

# **Faculty of Social Sciences and International Relations**

## **Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (BA in Political Science)**

### **I. Why Choose this Program?**

The Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (BA in Political Science) program was designed to:

1. Receive a comprehensive, analytically rigorous education covering political theory, comparative politics, public policy, international relations, and political economy.
2. Understand how political power is organized, exercised, and contested at local, national, regional, and international levels.
3. Develop critical thinking, research, and communication skills essential for careers in government, policy, civil society, and beyond.
4. Gain a grounded understanding of Cambodian and Southeast Asian political contexts alongside a broader global perspective.
5. Engage with real-world political challenges through case studies, policy analysis, and applied coursework connecting theory to practice.
6. Build a strong foundation for graduate study in political science, public administration, law, or international affairs.

### **II. Future Career Prospects**

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

1. Policy analyst, civil servant, or program officer in government ministries, public administration agencies, and policy reform bodies.
2. Program coordinator or governance specialist at international organizations, the United Nations, ASEAN bodies, or development agencies.
3. Advocacy officer, community engagement specialist, or policy researcher in civil society organizations and NGOs.
4. Political consultant, government relations manager, or corporate affairs specialist in the private sector.
5. Research associate or policy analyst at think tanks, research institutions, and academic centers.
6. Graduate student in political science, public administration, law, international affairs, or related disciplines.

### 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 Economics: Basic Concepts        | 3       | Required |
| Introduction to Social Psychology                | 3       | Required |
| Theories of International Relations              | 3       | Required |
| Introduction to Public Policy and Administration | 3       | Required |
| Introduction to Law                              | 3       | Required |

| YEAR 3                                                                     |         |          |
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| Course Title                                                               | Credits | Priority |
| History and Evolution of the Global Economic Order                         | 3       | Required |
| United Nations System                                                      | 3       | Required |
| State Capacity and Institutional Development                               | 3       | Required |
| Macroeconomic Principles                                                   | 3       | Required |
| Traditional and Nontraditional Security Studies and Analysis               | 3       | Required |
| Comparative Political Systems                                              | 4       | Required |
| Policy Implementation and Monitoring                                       | 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 |
| Regional Integration – Institutional and Political Dynamics of ASEAN       | 3       | Required |
| Human Security: Power, Politics, and Perils                                | 3       | Required |
| Political Psychology                                                       | 3       | Required |
| Comparative Politics: Institutions and Outcomes                            | 3       | Required |
| Major Power Relations: Scope and Processes of Geopolitics and Geoeconomics | 3       | Required |
| Macroeconomics: Theory and Policy                                          | 3       | Required |
| Project Management                                                         | 4       | Required |
| GRADUATION PATH                                                            |         |          |
| <b>Option I:</b> Senior Project                                            | 6       | Required |
| <b>Option II:</b> Internship + Exit Exam                                   | 6       | Required |

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