



**Hekma School of Business and Law
Department of Law and Diplomacy**

**Master of Arts in International Relations
Program Handbook**

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DAH University Vision & Mission



Vision:

A university that takes the lead in education, development, and creativity to positively impact the society

Mission:

"Graduating leaders and entrepreneurs who embody the values of the university through providing an educational environment that encourages development, creativity, scientific research and community service"



DAH University Values

- Quest for Excellence
- Appreciation for Knowledge
- Service to Our Community
- Creativity and Innovation
- Vision for the Future

DAH University Strategic Goals Values



- Ensure high quality programs, services and teaching.
- Expand academic programs and strategic research contributions.
- Upskill and prepare graduates to transition into professional careers & leadership roles that fulfil job market needs.
- Expand reach & impact of Dar Al-Hekma University.

Hekma School of Business and Law School

Mission



"To graduate professionals equipped with knowledge, skills, and values in the areas of Business, Law, and International Relations within an academic environment that encourages scientific research and community engagement"



MAIR Program Mission

"Graduating professionals with advanced knowledge in the field of international relations within an academic environment that encourages scientific research and community engagement"

MAIR Program Graduate Attributes



| MAIR Program Attributes |
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| Knowledgeable of the broad conceptual and theoretical aspects of International Relations |
| Persuasive oral and written communicator. Independent and collaborative team player |
| Capable of making effective decisions |
| Problem solver |
| Capable of producing IR related research. |
| Students are able to use technology related to their field |
| Committed to ethical practices and social responsibility |



MAIR Program Goals

- Graduate qualified students with International Relations degrees to work in the Foreign Ministry, International Law and International Business Firms.
- Prepare students who intend to pursue further academic studies.
- Establish outreach links with the community through lectures and other activities



MAIR Program PLOs

| MAIR PLOs |
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| K1 Explain the political, social, economic and legal institutions and their functions in the international system |
| S1 Use communication skills for both individual and team work as appropriate in the subdisciplines of international relations |
| S2 Demonstrate leadership abilities using the communication skills and knowledge acquired in the program |
| S3 Apply analytical thinking required for IR analysts and decision makers. |
| S4 Conduct IR related research on a contemporary topic. |
| S5 Demonstrate the use of technology for research as related to the discipline of IR. |
| V1 Exhibit ethical conduct in the use of sources and in the workplace. |



Overview About MAIR Program

Dar Al-Hekma University is the first University in Saudi Arabia which offers a Masters' Program in International Relations. The well-structured program prepares students for success in the world of diplomacy and international relations. It is a two-year program which includes 9 core courses that provide students with a strong foundation in both theory and practice of international relations. Students then select a concentration of 3 additional courses in the specialized fields of international law or international economics. In addition, two additional free elective courses are offered to enhance students' understanding in areas such as business and foreign policy.

All MAIR courses are taught by a pool of dedicated, passionate and high-caliber faculty from diverse local and international backgrounds, some of whom teach in international universities and are practitioners in the field.

Graduates of the program will be prepared for the exciting new opportunities that are opening up for women in the Kingdom in the field of diplomacy and international relations.



Significance of the Program

The program equips students with the necessary skills that qualify them for a variety of career paths/jobs in the market including, but not limited to:

- Government
- Foreign Affairs
- International organizations
- Law Offices
- Multinational corporations
- Private sector corporations and small businesses
- Management consultancy
- Academia
- Non-profit organizations



Admission Criteria

| TOEFL Score | Required Bachelor Degree | Pre-Requisite Program | Other Admission Requirement |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 550 | A Bachelor Degree in Any Field | None | Pass Interview |

Plan of Study



Dar Al-Hekma University

Master of Arts in International Relations (MAIR) Plan of Study

| Year One | SEMESTER ONE | | CREDIT | TOTAL |
|----------|---|--|--------|-------|
| | | INTR6301Core: Theories & Concepts in International | 3 | |
| | INTR6302Core: International Organizations | 3 | 9 | |
| | INTR6303Core: International Law | 3 | | |
| Year One | SEMESTER TWO | | CREDIT | TOTAL |
| | | INTR6304Core: Comparative Politics | 3 | |
| | | INTR6305Core: Fundamentals of Economics | 3 | |
| | | INTR6306Core: Research Methodology and Statistics | 3 | 12 |
| | | INTL 6304Core: Processes of International Negotiations | 3 | |

| Year Two | SEMESTER ONE | | CREDIT | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|--------|-------|
| | | XXXXXXXXCourse from concentration of choice | 3 | |
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| | XXXXXXXXCourse from concentration of choice | 3 | 12 | |
| | XXXXXXXXFree Elective | 3 | | |
| Year Two | SEMESTER TWO | | CREDIT | TOTAL |
| | | INTE6304Core: International Political Economy | 3 | |
| | | INTR 6312Core: Research Project | 3 | 9 |
| | | XXXXXXXXFree Elective | 3 | |
| Total Credit Hours for Graduation | | | | 42 |

Concentration I: International Law (offered from 2015)

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| INTL 6301 Comparative Legal Systems | 3 |
| INTL 6302 Human Rights Law | 3 |
| INTL 6303 International Trade | 3 |
| INTL 6305 Elements of International Environmental Policy | 3 |

Concentration II: International Economics (offered from 2014)

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| INTE 6301 Survey of International Economics | |
| INTE 6302 International Macroeconomics | |
| INTE 6303 Topics in International Economic Issues | |
| INTR 6309 Development Economics | |
| INTL 6303 International Trade | |

Free Electives

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| INTR 6308 The Art and Science of Statecraft | 3 |
| INTR 6310 Force and Strategy | 3 |
| INTR 6307 Foreign Policy in the Arab World | 3 |
| INTR 6311 Internship | 3 |

Course Prerequisite

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| INTR 6305 Fundamentals of Economics | 3 |
| INTR 6306 Research Methodology and Statistics | 3 |



Course Description

Year One

(INTR 6301) Theories and Concepts in International Relations: Credit Hours: 3 (3.0)

This course is a broad introduction to the study of international relations (IR). Students are acquainted with major theories and concepts in preparation additional courses in the international relations subfield of political science. Students learn about the nature of the international system, the origins and consequences of major wars, the dynamics of coercion, international institutions and the problem of cooperation, the interaction of domestic and international politics, the role of ideas and norms about sovereignty, military intervention, and human rights; state failure, terrorism; nuclear proliferation; global reactions to United States hegemony, and the future of international politics.

(INTR 6302) International organizations: Credit Hours: 3 (3.0)

This course examines international organizations in both theory and practice. It carefully examines various international organizations, considering their historical origins, ostensible functions, the international and domestic political forces that impact their operations, and their effectiveness. Students learn contending theories of international organizations, and then investigate practical applications in the areas of global and regional governance, collective security, and functional cooperation across a variety of realms.

(INTR 6303) International Law: Credit Hours: 3 (3.0)

International law may be defined as the rules, principles, and norms that govern relations between states. This course is an introductory survey of international law and its role in international politics. In the process, central questions such as the effectiveness of international law in providing international order and reducing conflict, and the relationship between international law and state sovereignty, will be addressed.



Course Description

Year One

(INTR 6304) Comparative Politics:

Credit Hours: 3 (3.0)

This course presents an overview of comparative political systems throughout the world, and introduces students to the basic concepts and methods of comparative politics. The course provides for discussion of key concepts and theoretical issues, as well as case studies. Students learn about diverse governments, role of government, political culture, state formation, democratization, communism and other forms of governments.

(INTR6305) Fundamentals of Economics:

Credit Hours: 3 (3.0)

The purpose of this course is to lay the foundation for the understanding of economics through introducing the students to the basic analysis, such as supply and demand, market structure and economic growth, used by economists to understand microeconomic decision making and the functioning of the macroeconomy.



Course Description

Year One

(INTR 6306) Research Methodology and Statistic: Credit Hours: 3 (3.0)

This course examines international organizations in both theory and practice. It provides contending theories of international organizations, and different methodologies used in international relations research. It serves as an introduction to the fundamental tools of research methodology in international relations. It includes comparison between qualitative and quantitative research, hypotheses testing, correlation coefficient and regression analysis. Students investigate practical applications in the areas of global and regional governance, collective security, and functional cooperation across a variety of realms.

(INTL 6304) Processes of International Negotiations: Credit Hours:

This course provides an overview of negotiation theories and practices of international importance – bilateral, regional and multilateral. The emphasis is on different approaches to understanding what drives negotiation process and explains the outcome. The course examines not only the official negotiation process but also the important functions of pre-negotiation and post-agreement negotiations concerned with implementation and compliance. Case studies and examples from different issue areas are used to learn more generally about contemporary international negotiations: its features and many faces, its limitations and possibilities for greater effectiveness.



Course Description

| Year Two |
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| Course From Concentration of Choice |
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| Free Elective |

Course Description



Year Two

(INTE 6304) International Political Economy: Credit Hours: 3 (3.0)

This course focuses on the major theories of international political economy and the dual realities of scarcity and sovereignty in the international state system. It addresses the issues of the distribution of wealth and poverty in the international state system. The course also identifies the relevant international institutions and their political dynamics that regulate finance and trade and underscores the interaction of politics and economics in the international state system.

(INTR 6312) Research Project: Credit Hours: 3 (3.0)

This course provides practical instruction for students to complete a master's research in International Relations. The students apply the process involved in conducting and writing research.

Free Elective



Course Description

Concentration I: International Law

(INTL 6301) Comparative Legal Systems: Credit Hours: 3 (3.0)

This course provides students with a basic understanding of the two principal legal traditions of the world—the common law and the civil law traditions—and of the Islamic tradition which has taken on increased significance in recent years. In addition, it will offer one class providing an overview of the Chinese legal system in light of China's increasing importance in the world.

(INTL 6302) Human Rights Law: Credit Hours: 3 (3.0)

This course offers philosophical, legal, and political perspectives on human rights. After a short historical introduction to international human rights, it surveys international human rights treaties, courts, and institutions. Next it turns to topics in human rights theory, covering some contemporary philosophical theories of human rights. It also explores some human rights problems and controversies such as economic and social rights, group rights, and cultural relativism.

This is an introductory survey course on international human rights law and procedures, which will include detailed consideration of global, regional, and national mechanisms for the protection of human rights.



Course Description

Concentration I: International Law

(INTL 6303) International Trade: Credit Hours: 3 (3.0)

This course introduces the fundamentals of international trade in the context of the World Trade Organization (WTO). It focuses on the effects of trade agreements and institutions on policy at national, international and global levels, with emphasis on emerging issues of trade. It further examines the conflicts and convergence of trade policies at the international level in accordance with WTO rules. This course also exposes students to assessing international trade and related issues in negotiations at regional and international levels.

(INTL6305) Elements of International Environmental Policy: Credit Hours: 3 (3.0)

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Course Description



Concentration II: International Economics

(INTE 6301) Survey of International Economics: Credit Hours: 3 (3.0)

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the two major branches of international economics: Trade Theory and International Finance. Students develop an understanding of financial relations and macroeconomics forces and how they shape patterns of international trade, through application to empirical literature.

(INTE 6302) International Macroeconomics: Credit Hours: 3 (3.0)

The purpose of this course is to develop the models relating to international macroeconomics first introduced in the Fundamentals of Economics. This course provides students with the conceptual framework that is required to understand the implications of countries' current account imbalances; to identify the factors that determine the volume and composition of international capital flows; to interpret exchange rate fluctuations; and to assess the scope for monetary and fiscal policy in open economies.

(INTE 6303) Topics in International Economic Issues: Credit Hours: 3 (3.0)

This course covers key topics of current research and developments in international economics. The course presents significant opportunities to analyze and discuss important issues and trends in the global economy. The course focuses on the study and implications of these issues for various countries and regions around the world.

Course Description



Concentration II: International Economics

(INTR 6309) Development Economics: Credit Hours: 3 (3.0)

This course provides an introduction to several of the main economic issues confronting developing countries. Based on a combination of theoretical models, empirical readings, and country/regional case studies, the course sheds light on some of the major public policy challenges facing governments in developing countries. The course concentrates on three broad topics: poverty and its relationship with inequality and growth, long-run economic growth, and short-run recovery from economic shocks. The unifying theme is the challenge of creating “pro-poor” growth -- how best to connect the poor to the growth process.

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Free Electives

(INTR 6308) The Art and Science of Statecraft: Credit Hours: 3 (3.0)

I. This course looks at foreign policy through the lens of Statecraft. Statecraft is the art of communication between state entities to promote foreign policy. Best practices and examples of the art and science of foreign policy making are examined, and how different options affect short and long term goals.

(INTR 6310) Force and Strategy: Credit Hours: 3 (3.0)

This course provides an overview of the role of armed force in international politics. It examines the circumstances under which states and non-state actors use force or the threat of force to advance their interests and enhance their security. The course has two objectives. First, it introduces students to some of the theories and concepts that form the basis of security studies as a distinct subfield of international relations (IR). Second, it examines some current security challenges for the Gulf States and other states.

(INTR6307) Foreign Policy and the Arab World: Credit Hours: 3 (3.0)

This course investigates the domestic and external factors that influence foreign policy decisions reached by Arab governments. Students study the input and output factors of foreign affairs and then evaluate the applicability of various international relations theory approaches (balance-of-power, domestic politics, political culture, etc.) in understanding how Arab states actually practice foreign policy.



Course Description

Free Electives

(INTR 6311) Internship:

Credit Hours: 3 (3.0)

Continuous and direct communication and meetings between academic and field supervisors of the internship discussing the best practices and methods to improve the implementation of the internship.



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