



Master of Arts in

International Relations and Conflict Studies

Department of International Affairs & Security Studies
**SARDAR PATEL UNIVERSITY OF POLICE,
SECURITY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE, JODHPUR**
(Established by the Government of Rajasthan)

Sardar Patel University of Police, Security and Criminal Justice (SPUP) is a State University established by the Government of Rajasthan. The Act mandates the University to focus on teaching and research in the field of Police, Social Sciences, Criminal Justice, Public Safety, Security and other related areas. This is a unique initiative in the above mentioned field as this University will be a blending ground for academia, practitioners and industry.

A fast changing world is constantly in a state of flux and volatility and needs to focus on crucial issues related to security, criminal justice, cybercrime and cyber terrorism, road safety, gender sensitization issues and other related fields. SPUP is doing ground breaking work in some of the above mentioned fields and is working like a bridge by bringing policy makers, academicians, researchers, social scientists, lawyers and police personnel together to focus on the above mentioned pivotal issues.

Master of Arts in International Relations and Conflict Studies is an innovative and highly-specialized offering from the Department of International Affairs and Security Studies, SPUP, for the working professionals in police department, civil services, and others having interest in security, like Media and NGOs, as well as for the fresh graduates. It has been designed for those looking to enhance their knowledge of the complexities of the ever-evolving global environment. The program offers an interactive, collaborative learning environment that fosters the development of competencies as well as inculcates sensitivity to real world issues having conflict connotations.

There are no longer clear distinctions between regional conflicts and issues of global security. Most conflicts have an international dimension and global insecurity has both local and international causes.

Inspired by the National Defence College's prestigious 'National Security and Strategic Studies' program, the MA in IR & CS aims to help learners become effective 'leaders' and 'change agents' in mitigating conflicts. The program focuses on mechanisms for handling regional conflicts, both between and within states, and developing strategies for cooperation in conflict-ridden environment.

Students will get the opportunity to study a variety of courses using a multidisciplinary approach to provide an understanding of the theories of international relations, the root causes of conflicts, the theory behind the management of conflict, the major global security challenges, and a foundation in the methodology and political processes that attempt to prevent or resolve conflicts.

Intake

SPUP believes that faculty-student personal interaction is fundamental to learning at the level of specialization and sophistication. The maximum size of our program is 20 students. 50% seats will be reserved for professionals comprising a mixture of police officers, civil servants, journalists, NGO workers active in conflict

situations with five years of experience. Remaining 50% seats will be available for fresh graduates. However, if suitable candidates are not found in one stream, they will be filled from candidates of other stream.

Eligibility

The minimum qualification for admission into the program is graduation from any recognized university by UGC in any discipline with 50% marks for SC/ST and 55% for general and OBC category students. Students having strong aptitude in international relations will be preferred. Proficiency in English language is essential.

Admission Process :

For Professionals:

To be considered for the first batch beginning in August 2015, professionals are required to submit complete application form (including the personal details, statement of purpose and two letters of recommendation, one from the employer and one from an academician) before **30 April, 2015**. It needs to be noted that professionals will be screened as per their prior academic achievements and their stated reasons for wishing to take the program. They will be asked to send an approx. 500-word statement outlining:-

- a) Why they wish to join this program, and
- b) What in their record makes them suitable for this program.

Each complete application will be evaluated and the applicants will be notified of their status once the admissions committee takes the final decision on 15 May 2015.

For fresh graduates:

Admission process is competitive and is composed of two stages.

- (i) First Stage: First, the applicants will be asked to submit the complete application including a 500-word statement outlining:-
 - a) why they wish to join this program, and
 - b) what in their record makes them suitable for this program.
- (ii) Second Stage: Those candidates who clear the first stage are required to appear in an entrance examination to be conducted in the month of May 2015. Date will be announced on the website. The exam will be subjective in nature which will assess the ability of the candidate to meet the demands of the program.

Guest Speakers:

The MA program features lectures, seminars and presentations by distinguished Visiting Professors/Guest Speakers with relevant experience and expertise, be it police officials, security experts, academicians or diplomats. The intention is to facilitate the exploration of key issues in international politics, conflict and security, in an interactive environment.

The following experts are likely to teach the program: (in alphabetical order)

Aditya Mishra, IPS, Inspector General, Border Security Force, BSF HQ, New Delhi

Ajit Lal, IPS (Retd.), Former Chairman, Joint Intelligence Committee, Govt. of India, New Delhi

C. Raja Mohan, Distinguished Fellow, Observer Research Foundation (ORF), New Delhi, and former Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Neelam Deo, Director, Gateway House: Indian Council of Global Affairs, Mumbai

R.N. Ravi, IPS, Chairman, Joint Intelligence Committee, Govt. of India, New Delhi

Rajesh Arya, IPS, Director Training, Department of Personnel & Training, Govt. of India, New Delhi

Rajeshwari Rajagopalan, Senior Fellow, ORF, New Delhi

Sanjeev Tripathi, IPS (Retd.) Former Chief, R&AW, Government of India.

S D Muni, Distinguished Fellow, Institute of Defence Studies and Analysis (IDSA), New Delhi, and former Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Samir Saran, Senior Fellow and Vice President, ORF, New Delhi

Wilson John, Senior Fellow, ORF, New Delhi

Institutional Partnerships

The students will have the opportunity to visit the following organizations for the purpose of training/ dissertation/internships etc.

- Observer Research Foundation
- Indian Council of World Affairs
- Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses
- Gateway House: Indian Council on Global Relations

- Central Bureau of Investigation
- India Foundation
- HCM Rajasthan Institute of Public Administration
- Rajasthan Police Academy
- Indian Institute of Public Administration
- National Law University (Delhi & Jodhpur)
- North Eastern Police Academy

Fee and other Expenses

The MA program in International Relations and Conflict Studies is both global and South Asian in substance, and is reinforced by one week travel per semester for study, workshops, and seminars outside Jodhpur / Jaipur. Total fee of the program is estimated to be around 8 Lakh per student which will include their food, stay, books, travel and tuition costs. The University is contemplating collaborations with foreign universities and visits to the places relevant to the program.

Career Opportunities

The world is experiencing multiple conflicts involving politics, religious wars, terrorism, and social upheavals threatening our security and stability. This international environment creates a need for specialists who can provide advice to governments, humanitarian groups, and international organizations.

The MA program in International Relations and Conflict Studies is ideal for students seeking work with a governmental agency, an intergovernmental organization, an NGO, a think-tank or media houses. This program is also recommended to students planning to pursue a Ph.D.

Location

The location of the program is likely to be Jaipur.

Duration and Structure

The program is of two years duration, spread over four semesters.

SEMESTER - 1	SEMESTER - 2	SEMESTER - 3
Papers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theories & Concepts of International Relations • Comparative Politics • International Law & International Organization • Global Politics: Cold War & After 	Core/Compulsory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Conflict Studies • Global Security Challenges Any Two Electives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Rights and Human Security • Cyber Security • Terrorism Studies • Human Displacement and Conflict 	Core/Compulsory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • India in World Affairs • Conflict in India Any Two Electives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • China in South Asia • Human Security in South Asia • Conflict Resolution in South Asia • Maritime Security in Indian Ocean Region
SEMESTER - 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Methodology • Dissertation based on field research on any area of conflict in India/South Asia 	Disclaimer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The course will begin only when the at least 10 candidates are found suitable for admission. • All the information produced is true to the maximum extent possible but rights of final decisions regarding all matters related to SPUP admissions remain in the hand of SPUP Administration only. 	

Message from the Vice Chancellor



M L Kumawat
IPS (Retd.)
Vice Chancellor, SPUP
Former Special Secretary
(Internal Security),
MHA, Govt. of India

MA in International Relations and Conflict Studies (IR&CS) is a unique academic program in India in its multidisciplinary character and one of the few in South Asia. The versatile, intensive and innovative nature of this two-year academic program offers an excellent opportunity to police and other professionals to deepen their professional

knowledge and increase their competency in the area of international relations as well as various dimensions of conflicts. It will further equip the students to emerge as the next generation of policy leaders to tackle the complex issues of a globalizing world.

As we all know that the resolution of contemporary global challenges requires novel approaches that bring together experts from government sector, academia and civil society. That is why we bring a multidisciplinary approach to advancing the understanding towards various conflicts and their resolution.

The program has been carefully crafted by renowned academicians, diplomats and security experts, and is on the model of the "National Security and Strategic Studies Course" of the National Defence College, India.

I am sure that the MA in IR&CS will provide intensive practical knowledge to both professionals and students to not only understand the conflicts but ultimately find their solutions.

I have no doubt that, after the completion of this program, students will find excellent career opportunities in government security agencies, UN and other international agencies, print and electronic media, and NGOs etc.

Message from the Pro Vice Chancellor



Dr. Bhupendra Singh
IPS
Pro Vice Chancellor cum
Addl. DGP, Rajasthan

Indian subcontinent is a very volatile region and an arena of many regional and international conflicts. It is expected of the police and other professionals working here to be aware of the international dimensions of various local conflicts they have to engage with. The need for better understanding of the nature and dimensions of various

conflicts has been felt for a long time amongst police officers and other professionals who are tasked with peace-keeping, peace-building and preventing conflicts. In the globalized and rapidly changing world of today, it is extremely difficult for the amateurs and professionals alike to keep themselves updated. This course intends to fill this gap by enhancing their understanding and developing their competencies in handling pressures that give rise to the intersection of global forces with national security.

The MA in International Relations and Conflict Studies (IR&CS) adds a unique international dimension to academic profile of the SPUP as it offers an expansive curriculum, in-depth research, and critical dialogue on issues pertaining to conflicts and security. Our academic community is an impressive group of remarkable practitioners and academicians interested in intellectual inquiry in the field of international relations, various dimensions of security, human rights, and conflict management. In addition to being an excellent degree for those seeking careers in government and private sector, the MA program in IR&CS is also ideal for professionals working in civil services, police departments, media and NGOs who are eager to develop their competencies in the domain of mitigating conflicts.

I invite those who are interested not for a specific job, but for evolving careers that often span both government and private sector in this domain.

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