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# MASTER OF ARTS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Master of International Relations program has been developed to train students in International Relations. The program takes African and international perspectives on the most pressing matters of international concern, spanning development, peace and conflict, and foreign policy and diplomacy.

### LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of the online Master of Arts in International Relations program, the graduates will be able to:

- Evaluate contending concepts and theories in International Relations.
- Conduct empirical research in International Relations and formulate evidence-based policies.
- Devise problem-solving intervention strategies and programs for dealing with national and international situations.
- Employ an integrated multi-disciplinary approach to the management of international affairs.
- Assess issues in International Relations within the context of a complex multi-cultural and interconnected world.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's Degree in International Relations or Political Science:
- Or Bachelor's degree from a recognized undergraduate degree in any field.
- Prerequisite Courses: For students without a background in International Relations or Political Science, completion of the following prerequisite course is required before starting core courses: IRL 2000 Introduction to International Relations, and POL 2201 Introduction to Political Science (Check the information on the website so that it reflects this)
- Non-native English speakers may need to demonstrate proficiency in English through standardized testing or equivalent qualifications.

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

42 UNITS

### PREREQUISITE COURSES

6 UNITS

(Only for students without adequate background in the field of International Relations)

IRL 2000 Foundation of International Relations 3 units

POL 2201 Introduction to Political Science 3 units

### CORE COURSES

27 UNITS

IRL 6004 Foundations of International Relations 3 units

IRL 6006 Contemporary International Relations Theory 3 units

IRL 6007 International Law 3 units

IRL 6008 Qualitative Research Methods 3 units

IRL 6200 International Organizations 3 units

IRL 6234 International Political Economy 3 units

IRL 6009 Quantitative Research Methods 3 units

IRL 6901 Thesis I (Must have a GPA of 3.0) 3 units

IRL 6902 Thesis II 3 units

### CONCENTRATIONS

15 UNITS

#### Development Studies

##### Core Courses

IRL 6054 Theories of Development 3 units

IRL 6031 Politics of International Development 3 units

IRL 6033 Global Environmental Politics 3 units

##### Electives (Select 2 courses)

IRL 6032 Sustainable Development: Theories, Policy, and Practice 3 units

IRL 6034 Public Policy 3 units

IRL 6240 Post Coloniality in Africa 3 units

IRL 6050 Project Management 3 units

#### Diplomacy & Foreign Policy

##### Core Courses

IRL 6210 Foundations of Diplomacy 3 units

IRL 6211 Geopolitics and Diplomacy 3 units

IRL 6260 Foreign Policy Analysis 3 units

##### Electives (Select 2 courses)

IRL 6250 Africa in International Affairs 3 units

IRL 6251 Diplomatic Practices 3 units

IRL 6252 Diplomatic and Consular Law 3 units

#### Peace & Conflict Studies

##### Core Courses

IRL 6011 Theories of Peace, Conflict, and Security Studies 3 units

IRL 6012 Conflict Analysis and Resolution 3 units

IRL 6013 Conflict and Human Security 3 units

##### Electives (Select 2 courses)

IRL 6241 Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding 3 units

IRL 6242 Emerging Issues in Peace and Conflict World Politics 3 units

ILR 6215 International Humanitarian Law 3 units

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- ✔ Instructor-led
- ✔ Flexible
- ✔ Instructor presence
- ✔ Accessible & inclusive
- ✔ Global interactive learning and network
- ✔ Dual accreditation in Kenya & USA

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