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KARDAN UNIVERSITY

MASTERS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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, 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 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 need assessment for designing our curriculum and have implemented the new programs.



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



PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Graduating from the Masters 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.





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.



MIR 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 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

Syed Ali Saeed

Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations

Syed Ali Saeed holds two master's degrees in Political Science and Human Rights from Aligarh Muslim University, one of India's most renowned academic institutions.

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.

Currently, Mr. Saeed works as an Assistant Professor in the Department of International Relations at Kardan University. He has previously worked with Micro Insurance Academy (MIA), a research organization based in New Delhi, India.



Sarbajeet Mukherjee

Assistant Professor, MIR Department

Sarbajeet Mukherjee holds a BA Honors degree in Political Science and an MA in Political Science from the University of Calcutta, India. He is now a Ph.D. student in Political Science from the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.

Currently, he serves as an Assistant Professor at Kardan University's MIR Department. 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 Society for Inclusive Growth, Organized by Royal Thimphu College.



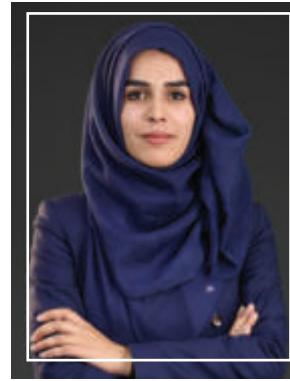
STUDENTS PROFILES

Ms. Uzma Zaheen Rafat

Ms. Uzma Zaheen Rafat is a graduate student of master's program 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.

Ms. 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.



Mustafa Hakimzada

Mustafa Hakimzada holds a bachelor's degree in Diplomacy & International Relations from the University of Afghanistan. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in International Relations at Kardan University, specializing in Conflict Resolution and Peace Building.

Mr. Hakimzada has an impressive academic background and has achieved several Academic Excellence Awards. Currently, Mr. Hakimzada works as Head of Memoline Group of Companies (MGC), where he develops content for public awareness, workshops, and roundtable discussions in capacity building activity projects.

Previously, he led the Community-Based Monitoring projects (CBM) at Integrity Watch Afghanistan. In this capacity, he contributed to building projects' capacity and engaged community members to monitor public projects with improved quality.

Recently, he has written two articles on the 'Role and Importance of Ethnicity and Nationalism in International Relations Context' and 'COVID-19 and The New Executive Mechanism of Diplomacy', published on national and international media platforms.





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

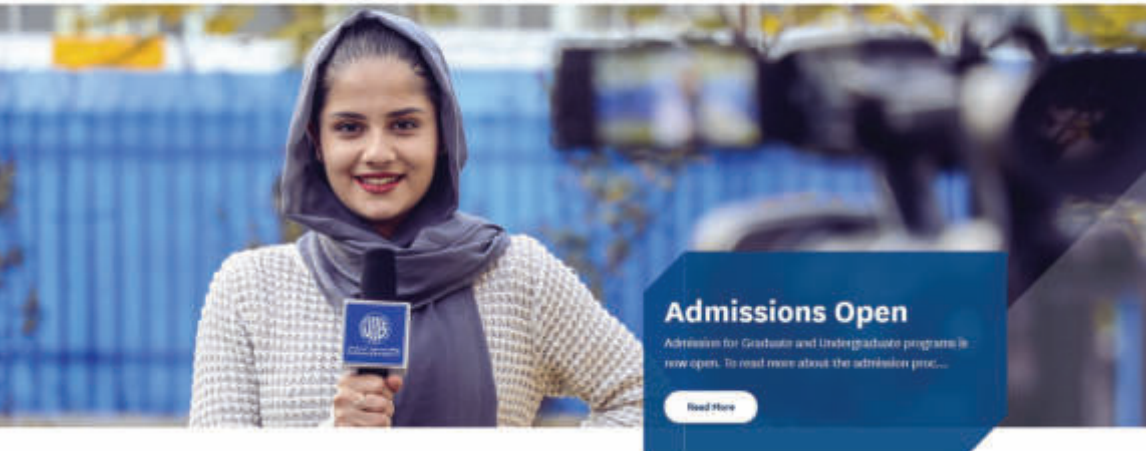
- Obtaining a minimum of 2.25 CGPA
- Completing all prerequisite, core and specialization courses
- Successful completion of final project (thesis)
- Financial clearance



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 MIR 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.



Admissions Open

Admission for Graduate and Undergraduate programs is now open. To read more about the admission process...

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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



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