



MASTERS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



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KARDAN UNIVERSITY

DEAN'S MESSAGE

I take this opportunity to welcome you all to the Kardan University's Faculty of Social Sciences (FSS). Our goal at FSS is to train the future leaders of Afghanistan. Hence, apart from our focus on teaching, we work with our students to enhance their skills and research capabilities. Kardan Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities (KJSSH) is a testament to research as our priority.

Our degree programs are unique because they are tailored to bring modern knowledge to respond to the needs of Afghanistan. Our degree programs are offered in the English language in order to produce students who can respond to the market needs and prove their abilities in the job market. We are pleased to have successfully conducted a need assessment for designing our curriculum and have implemented the same in our Masters in International Relations program.



The Department of Masters in International Relations (MIR) offers programs that are timely and vital for our country. National security, diplomacy, peace and conflict resolution, economic development, and international trade are some of the specializations offered in this program, which is destined to provide skilled diplomats and peacebuilders to the community.

I feel honored to contribute to the vision and mission of Kardan University and assure you that you have joined the institution which values your dreams and assures you achieve them.

Dr. Ahmad Khalid Hatam

Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences

PROGRAM INTRODUCTION

Kardan University sets the pursuit of new knowledge at the core of its values and has always strived to become the leading university in promoting modern concepts through the introduction of new programs.

The Masters in International Relations is an intellectually rigorous graduate program designed for students with a passion for contemporary global issues.



VISION

Transforming the International Relations pedagogy as a benchmark for other universities nationally and regionally to follow.

MISSION

To prepare and transform MIR to be a crucible for educating and training future diplomats, peacebuilders, security experts, and statesmen.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- **Education:** Through a commitment to the personal education of each student, we will provide quality education and experience that equips students with the knowledge, skill, and attitude that will enable them to make a positive contribution to the society.
- **Research:** The breadth of our research and the connections between research learning and teaching will drive advancement in knowledge, understanding, innovation, and creativity in the field of IR.
- **People:** For MIR to remain a leading school for IR, we must continue to attract, recruit and support talented individuals and provide a diverse, inclusive, fair, and open environment that allows staff to grow and flourish.
- **Engagement and Partnership:** By enhancing the public engagement, knowledge creation, exchange, and innovation culture of the department, we aim to ensure that our research and education benefit the wider public.
- **Resources:** Enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of our support services by simplifying systems and working together more collaboratively will be key to delivering a sustainable platform to underpin our education and research.



PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Students that successfully complete the Master's degree in International Relations will be able to:

- Engage in an in-depth analysis of international relations and the advanced IR theories that explain those relations and help analyze their directions and effects;
- Demonstrate skills as specialists or researchers in careers of national or international domains;
- Demonstrate the ability to go on for advanced doctoral studies in wide areas of concentrations in international affairs or diplomacy;
- Pursue careers with a variety of international organizations.

IMPORTANCE OF MIR PROGRAM

Looking at the significant role of international relations and the need for enhanced diplomatic relations and cooperation with other states and international organizations, the importance to educate and inspire an expert cadre in International Relations is crucial than ever.



THIS IS MY TIME

2024:

I am playing a pivotal role in shaping Afghanistan's foreign policy as a successful diplomat.

Qais Rahmani Stanikzai
MIR Student



ACADEMIC STRUCTURE

The Masters in International Relations program consists of two concentrations Peace Building & Diplomacy and National Security.

The program duration for students with a Bachelor's in IR, Political Science, and Law (specializing in administration and diplomacy) is two years.

However, for those students who come with a Bachelor's degree in other disciplines, the program duration is two and a half years. A set of pre-requisite courses are compulsory for them.

Students from related fields are required to take 42 credits in order to graduate.

Category	Number of Credits
Core	24
Specialization (Optional)	12
Thesis	6
Total	42

Students from unrelated fields are required to take 60 credits.

Category	Number of Credits
Pre-requisite	18
Core	24
(Specialization (Optional	12
Capstone Project	6
Total	60

FEE STRUCTURE

Kardan University delivers high-quality education in a world-class environment. Our fee structure reflects the high academic quality and modern learning standards. The fee structure is designed based on the credit system giving students the flexibility to choose the number of credits, schedules, and courses offered.

Fee Structure for 2 Years		
Admission Fee		
Fee	Number of Semesters	Total
3,000	4	12,000
Program Fee		
Fee Per Credit	Number of Credits	Total
11,000	42	462,000

Fee Structure for 2.5 Years		
Admission Fee		
Fee	Number of Semesters	Total
3,000	5	15,000
Program Fee		
Fee Per Credit	Number of Credits	Total
10,000	60	600,000

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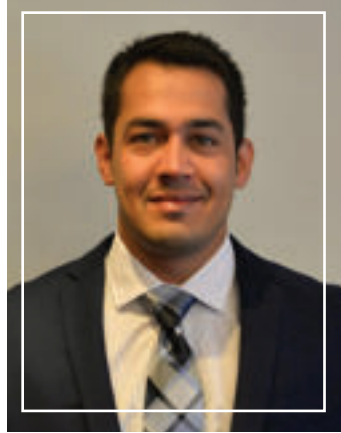
MyKardan is Kardan University's official student portal, a central hub where the entire student journey is captured and reflected. The portal is tailored to you as an individual, so you can make sure you have access to the information you need. As a student, MyKardan is where you can:

- Select and drop courses for each semester
- View your class schedule, attendance, tuition fee and grades
- Access academic contents including e-books, lectures, videos, etc.
- Access and submit assignments, quizzes and other class activities
- Access Kardan University's digital library including access to the JSTOR, one of the world's largest libraries of academic journals, books and primary sources
- View the course and program grades
- Apply for scholarships and financial assistance program
- Evaluate the professor performance and provide feedback

The development of an exceptional and high-quality online experience is fundamental to our learning and teaching approach. We combine world-class best practices, faculty expertise, modern technology, and innovation to shape and transform the student journey.



FACULTY PROFILES



Mr. Fahim Sadat

Assistant Professor,
Department of Masters
in International Relations

Mr. Fahim Sadat holds a master's degree in International Relations & National Security from the Fergusson College, Pune, India, and has a bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Pune, India.

He is the Managing Editor of Kardan Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities and has published papers in well-known academic journals.

His research interests include peace and conflict studies, human security, national security, the correlation between security & development in Afghanistan and Pakistan affairs.

He has also attended many trainings and workshops, including the participatory method in social research and dimensions of non-traditional threats to India's security challenges and response. Mr. Sadat has also attended many TV interviews as a Political Analyst in Aljazeera, Al Arabiya, CGTN, VOA, and WION TV.



Dr. Iqbal Sonaulloh

Assistant Professor,
Department of Masters
in International Relations

Dr. Iqbal Sonaulloh holds a Ph.D. in International Relations and a master's degree in the same discipline from the Jamia Millia Islamia University, India.

He is the founding member of the Center for Islamic Research and Development, a community-based initiative through which they launched a Library-cum-reading-room in their community.

He has also worked as an independent researcher and writer with several national and international media and policy organizations for eight years. His research interests include geopolitics, democracy, authoritarianism, the rule of law, ethnicity, nationalism, and Middle East politics.

He has published many research papers in international journals on the constitutional amendments in authoritarian politics and Gaza blockades.



Syed Ali Saeed

Assistant Professor,
Department of Masters
in International Relations

Syed Ali Saeed holds a Master's degree in Political Science from Indira Gandhi National Open University and a Master's in Human Rights from Aligarh Muslim University, India.

He has several years of experience in the education sector and has worked as a Research Associate on different projects in the Department of Political Science of Aligarh Muslim University.

His research interests include middle eastern politics, Islam and the west, polarity in the world, and multilateral diplomacy. He has previously worked with Micro Insurance Academy (MIA), a research-based organization in New Delhi, India.



Sarbajeet Mukherjee

Assistant Professor,
Department of Masters
in International Relations

Sarbajeet Mukherjee is a Ph.D. student in Political Science at the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka. He holds master's and bachelor's degrees in Political Science from the University of Calcutta, India. Currently, he serves as an Assistant Professor at the Department of MIR. Before this, Mr. Mukherjee has worked as an Associate Professor and Program Leader at the Department of Political Science, Royal Thimphu College, the Royal University of Bhutan.

Mr. Mukherjee has also served as a member of the College Management Committee at Royal Thimphu College and a Senior Lecturer and Program Leader in the Department of Political Science at Sherubtse College.

He has attended several international conferences on the interplay of Economics, Politics, and the Society for Inclusive Growth, organized by Royal Thimphu College. His research interests are security-related areas and military studies.

POLITICAL THURSDAYS

Political Thursdays' Lecture Series originated from the need to acquaint the students at the Department of Masters in International relations with researchers, policy experts, other academicians, and their critically acquired skills and insights.



CHAT WITH DIPLOMATS

Chat with Diplomats is a series where students are facilitated to visit an international organization or a diplomatic mission in Kabul and talk to the diplomats and representatives.



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission at MIR program is competitive and rigorous. Applicants must meet the following minimum admission requirements:

- Bachelor's degree in International Relations, Political Science or Law (with specialization in Administration and Diplomacy) for two years program.
- Any other field of education for 2.5 years program
- A minimum of 2.0 Cumulative Grade Point Average or equivalent in the completed undergraduate program or at least 65%.
- Passing MIR entry test and the interview.
- An intermediate level understanding of English language.
- Submission of the following documents:
 - Attested bachelor's degree from a higher education institution recognized by MoHE.
 - High school certificate attested by the Ministry of Education.
 - A copy of Tazkira and four passport size photographs.
 - An updated Curriculum Vitae (CV).



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Obtaining a minimum of 2.25 CGPA.
- Completing all pre-requisite, core, and specialization courses.
- Successful defense of the final thesis.



APPLYING TO THE PROGRAM

You have several options to apply for the MIR program at Kardan University. We offer flexibility and support in every step of the way, making your admission easier.

How to Apply



Apply online at
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