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KARDAN UNIVERSITY

# MASTER'S IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



**SUCCESS STARTS HERE.**

Kardan University sets the pursuit of new knowledge at the core of its values, and has always strived to become an industry leader in promoting new knowledge through the introduction of new programs. The Master of International Relations is a new and intellectually rigorous graduate program designed for students with a passion for contemporary global issues.



**KARDAN : A VIBRANT UNIVERSITY  
INSPIRING ACADEMIC AND  
PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE**

# 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 level, 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.



# Academic Structure

The Master of International Relations consists of two concentrations “International Trade and Economic Development” and “Peace Building and Conflict Resolution”.

The program duration for students with a bachelor's in the IR or similar discipline is two years. However, those students with a bachelor's in a different discipline other than IR, the program duration is two and half years. Pre-requisite courses are required for students who do not have the required international relations background.



Students who have completed a bachelor’s degree in IR or related field are required to take 42 credits in order to graduate.

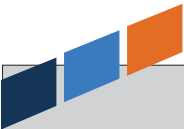
Subjects Categorization	Number of Credits
Core	24
Specialization (optional)	16
Thesis	6
Total	42

Students coming from a different discipline other than IR will have to complete 60 credits.


Subjects Categorization	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. We are also proud to offer several merit scholarship and financial assistance opportunities. Please see the Financial Assistance and Scholarship section or visit our website for detailed information.



IR students fee structure for 2 Years:		
Subjects Categorization		
Admission Fee		
Fee	Number of Semesters	Total
3,000	4	12,000
Program Fee		
Fee Per Credit	Number of Credits	Total
10,000	42	420,000





## IR Students fee structure for 2.5 years:

Subjects Categorization		
Admission Fee		
Fee	Number of Semesters	Total
3,000	5	15,000
Program Fee		
Fee Per Credit	Number of Credits	Total
9,000	60	540,000





# Admission Criteria

Interested applicants should meet the following criteria:

- Bachelor's degree in International Relations or other related social science degrees.
- Relevant educational and/or professional background in IR.
- Having obtained a minimum of 70% or more marks in bachelor's (a minimum 65% for students with bachelor from a foreign country).
- Acquiring a passing score at the entry test and passing the interview stage.



# Enrolment Procedures

- Online registration through Kardan University website ([kardan.edu.af/apply](http://kardan.edu.af/apply)) or visiting one of the Admission Offices and completing the required forms.
- ID card or passport including two passport size photos.
- Educational documents duly attested by Ministry of Higher Education and Ministry of Education (high school diploma and bachelor's degree).



# Graduation Requirements

- Obtaining a minimum of 2.25 CGPA grades during the studies at Kardan University.
- Completing all core and specialization courses.
- Completing required credits (42 for same field and 60 for students from a different field of study).
- Successful completion of final capstone project (thesis).
- Successful completion of English language test at a professional level.
- Financial clearance.



# Student Success Center

**Kardan University's Student Success Center is the first student-focused initiative of its kind in Afghanistan.**

The center assists our students and alumni achieve personal and professional excellence. The center is a hub for academic and extra-curricular initiatives that aim to help our students and alumni become more efficient, effective and successful. By partnering with faculty and other university offices, we ensure that our students and alumni excel both academically and professionally.



## **Some of the Success Center's benefits and services include:**

- Advice about what student sport team, club or society to join on campus.
- Guidance on academic matters including free tutors, counselors and resources.
- Support and advice on job search, internships and career development.
- Provision of financial aid and merit scholarships to eligible students and alumni.
- Networking, professional development and mentoring opportunities.
- Guidance on international educational opportunities, including scholarships, conferences, exchange programs and more.



## Office of Student Involvement and Events

By organizing events such as seminars, sports competitions, and study tours, we strive to enrich students' learning with knowledge from outside the class. Students are engaged in field specific extracurricular activities through student clubs such as Innovation Lab (i-lab), Computer Science Students' Club, Debate Club, Vis Moot, Law, Political Science, Photography and several sports clubs, including cricket, football, and volleyball.



## Office of Career Services

Students get professional support to develop key skills needed in the job market. They learn skills like preparing professional resumes, cover letters and interview skills. We assist students with internships and job opportunities.

## Work-Study Program

We offer part-time job opportunities within Kardan University campuses to qualified and committed students. Students can contact the Career Services to receive the job application form.

# Office of Alumni and Gender Relations

The Office of Alumni and Gender Relations seeks to advise, empower and inspire our 16,000 + alumni with a focus on gender relations. We offer a large variety of opportunities which help alumni stay in touch with Kardan and promote social interaction, professional networking and volunteer services. We organize alumni reunions, special training programs, facilitate the Distinguished Alumni Award Ceremony, and seek to create an equitable learning and teaching environment at Kardan University.



# The Writing Center

**The Writing Center at Kardan University is an advising and tutoring service which provides professional academic guidance to the undergraduate and graduate students.**

The center provides a variety of services related to writing. Students may visit the center during any stage of the writing process: prewriting, writing or editing. We are here to help our students become better writers.





# Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid

With Scholarships and financial aid opportunities, we are committed to ensuring no student is left behind from higher education only for financial reasons. For year 2019, over Afs. 29 millions is allocated for eligible scholarships and financial aid applicants.

## Merit Scholarships

We offer merit scholarships to those individuals who demonstrate academic excellence potential. Top scorers can receive up to 50 per cent fee reduction during a semester.

## Financial Aid

We provide fee reduction to male and female students who have financial limitations. Students can pick up an application form and submit for review and approval.



# 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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Pick an Admission  
Package



Admission Office  
Kardan University  
Parwan-e-Du

## Admission Requirements

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

- Attested bachelor degree from a higher education institution recognized by MoHE.
- A minimum of 2 cumulative grade point average or equivalent in the completed undergraduate program.
- Complete MIR admission application form available on Kardan University's website at the University's admission information offices
- Successful passing of pre-admission Master of International Relations entrance examination.
- Successful passing of the Kardan MIR interview process conducted after the entry test completion.
- Ministry of Education attested high school certificate
- Tazkira copy and 4 passport size photos
- Submission of an updated resume or Curriculum Vitae (CV).
- An intermediate level understanding of English Language.



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**Ahmad Waleed Khaliqi, BCS**  
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