate Diploma in IR	48	2
Alternative entry / optional extended Master of IR	96	4

Combined Master of International Relations and Master of International Law

Graduates can attain two sought after qualifications through the combined Master of International Relations and Master of International Law. This unique opportunity is suited to both legal and non-legal professionals. Students acquire both qualifications in a shorter time frame than undertaking them individually through the granting of advanced standing of key relevant units.

How do I apply?

Admission requirements

Applicants must have a relevant bachelor's degree with an average mark of at least 65 per cent in Level 3 units of the major, or equivalent as recognised by the Faculty.

English: IELTS minimum of 6.5 overall with individual items no less than 6.0.

Key dates

Domestic students: Applications for a beginning of year entry open in September and close mid January. Applications for a mid-year entry open in April and close mid June.

International students: There are no strict application deadlines, however prospective students are encouraged to apply early, allowing sufficient time for the processing of their application and to secure a student visa.

Apply online

To apply online, domestic and international students should visit studyat.uwa.edu.au

Who is the course for?

The course is designed either for recent graduates who want to obtain advanced qualifications and increase their employment opportunities or for graduates already in the workforce that want to gain further knowledge to advance their career or move into the field of international relations.



For further information

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