

Section III

Master of Social Sciences Programmes

The Department aims to address and cover the wide ranging multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary issues in teaching and research in the broad field of International Relations. Given the changing nature and scope of IR in an increasingly globalized and interconnected world, it is important to have several streams of Masters programme in the department based on the major sub-fields. It will open up options for the students to specialize in these sub-fields. Faculty members can also further develop their specialisation through in-depth research and teaching opportunities. In this connection, the Department proposes five streams of specialisation:

- MSS in International Relations
- MSS in Security Studies
- MSS in International Political Economy
- MSS in South Asian Studies and
- MSS in Globalization and Governance.

These streams are in line with the existing practices in many departments in the University of Dhaka.

MSS in International Relations

Objective of the Programme

The MSS programme deals with a wide range of issues of contemporary relevance in global politics. It is designed in a way that gives students freedom to choose courses from a broad array of thematic areas, world regions and country-specific study for specialization. The MSS programme provides students with knowledge, skill and techniques that enable them to pursue a career in academia, international organizations, NGOs, journalism, MNCs and the government sector.

Programme Structure

Total Number of Course Units: 8 (including 6 taught courses)

Total Number of Credit Hours: 32

Total Marks: 800

Semester	Courses	Credits/Course	Marks/ Course
Semester I	<p>(A) Compulsory Courses IR 501: Advanced Theories of International Relations IR 502: Advanced Research Methodology</p> <p>(B) Core Courses IR 503: Political Economy of Global Development IR 504: Global Security Studies</p>	4 credits per course 4x4=16	400
Semester II	<p>(C) Thematic Courses (any one) IRSS 505: Peace and Conflict Resolution IR 506: International Terrorism IR 507: State, Religion, and International Politics IR 508: International Crime and Punishment IR 509: Women and Social Change in the Contemporary World IR 510: Ethnicity and Nationalism</p>	4	100
	<p>(D) Country Studies (any one) IR 511: India Affairs IR 512: China Affairs IR 513: Japan Affairs IR 514: US Affairs IR 515: Russia Affairs</p>	4	100
	<p>(A) Regional Area Studies (any one) IR 516: South Asian Affairs IR 517: Southeast Asian Affairs</p>	4	100

	IR 518: East Asian Affairs IR 519: Middle East and Central Asian Affairs IR 520: European Affairs IR 521: North American Affairs IR 522: Latin American Affairs IR 523: African Affairs IR 524: Oceania Affairs		
	Internships/Research Dissertation Module	4	100
	Comprehensive Test	2	50
	Oral Test	2	50
	Total	32	800

MSS in Security Studies

Objective of the Programme

The MSS in Security Studies programme provides in-depth knowledge and understanding of the international security and strategic studies of the contemporary world. The course is designed to cover different schools of security studies to prepare the potential students in exploring complex challenges of the post-9/11 world. This MSS programme views security from a broad theoretical and historical perspective. It juxtaposes traditional security concerns in the context of post-traditional security arenas- development, economics and human rights. Students will be benefitted focusing on topics including strategy, foreign policy, intelligence, national security, military analysis, regional security and conflict resolution. Graduates from this MSS programme will be experts to serve as academics, administrators, diplomats, military and civil servants, policy analysts and consultants in public and private sectors.

Programme Structure

Total Number of Course Units: 8 (including 6 taught courses)

Total Number of Credit Hours: 32

Total Marks: 800

Semester	Courses	Credits/ Course	Marks/Cou rse
Semester I	<p>(A) Compulsory Courses IRSS 501 Advanced Theories of International Relations IRSS 502: Advanced Research Methodology</p> <p>(B) Core Courses (Any two) IRSS 503: Global Security Studies IRSS 504: Terrorism and Political Violence IRSS 505: Non-Traditional Security Issues</p>	4 credits per course 4x4=16	400
Semester II	<p>(C) Thematic Courses (Any one) IRSS 506: War Studies IRSS 507: Maritime Security IRSS 508: Arms Control and Disarmament IRSS 509: Gender and Security IRSS 510: Intelligence and Security IRSS 511: Environment, Resources, and Security IRSS 512: Cyber Security and Informatics IRSS 513: International Peace Support Operations</p>	4	100
	<p>(D) Regional Area Studies Courses (any one) IRSS 514: Security Issues in South Asia IRSS 515: Security Issues in East Asia IRSS 516: Security in Southeast Asia IRSS 517: Security Issues in Europe</p>	4	100

	IRSS 518: Security Issues in the Middle East IRSS 519: Security Issues in North America IRSS 520: Security Issues in Africa		
	Internships/ Research Dissertation Module	4	100
	Comprehensive Test	2	50
	Oral Test	2	50
	Total	32	800

MSS in International Political Economy

Objective of the Programme

The MSS in International Political Economy programme explores main theoretical assumptions, methods and research areas of International Political economy as a discipline. This Master's programme concentrates on the critical understanding, and analysis of developments in international political economy. Students will be benefitted with critical analytical insights into contemporary issues such as globalization, trans-nationalism, and theories of development and governance. On the successful completion of the course, students will have a deeper understanding of international political economy, and be able to apply different approaches to contemporary issues in the practical arena of public, private and non-profit sector.

Programme Structure

Total Number of Course Units: 8 (including 6 taught courses)

Total Number of Credit Hours: 32

Total Marks: 800

Semester	Courses	Credits/Course	Marks/Course
I	<p>(A) Compulsory Courses IRIPE 501: Advanced Theories of International Relations IRIPE 502: Advanced Research Methodology</p> <p>(B) Core Courses (Any two) IRIPE 503: Approaches to International Political Economy IRIPE 504: Politics of International Trade Regimes and Negotiations IRIPE 505: Economic Diplomacy and Bangladesh</p>	4 credits per course 4x4=16	400
II	<p>(C) Thematic Courses (any one) IRIPE 506: International Development IRIPE 507: Global Finance IRIPE 508: Political Economy of Globalization IRIPE 509: Political Economy of International Labour Migration IRIPE 510: Energy, Economy and Ecology IRIPE 511: Regionalism and Regionalization</p>	4	100
	<p>(D) Regional Area Studies Courses (any one) IRIPE 512: Political Economy of South Asia IRIPE 513: Political Economy of Europe IRIPE 514: Political Economy of Indian Development IRIPE 515: Political Economy of Chinese Development</p>	4	100

	IRIPE 516: Political Economy of East Asian Development IRIPE 517: Political Economy of South-East Asian Development IRIPE 518: Political Economy of North American Development		
	Internships/ Research Dissertation Module	4	100
	Comprehensive Test	2	50
	Oral Test	2	50
	Total	32	800

MSS in South Asian Studies

Objective of the Programme

The MSS in South Asian Studies programme offers an interdisciplinary framework for its students to study about the people, politics and nations of the South Asian region covering Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. The programme aims to give a critical understanding of the historical developments in these states and societies, and the opportunities they have for change in the future. The multidisciplinary nature of the curriculum combines rigorous training in South Asian culture and politics with the study of various aspects and geo-strategic implications of modern South Asia. Students in this MSS programme will have the opportunity to specialize in two broad thematic areas: South Asian security; and South Asian political economy.

Programme Structure:

Semester	Courses	Credits/Course	Marks/Course
Semester I	<p>(A) Compulsory Courses IRSAS 501: Advanced Theories of International Relations IRSAS 502: Advanced Research Methodology</p> <p>(B) Core Courses (any two) IRSAS 503: History, Culture and Politics of South Asia IRSAS 504: South Asian Security IRSAS 505: Political Economy in South Asia</p>	4 credits per course 4x4=16	400
	<p>(C) Thematic/Country Studies Courses (any two) IRSAS 506: Ethnic Conflicts in South Asia IRSAS 507: Development Issues in South Asia IRSAS 508: Energy and Environment IRSAS 509: Gender in South Asia IRSAS 510: Regional Cooperation in South Asia IRSAS 511: India Affairs IRSAS 512: Bangladesh Affairs IRSAS 513: Pakistan Affairs IRSAS 514: Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan and Afghanistan in South Asia IRSAS 515: Myanmar and South Asia</p>	4x2=8	200
	Internships/ Research Dissertation Module	4	100
	Comprehensive Test	2	50
	Oral Test	2	50
	Total	32	800

MSS in Globalization and Governance Studies

Objective of the Programme

The MSS in Globalization and Governance Studies programme explores issues related to governance problems and possible responses of countries at different levels: national state, local society, and the impact of global developments. The major focus of this programme is Governance and Sustainable Development and its inclusions and exclusions. Students will be familiarized with multidisciplinary theoretical insights and practical tools that will improve their capacity to analyze governance challenges and seek out their probable resolutions.

Programme Structure:

Semester	Courses	Credits/Course	Marks/Course
Semester I	<p>(A) Compulsory Courses IRGGS 501: Advanced Theories of International Relations IRGGS 502: Advanced Research Methodology</p> <p>(B) Core Courses (any two) IRGGS 503: Political Economy of Globalization IRGGS 504: Fundamentals of Global Governance IRGGS 505: Trade, Investment and Development</p>	4 credits per course 4x4=16	400
Semester II	<p>(C) Thematic Courses (any two) IRGGS 506: State and Sovereignty in the Contemporary World IRGGS 507: Global Financial Institutions IRGGS 508: Regionalism and Regionalization IRGGS 509: International Migration IRGGS 510: Global Civil Society IRGGS 511: Transnational Crimes IRGGS 512: Gender and Globalization IRGGS 513: Democracy and Human Rights IRGGS 514: International Institutions IRGGS 515: Humanitarian Intervention IR GGS 516: International Social Movements</p>	4x2=8	200
	Internships/ Research Dissertation Module	4	100
	Comprehensive Test	2	50
	Oral Test	2	50
	Total	32	800

