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Enquiry

Master in International Relations

Programme Details

Final Qualification

Master in International Relations

Language of Study

Arabic

Mode of Study

Full Time

Programme Structure

Study Period

2 Years

Total Credit Hours

36 Credit Hours

Number of Courses

9 Courses + Thesis or
10 Courses + Applied Project

Brief about the Programme

The Master's Program in International Relations represents an advanced academic step within the field of international studies, offered by the Department of Political Science at Applied Science University, the only department of its kind in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The program seeks to meet the needs of society in the Kingdom of Bahrain in particular, and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries and the wider Arab world in general, by preparing highly qualified graduates for careers in diplomacy, media, political studies and research centers, as well as regional and international organizations. The program is delivered in Arabic and comprises 36 credit hours distributed across two tracks: the Thesis Track and the Applied Project Track, thereby providing academic flexibility and aligning with contemporary academic and professional trends. The program has been designed based on in-depth studies of the Bahraini and Gulf labor markets, in addition to benchmarking comparisons with reputable regional and international universities.

Aims of the Programme

1. Provide graduates with a comprehensive and in-depth understanding of major theoretical approaches in international relations, including their historical context and their impact on political realities at the local, regional, and international levels.
2. Enable students to apply theoretical knowledge to real-world contexts through field visits, guest lectures, and simulation-based learning.
3. Prepare graduates capable of conducting advanced academic research using established and specialized methodologies, and of designing and implementing studies in advanced topics within international studies, thereby fostering innovation, initiative, and intellectual development through rigorous scientific inquiry.
4. Equip graduates with analytical and strategic planning tools, as well as advanced skills in communication, negotiation, and presentation.
5. Provide graduates with distinguished professional competencies and practical applications in international fields, particularly in diplomacy and the management of external affairs.
6. Develop graduates' critical thinking, analytical, comparative, interpretative, deductive, and evaluative skills, enabling them to better understand the international environment and make sound decisions within their professional institutions.
7. Enable graduates to effectively communicate with diverse audiences across varying levels of expertise and to assume roles in strategic decision-making.
8. Promote the values of citizenship, tolerance, peaceful dialogue, and the rejection of violence, while enhancing graduates' ability to contribute to the dissemination of these values within society.



The first university in the Kingdom of Bahrain achieved the global accreditation from the British Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA)

Rated 5 Stars in the QS Rating System

Ranked 30th in the QS Arab Region University Rankings 2026

Ranked 613 in the QS World University Rankings 2026

Ranked 301+ Worldwide in the Times Higher Education University Impact Rankings

Career Paths

1. Diplomatic at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Third Secretary, Second Secretary, First Secretary, Consul, Chargé d’Affaires)
2. Government Sector Officer
3. Officer in Regional and International Organizations
4. Political, strategic, or security advisor
5. Expert in international or geopolitical affairs
6. Researcher or strategic analyst in research centres
7. Officer at the Shura Council or the Council of Representatives
8. Lecturer or researcher in Political Science and International Relations

Entry Requirements

1. The applicant must hold a Bachelor’s degree or its equivalent from a university or college recognized by the Ministry of Education in the Kingdom of Bahrain.
2. The applicant’s undergraduate field of study must qualify them for admission to the Master’s program. Otherwise, the student shall be required to pass placement examinations or complete a number of supplementary (bridging) courses approved by the University and determined by the concerned department.
3. The minimum requirement for admission is that the applicant holds a Bachelor’s degree with a cumulative GPA of no less than “Good” or its equivalent. In cases where the cumulative GPA is below the required minimum, the application shall be referred to the Non-Admission Appeals Committee to consider the possibility of granting the student conditional admission and to submit the appropriate recommendation to the University Council.
4. As a condition for admission to any Master’s program, the applicant must pass the English language placement examination approved by the University, or submit a TOEFL certificate or its equivalent with a minimum score of 450. Otherwise, the student shall be required, during the first academic year, to enroll in and pass an English language course specified by the College. Students who have obtained an academic degree from programs taught in English shall be exempted from the English language requirement.
5. The applicant must successfully pass the personal interview.
6. The applicant must fulfill any additional requirements specified by the program.



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