

Faculty of Social Sciences and International Relations

Bachelor of Arts in International Relations (BA in International Relations)

I. Why Choose this Program?

The Bachelor of Arts in International Relations (BA in International Relations) program was designed to:

1. Gain a rigorous interdisciplinary education integrating political science, economics, law, history, and psychology to understand today's complex global environment.
2. Develop analytical, research, and communication skills to assess geopolitics, diplomacy, security, human rights, and global governance with confidence and precision.
3. Engage with both global dynamics and Southeast Asian regional specificities, with a curriculum grounded in Cambodian and ASEAN contexts.
4. Build professional networks and practical competencies through small class sizes, experienced faculty, and strong institutional connections.
5. Access diverse career pathways in diplomacy, international organizations, development, policy, and the private sector.
6. Establish a strong foundation for graduate study in international affairs, law, public policy, or related fields at leading universities worldwide.

II. Future Career Prospects

Graduates from this program will be able to pursue careers such as:

1. Diplomat, foreign service officer, or policy advisor in government ministries and departments of foreign affairs.
2. Program officer or analyst at international organizations such as the United Nations, ASEAN Secretariat, World Bank, or regional development agencies.
3. Researcher or advocacy specialist in non-governmental organizations focused on human rights, peacebuilding, refugee assistance, or development programming.
4. International business consultant, think tank analyst, or journalist covering global and regional affairs.
5. Trade, investment, or corporate affairs professional in the private sector requiring cross-cultural and geopolitical competencies.
6. Graduate student in international affairs, law, public policy, or related disciplines at universities in Cambodia and abroad.

III. Course Structure

The four-year program consists of **120 credits** and is structured to provide students with a comprehensive academic foundation through a well-balanced curriculum of foundation, functional, pre-major, and major courses.

To fulfill the graduation requirements, students must successfully complete the following coursework:

YEAR 1		
Course Title	Credits	Priority
English I: Reading and Composition + Lab	4	Required
Gender Studies	3	Required
Khmer Studies	3	Required
Digital Literacy + Lab	4	Required
English II: Reading and Composition + Lab	4	Required
History of Cambodia	4	Required
Environmental Science	3	Required
Introduction to Political Science	3	Required
YEAR 2		
Course Title	Credits	Priority
Personal Growth and Development	4	Required
ASEAN Government, Politics and Economics	4	Required
Logic and Critical Thinking	3	Required
Introduction to International Relations	3	Required
Introduction to Law	3	Required
Introduction to Social Psychology	3	Required
Theories of International Relations	3	Required
Macroeconomic Principles	3	Required
International Organizations	3	Required

YEAR 3		
Course Title	Credits	Priority
History and Evolution of the Global Economic Order	3	Required
United Nations System	3	Required
Human Rights and World Politics	3	Required
Introduction to International Law	3	Required
Traditional and Nontraditional Security Studies and Analysis	3	Required
Comparative Political Systems	4	Required
Political Psychology	3	Required
Political Philosophy	3	Required
Research Methods in Social Sciences	4	Required
YEAR 4		
Course Title	Credits	Priority
Political Sociology and Ideology	3	Required
Peace and Conflict Resolution	3	Required
Macroeconomics: Theory and Policy	3	Required
Human Security: Power, Politics, and Perils	3	Required
Regional Integration – Institutional and Political Dynamics of ASEAN	3	Required
Diplomacy: Practice, Process, and Protocol	3	Required
Major Power Relations: Scope and Processes of Geopolitics and Geoeconomics	3	Required
Applied Strategic Analysis of International Affairs	3	Required
Project Management and Public Policy Analysis	4	Required
GRADUATION PATH		
Option I: Senior Project	6	Required
Option II: Internship + Exit Exam	6	Required

****Note:** Graduation Path: Students choose only **ONE** option.*