

University of Mumbai



No. AAMS(UG)/ 136 of 2022-23

CIRCULAR:-

Attention of the Principals of the Affiliated Colleges and Directors of the Recognized Institutions in Faculty of Science & Technology is invited to this office circular No. AAMS (UG)/168 of 2021 dated 18th November, 2021, relating to the syllabus of M.A.(Honours) (International Relations and Strategic Studies) (Sem. I & II) (CBCS).

You are hereby informed that the recommendations made by Faculty at its meeting held on 1st July, 2022 vide item No. 5.15 have been accepted by the Academic Council at its meeting held on 11th July, 2022 vide item No. 5.26 and that in accordance therewith, to introduce syllabus of **M.A. (Honours) (International Relations and Strategic Studies) - Sem. III to IV (CBCS)**, has been brought into force with effect from the academic year 2022-23. (The circular is available on the University's website www.mu.ac.in).

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29th October, 2022

To

The Principals of the Affiliated Colleges and Directors of the Recognized Institutions in Faculty of Science & Technology.

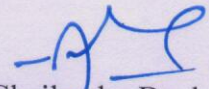
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- 4) The Director, Department of Information & Communication Technology,
- 5) The Co-ordinator, MKCL.


(Dr. Shailendra Deolankar)
I/c Registrar

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- 1. The Deputy Registrar, Academic Authorities Meetings and Services (AAMS),**
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- 9. The Director, Institute of Distance and Open Learning (IDOL Admin), Vidyanagari,**

They are requested to treat this as action taken report on the concerned resolution adopted by the Academic Council referred to in the above circular and that on separate Action Taken Report will be sent in this connection.

- 1. P.A to Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor,**
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- 10. The Director of Board of Student Development,**
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- 12. All Deputy Registrar, Examination House,**
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for information.

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**Revised Syllabus for M.A. (Honours) (International Relations and
Strategic Studies)
Semester – (Sem III &
IV)(ChoiceBasedCreditSystem)**

(With effect from the academic year 2022-23)

University of Mumbai



O: _____ Title of Course	M.A.(Honours) (International Relations and Strategic Studies)
O: _____ Eligibility	Graduate from any Discipline (from recognize University)
R: _____ Passing Marks	40%
No. of years/Semesters:	Four Semester
Level:	P.G./ U.G./ Diploma/ Certificate
Pattern:	Yearly / Semester
Status:	New/ Revised
To be implemented from Academic Year:	2022-23


Signature:

Chairman of Board of Studies


Signature:

Faculty of Dean

Preamble

1. Necessity of starting this Course:

In Western India, nowhere this course is taught either masters level or graduate level in any University or Colleges. Only two private universities have introduced this course in Pune namely Symbiosis and Flame University. Moreover, Mumbai is a city where we have almost all countries' Consul offices after Delhi, so we took this opportunity to fill in this vacuum and initiated the programme focussing more on International Relations and Strategic Studies.

2. Whether UGC has recommended to start the said Course?

This course is already in the list of approved courses by UGC and its website and in concurrence to UGC guidelines we have started this course. However, UGC has not specifically mentioned or given any directive to University of Mumbai to start this course.

3. Whether all the courses have commenced from the Academic year 2021-22?

Yes, 1. Masters in International Relations and Strategic Studies and 2. Post graduate Diploma in International Relations and Strategic Studies are recommencing from the present Academic Year 2021-2022.

4. The Course started by the University is Self-financed, whether an adequate number of Eligible permanent faculties are available?

Yes, the said course is financed and there are an adequate number of Eligible Faculties either Ad-hoc or Visiting are available.

5. To give details regarding duration of the Course and is it possible to compress the course?

The peculiarity of the said course is Masters programmes is of Two Academic Years, however there is provision of Exit Point after completing One year Masters Course and get the Degree of Post Graduate Diploma and can re-join after a gap of certain years and after completion of the course she can get Master's Degree. This flexibility of the Course will attract to those who wanted to pursue their education when they are in services especially those who are on assignment from the Armed forces and Diplomatic Missions.

1) Introduction

International and Strategic Studies, basically deals with the multiple disciplines within the Faculty of Humanities, like studying the political developments and socio-economic profile as well as art literature and cultural traits of the other nations that is foreign countries. This would help them to carry out their own countries relations in cordial manner. Having background of vivid disciplines, the young scholars are always giving the impression of being representatives of their own state. In India we have Indian Council for Cultural Relations provides an avenues and opportunities to prove themselves in different countries of the world.

2) Aims and Objectives

In India we have only Three Public Universities, namely

- School of International Studies, JNU, **New Delhi**, (Central university)
 - Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University, **Kolkata**, (State Uni)
 - Department of Politics and International Studies, Pondicherry University, (Central Uni) **Pondicherry**.
- Western India, do not have a single Public University either State or Central which has Department of International Studies as separate unit or department. However, in Maharashtra, we have Dept of Defence and Strategic Studies (DDSS) in University of Pune, Bahinabai Chaudhary North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon and Bhonsala Military College, Nashik. Though, University of Mumbai has affiliated college known as Naval War College which meant only for service staff from Indian Navy. In nutshell, there is scope for University of Mumbai to fill in this vacuum and explore possibilities to set up new Department of International and Strategic Studies.
- Mumbai being International City and Financial Capital of India, after Delhi Mumbai City has maximum foreign offices either Diplomatic or International Trade related Staffs who are stationed in their offices like Consular-Generals and Deputy High Commissions in vicinity. So, University Mumbai has direct access to this diplomatic community to impart their and share their experiences and knowledge of their international relations.
- International Relations and Strategic Studies, this subject is one of the vital components of various professional courses as well as career-oriented examinations either by Union Public Service Commission/ MPSC/ Staff Selection Board. In Maharashtra we don't have institutes or organizations which can provide the professional training or any mechanism to make them, (especially, aspirant civil servants) to understand the basic concepts and theories of International Relations/ Studies as well as strategic thoughts from the defense perspective. In absence of this kind of institutions many young scholars from Mumbai and nearby cities almost 80 percent of them chose New Delhi as destination or for research they look for admission in foreign universities.

3) Learning Outcomes

- a) In this Masters programme they intend to study in depth the knowledge of the different social, cultural, political and economic issues of other nations from Indian perspective to correlate India's polity, socio-economic conditions and cultural ethos with other nations.
- b) After completion of this Masters Course there is an ample scope to work as research analysts, journalists, an advisor, consultants to many international organizations and Foreign Embassies, Consulates, High Commissions and Multinational Agencies and their different programmes. Moreover, after developing the expertise in special skills of the Subject Knowledge being policy advisor these young graduates can work in the national or international sector, aiding governments or organizations. The course will also help to the various competitive examinations aspirants as International Relations and Foreign Policy becomes focus areas of UPSC and State Services Boards conducted examinations.
- c) The special component of Strategic Studies, primarily the military aspects of the various strategic thoughts whether it's Ancient Indian Strategies or Modern Strategies, it would educate the scholars to comprehend with numerous tactics of Proxy-Wars or War-like situation around. This would help them to understand the nature of counter-strikes and to know that how countries protect themselves and how world politics influences policy measures for the security of a nation.
- d) Mumbai being HQ of Western Naval Command of Indian Navy and Pune being HQ of Southern Command of Indian Army other Institutions of NDA, CME and AFMC the association with these institutions may help to inculcate the sense of nationalism and nationhood.

4) Who can Join?

- Any Graduate from any field/discipline is eligible to apply for MA Degree Course.
- Graduates, Civil Service aspirants, Reporters and Journalists from Print and Visual Media, Service Sectors, those who are interested in pursuing their career in the field of International Studies and International Organisations and Multinational Agencies.
- Foreign nationals from SAARC Countries as well as foreigners other than SAARC countries who intend to complete studies during their stay or deputation in their respective offices.

Title of the Course: M.A. (Honours) International Relations and Strategic Studies (SIRSS)

Eligibility for Admission: **Graduate in any field/discipline**

Duration of the Course:

Two Years (Four Semesters):

Semester One	Course Work of Three Papers: 2 Core and 1 Elective and Research Paper	One Term paper along with Presentations
Semester Two	Course Work of Three Papers: 2 Core and 1 Elective and Research Paper	One Tutorial/One Book Review along with Presentations
Semester Three	Course Work of Three papers: 2 Core and 1 Elective and Research Paper	Writing Research Proposal along with Presentations
Semester Four	M.A. Dissertation (100 to 120 Pages). And one Skilled Based Paper	Any Theme/Topic of the Course Content and Policy-oriented So that it could be published as Policy-Brief.

Intake Capacity: 60 students

Syllabus for Academic Year 2022-2023 (Onwards)

MA (Honors) in

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND STRATEGIC STUDIES

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SEM-III

Core Paper-I: Theoretical Approaches in Strategic Studies

(6 Credits and 60 Hours)

Modules:

- 1) Understanding Strategic Studies - (15 Hours)**
 - a. Assumptions and Approaches
 - b. Key concept: National Security, National Defense and National Interest
 - c. Evolution of National Security concept

- 2) National Security Concerns - (15 Hours)**
 - a. Major Powers
 - b. Middle and Small powers
 - c. Power blocs

- 3) Security Structure - (15 Hours)**
 - a. Theaterization of Defense force
 - b. Police and Intelligence Agencies
 - c. Decision-Making Structures

- 4) Strategic and Security Operations - (15 Hours)**
 - a. Military alliances and Pacts, Peace Treaties
 - b. Security dialogue, Strategic Partnership and Defense Cooperation
 - c. Deterrence and Detente

Core Paper-II: Contemporary issues & themes in global security
(6 Credits and 60 Hours)

Module:

- 1) Changing world Order- (15 Hours)**
 - a. Cold war
 - b. Emergence of new world order
 - c. International Politics: Ideology to Economy

- 2) Environment and Migration- (15 Hours)**
 - a. Climate change, Industrial Pollution and Global warming
 - b. Illegal migration and border management
 - c. Sustainable Development Goals

- 3) Inter-nation conflicts and Organized crimes- (15 Hours)**
 - a. Border conflicts in Asia and Africa
 - b. Human and Narco Trafficking, small arms proliferation
 - c. Problem of system of governance and Human rights

- 4) Human Security- (15 Hours)**
 - a. Food security
 - b. Energy Security
 - c. Water security problem

Core Paper-III: India's Foreign Policy & Diplomacy (6 Credits and 60 Hours)

Modules

- 1) Concept: Diplomacy and Policy - (15 Hours)**
 - a. Diplomacy and policy distinction
 - b. Diplomatic culture and practices in world
 - c. Old Diplomacy and New Diplomacy

- 2) Diplomatic History of India- (15 Hours)**
 - a. 70 Years of Indian Foreign Policy
 - b. Role of MEA and Nodal Agencies
 - c. Evolution of India's Diplomatic Ties (Bilateral/Multilateral)

- 2) Regional Strategies - (15 Hours)**
 - a. India and South Asia
 - b. Challenges for Regional Cooperation
 - c. Indo-Pacific Cooperation, Act East and Look West Policy

- 4) Diplomacy in Indo-Pacific Region- (15 Hours)**
 - a. Indian Maritime Security
 - b. Strategy of IOR region
 - c. Security of Sea Lanes and Trade Routes

Core Paper IV: Research Paper (Students should opt for research paper on above mentioned topics)

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SEMIV

● **CoursePaper 1: ResearchMethodology(6Credits60Hours)**

Module:

1. IntroductiontoResearchMethodology
2. Researchproposal
3. Sampling/PopulationandResearchTools
4. ProbabilitydistributionandGraphsandInferentialStatistics
5. ResearchProposalandEvaluationofResearchReport
6. Thesis/DissertationofResearch

● **CourseBasedProject:(Dissertation isfor18Credits)**

1. ApproachesinInternational Relations&AreaStudies
2. StrategichoughtsandDefense Studies
3. GlobalSecurityConcerns
4. India's Security Concerns & Diplomacy in
ContemporaryInternational Politics
5. Issuesin Conflict Resolution
6. DisasterManagementandNational Security
7. DefenseandTradeEconomics
8. Technology andNationalSecurity
9. InternationalOrganizationsandGlobalGovernance
10. India'sForeignPolicyand Economics
11. Human SecurityandHumanRights
12. EnvironmentandClimatechange

13. Diaspora Studies
14. Internal Security

Evaluation Pattern:

M.A.–inInternationalRelationsandStrategicStudies

- Semester I, II, III and IV - Evaluation Pattern Internal Evaluation (40) + SemesterEndExamination(60) =100
- The Internal Evaluation for the Master of Arts (M.A.) M.A. – in InternationalRelationsand StrategicStudiesSemI,SemII,SemIIIandSemIV(CBSGS)that is 40Marks, shall be further distributed as follows – 20 Marks for Internal Written Test and20 Marksfor WrittenAssignment.
- The Internal Evaluation of 40 Marks will be conducted by the respective CourseTeachers. Internal Evaluation – 40 Marks Internal Written Test 20 Written Assignment20
- semester End Examination - 60 MARKS will be conducted For Core Papers I, II,III &IV
- **For Core Paper IV** of SEM- I, II & III and Course paper of SEM IV: ResearchpaperInternalcarries40MarksforPresentationandViva(20Markseach)andExtern alcarries60MarksforResearchpaperevaluation
- Dissertation is for (18 credits) 300 Marks - Dissertation Report Evaluation: 200Marks,Presentation:50marks,Viva:50 Marks-Total:300 Marks


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