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KARDAN UNIVERSITY



**MASTER'S IN
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

DEAN'S MESSAGE

I take this opportunity to welcome you all to the Faculty of Social Sciences (FSS) of Kardan University. Our goal at FSS is to train the future leaders of Afghanistan. Hence, we do not focus on teaching alone; we equally work with our students and faculty to enhance their practical skills and research capabilities. Kardan Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities (KJSSH) is a testament to our to research as a priority.

Our degree programs are unique because they are tailored in a manner that brings modern knowledge to respond to the needs of Afghanistan.

Our degree programs are offered in 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 needs assessment for designing our curriculum and have implemented the new programs.



The Department of Master's in International Relations (MIR) offers programs that are timely and vital for our country. National and international 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 Afghan and international arena.

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 ensures 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 Master of International Relations is an intellectually rigorous graduate program designed for students with a passion for contemporary global issues.





PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Graduating from the Master's in International Relations program with an in-depth knowledge in IR, students will be able to:

- Play a significant role as an IR expert in shaping Afghanistan's foreign relations
- Analyze and develop economic and diplomatic policies at the international level
- Work in different national and international organizations with the necessary acquired knowledge and skills in IR
- Be informed of issues and situations at the regional and international levels, and contribute in the development of national strategies
- Become an academician in the field of IR, and share their knowledge and experience through public and private universities
- Play a significant role, using strong analytic skills, in the policy and decision making processes at diplomatic institutions

IMPORTANCE OF MIR PROGRAM

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





ONLINE EDUCATION

Approved by the Ministry of Higher Education, Kardan University's online education programs are designed in a way in which students and faculty are consistently engaged, challenged, and inspired. These online courses give you the opportunity to plan and schedule your study time.

You can study and work at your convenience. Course materials are always available online helping you to balance work and family commitments with your education.

- Distinctive Learning and Teaching Environment
- Interactive Learning Environments and Technology
- Supportive Team of Academic Professionals
- Convenience and Flexibility

Kardan University's online education programs build on our national and international accreditations, outcome-based education principles, and student-centered approaches. Our online education initiatives are both unique and innovative in Afghanistan.

Our distinct online learning environment reflects the same principles and standards that make Kardan University the best university in the country.



MYKARDAN

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 are getting the information you need. As a student, MyKardan is where you can:

- Apply for scholarships and financial assistance programs
- Select and drop courses for each semester
- View your class schedule, attendance, tuition fee and grades
- View the course and program grades
- Evaluate the professor performance and provide feedback
- 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

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.



ACADEMIC STRUCTURE

The Master of International Relations 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 any other discipline, the program duration is two and a half years. A set of pre-requisite courses will be 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)	16
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

FACULTY PROFILES

Dr. Ahmad Khalid Hatam

Dr. Ahmad Khalid Hatam has completed his Ph.D. in Islamic Law and Jurisprudence from the International Islamic University. Prior to that, he had obtained LL.M (International Law) securing a Gold Medal and LL.B (Hons) Shariah and Law from the same institution. He has served different educational institutions inside and outside Afghanistan in the capacity of Researcher, Lecturer and Assistant Professor of Law for almost ten years.

Dr. Hatam's papers have been published in different publications, news websites, and academic journals. He is currently working as a Legal Adviser and Consultant with various national and international organizations and teaches courses related to Law, Political Science and International Relations. Dr. Ahmad Khalid Hatam joined Kardan University as Assistant Professor, Master of International Relations Department in Spring 2018.



Dr. Inshah Malik

Dr. Inshah Malik holds a Ph.D. from Jawahar Lal Nehru University, and a master's in Arts and Social Sciences from Sri Nagar University. Dr. Malik is an Assistant Professor and the Head of Research and Publication Committee, Faculty of Social Sciences at Kardan University.

Before joining Kardan University, she has worked as a lecturer at renowned universities including, Union College University of Chicago, Northwestern University, University of San Diego, and Fox International Fellow Yale University.

Dr. Malik has taught classes on 'Theories of War and Peace, Resistance Studies, Gender Politics, and Ethnography. Political Theory, War and Peace, and Gender Studies. She has published several research articles in international publications and has also presented numerous papers in national and international conferences.



STUDENTS PROFILES

Ms. Uzma Zaheen Rafat

Ms. Uzma Zaheen Rafat is pursuing a master's degree in International Relations (MIR), specializing in Conflict Resolution and Peace Building at Kardan University. Ms. Rafat has served in different capacities with several renowned national and international organizations.

She has been working as the Monitoring and Evaluation Officer at Deutsch Gesellschaft fur International Zusammenarbeit (GIZ-PsCP) since 2019. During her career, she has positioned herself as a testament to advancing gender equality in business development, peace, and law.

Uzma Zaheen Rafat has recently been recognized for her outstanding academic accomplishments by the Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE). Furthermore, she was a nominee for the UNDP N-Peace Awards for her active role in promoting women's rights.



Toryalai Tanin

Mr. Toryalai Tanin holds an undergraduate degree in Agriculture and a master's degree in Business Administration (MBA) from Kardan University, the batch of 2019. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in International Relations at Kardan University.

He is an expert in agriculture sector analysis, economic policy formulation, monitoring, and evaluation of development projects. He has worked with renowned organizations such as UN, USAID, IFAD, DFID, NPPS-ANPDF, SDGs, AFSEN-A national and international mechanisms working for the development of Afghanistan.

Mr. Tanin works as the Social Services Director at the Ministry of Economy since March 2017. Prior to that, he worked as an Agriculture Assistant Professor with Balkh Agriculture faculty.





ADMISSION CRITERIA

Interested applicants should meet the following criteria:

- Bachelor's degree in International Relations, Political Science or Law (with specialization in Administration and Diplomacy) for two year program
- Any other field of education for 2.5 years program
- A minimum of 65% or more marks in Bachelor's attested by the Ministry of Higher Education of Afghanistan
- A minimum of second class or B grade for students with Bachelor's from a foreign country
- Acquiring a passing score at the entry test and passing the interview conducted by MIR department



ENROLMENT PROCEDURES

- Online registration through Kardan University website (kardan.edu.af/apply) or visiting one of the Admission Offices
- Providing ID card or passport and two passport size photographs
- Educational documents duly attested by the Ministry of Higher Education and Ministry of Education (Bachelor's degree and high school diploma)

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Obtaining a minimum of 2.25 CGPA
 - Completing all prerequisite, core and specialization courses
 - Successful completion of final project (thesis)
 - Financial clearance
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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 transition to academic life easier.

How to Apply

 0781 52 83 83	 kardan.edu.af	 Pick an Admission Package	 Admission Office Kardan University Parwan-e-Du
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Admission Requirements

The MIR admissions are competitive and rigorous. Applicants must meet the following minimum admission criteria:

- Attested bachelor's degree from a higher education institution recognized by MoHE.
- A minimum of 2.0 CGPA or equivalent in the completed undergraduate program.
- Complete MIR admission application form available on Kardan University's website or the university's admission information offices.
- Successful passing of pre-admission Master of International Relations entrance examination.
- Successful passing of the MIR interview process conducted after the entry test completion.
- Ministry of Education attested high school certificate.
- Tazkira copy and 4 passport size photographs.
- Submission of an updated resume or Curriculum Vitae (CV).
- An intermediate level understanding of English Language.



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