



Sardar Patel University of Police,
Security and Criminal Justice, Jodhpur

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M.A. in International Relations and Security Studies

Basic Scheme of Program

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Master of Arts in International Relations and Security Studies is among the several innovative post-graduate programs being offered by Sardar Patel University of Police, Security and Criminal Justice. The program offers students a unique chance to deepen their understanding of various dimensions of international politics and global governance along with issues of international and national security as students and faculty jointly explore the interactions among states and non-state actors such as international organizations, non-governmental organizations as well as non-violent groups.

Teaching Methodology:

A dynamic combination of classroom lectures, tutorials, seminars, workshops, presentations, field visits, interactive discussions, group activity will be our teaching methodology. The students stand to benefit from a wealth of on-campus expertise and outside guest faculty. The study aims to cover the theoretical traditions in international relations and security studies, while the seminars and workshops would focus on empirical challenges.

Duration:

The program spans over 4 semesters (two years) and includes regular classes, workshops, seminars, internship and a final dissertation. The medium of instruction is English.

Fee structure:

As per SPUP fee structure for all post-graduate non-technical courses (Available on University website).

Maximum Strength:

The maximum strength is 20 students.

Eligibility conditions:

Candidates must have Political Science/International Relations/Defence and Strategic Studies/Public Administration/Public Policy as one of their subjects in graduation.

The minimum qualification for admission into the program is graduation with 50% marks for SC/ST and 55% for general/OBC category students.

Students in their final year of graduation may also apply.

Admission Process

For Academic Year 2023, the admission to this program will be through first come first served basis.

Core, Electives, and Masters' Thesis

Students are required to study all four compulsory papers in their first semester. In the Second and Third semesters, students are required to study three compulsory papers, and have the option to choose any one elective from the list of electives offered in each semester. Electives focus on specific areas of academic interest, and they may be taken to fulfill a specific skill need, or simply to realize intellectual curiosity.

In the second semester, Research Methodology paper is compulsory. The Masters' thesis or dissertation will be an independent research project based on student's area of interest / field work / internship in the final semester. The topic of research will be decided in consultation with the teacher concerned.

Evaluation scheme:

30% marks are allotted for internal evaluation which will include Mid-Term and a combination of Project/Assignment, Presentation, Class interaction and participation.

70% marks are marked for Term-end Examination which, depending upon the nature of the subject, may include any or a combination of question-answer, research article, short dissertation and viva-voce.

The precise subject of the research paper and dissertation will be discussed and finalized with the teacher concerned.

Employment opportunities:

The world is experiencing multiple challenges involving great power strategic competition, terrorism, religious wars, and socio-cultural upheavals threatening our security and stability. This international environment creates a need for specialists who can provide advice to and seek employment in national governments, humanitarian groups, and international organizations such as United Nations.

MA in International Relations and Security Studies is ideal for students seeking career in academic institutions, government agencies, public-policy making, intergovernmental organizations, various UN agencies, think-tanks or media houses. This program is also recommended for students planning to pursue a Ph.D. in international relations, security and strategic studies, peace and conflict studies and allied areas in India and abroad.

SEMESTER-1

CODE	PAPER TITLE	Internal Evaluation	External Evaluation	TOTAL Marks
IRSS 101	Introduction to International Relations	30	70	100
IRSS 102	Contemporary Global Politics	30	70	100
IRSS 103	Fundamental of Security Studies	30	70	100
IRSS 104	Peace and Conflict Studies	30	70	100

SEMESTER-2

CODE	PAPER TITLE	Internal Evaluation	External Evaluation	Total Marks
Compulsory				
IRSS 201	India's National Security	30	70	100
IRSS 202	United Nations Studies	30	70	100
IRSS 203	Research Methodology	30	70	100
EHV 01	Ethics and Human Values	Mandatory Non-Credit		
Any one of the electives				
IRSS 204	Human Rights & International Law	30	70	100
IRSS 205	Cyber Security	30	70	100

SEMESTER –3

CODE	PAPER	Internal Evaluation	External Evaluation	Total Marks
Compulsory				
IRSS 301	India's Foreign Policy	30	70	100
IRSS 302	Terrorism Studies	30	70	100
IRSS 303	Disaster Management	15	35	50
IRSS 304	Research Paper	50		
Any One of the Electives				
IRSS 305	Maritime Security in Indian Ocean	30	70	100
IRSS 306	Government and Politics in South Asia	30	70	100

SEMESTER 4

CODE	PAPER TITLE	Total Marks
IRSS 401	Dissertation and Viva-voce	400 (300+100)