

SCHOOL OF POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS QUAID-I-AZAM UNIVERSITY



INTRODUCTION

The School of Politics and International Relations (SPIR) at Quaid-i-Azam University is Pakistan's premier institution of higher learning in International Relations and Political Science, offering quality education to students enrolled in its under-graduate and post-graduate programs. SPIR is also one of the oldest and largest institutions of advanced studies in IR and Political Science in the country. It was established in 1973 as Department of International Relations, which was upgraded to School in 2011. SPIR runs four-year under-graduate degree programs in IR and Political Science, as well as MPhil and PhD degree programs in IR. Its MSc program in IR and Political Science is currently being phased out. SPIR has a highly qualified faculty, with several faculty members having PhDs from leading foreign and national universities.

The curriculum at SPIR covers a gamut of compulsory and optional courses in IR and Political Science at both basic and advanced levels, including Theories of International Relations, Research Methodology, International Political Economy, Security and Strategic Studies, Comparative Politics, Foreign Policy Analysis, Diplomacy, International Organizations, International Law, Conflict Analysis and Conflict Resolution, Western and Islamic Political Thought, Politics of South Asia and Politics and Foreign Policy of India and Pakistan. These courses are designed to acquaint the students with the concepts, theories, methodologies as well as historical and current dynamics of politics and international relations.

Twice a year, the School admits BS students in IR and Political Science, and MPhil and PhD scholars in IR from Pakistan and abroad, as per admission policy of the University. Under BS programs in IR and Political Science, which started in Fall 2015, 100 students are enrolled in each discipline out of thousands of applicants. This factor, while signifying the popularity of under-graduate programs, has contributed significantly to enhancing the academic profile of the School. SPIR also runs an evening program, offering Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Advanced Diploma and MSC in IR to mid-career professionals, including civil servants, teachers, security officials and diplomats.

The permanent faculty at SPIR is highly proficient in its teaching and research productive. Its senior members have served on prestigious Pakistan Chairs at leading universities abroad, including Oxford Columbia, Cambridge and Heidelberg. The School also engages visiting faculty, including academics, researchers, and foreign academics under an

HEC initiative. Each year, its faculty members publish valuable articles in referred journals, chapters in edited books and books published nationally and internationally. They also actively participate in national and international conferences, seminars and workshops, offering their expert input on crucial issues of Pakistan foreign policy, South Asian security and other subjects relevant to their respective spheres of specialization.

SPIR runs a Weekly Seminar Series and periodically organizes conferences and workshops on current issues in politics and IR, where prominent foreign and local scholars offer their scholarly perspectives. It also has a strong tradition of inviting scholars, diplomats and policy makers to share their knowledge and experience with faculty members and students. Student participation in these academic activities is highly encouraged. There is equal emphasis on the promotion of advanced research at MPhil and PhD levels and sharing policy-relevant research findings of faculty members and research scholars with relevant government and state institutions and independent think tanks.

OBJECTIVE

SPIR strives for enhancing the research potential of its scholars and imparting quality education to its students. A corresponding goal of the School is to increase the research productivity of its faculty. The key objective is offer students and research scholars the opportunity to fully realize their academic potential and equip them with needed intellectual and professional skills and for dynamic careers in public and private sectors. As a result, scores of SPIR graduates have made their mark globally and locally in the world of academia, civil-service, diplomacy, media, law and politics.

With its current focus on inter-disciplinary studies, policy relevant research, knowledge sharing and international collaboration, SPIR aims to keep itself on top of the institutions of higher learning and research in the fields of IR and Political Science in Pakistan. In the last over four decades, the School has already gained due acknowledgement in the country as a center of excellence in IR and Political Science. In the long run, SPIR plans to diversify its student composition by offering admission to students from regional countries like China and the rest of the world. It eventually aims to become a hub in South Asia in the domain of International Studies.

COLLABORATIONS

- Global Campus Program, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Japan
- Non-Proliferation Webinar Series, CRDF-Global Washington, USA
- Hans-Seidel Foundation, Germany
- Pakistan Council on China, Islamabad

PROGRAMS

- BS (4 years)
 - International Relations
 - Political Science
- MSc International Relations
- MSc Political Science
- MPhil International Relations
- PhD International Relations
- Evening Program
 - Postgraduate Certificate in International Relations
 - Postgraduate Advanced Diploma in International Relations
 - Master of Science (MSC) in International Relations

COURSE WORK

BS in International Relations

Compulsory Courses Common for Political Science Major and IR Major

10 courses

30 Credit hours

Sr.	Code	Title of Course	Credits
1.	SPIR-101	English I – Grammar and Composition	3
2.	SPIR-102	English II – Comprehension, Reading, and Prose	3
3.	SPIR-103	English III – Novel, Poetry, and Drama	3
4.	SPIR-104	English IV – Communication and Writing Skills	3
5.	SPIR-105	Pakistan Studies	3
6.	SPIR-106	Islamic Studies	3
7.	SPIR-107	Ethics	3
8.	SPIR-108	Basic Mathematics	3
9.	SPIR-109	Introduction to Statistics	3
10.	SPIR-110	Political History of the World	3
11.	SPIR-111	Computer Skills for Social Sciences	3

Note: SPIR-007 Ethics can be opted by Non-Muslim Students in place of SPIR-006 Islamic Studies
One course has to be opted from SPIR-006 and SPIR-007 (Total of 10 Courses)

Interdisciplinary General Courses To be chosen from allied disciplines/departments Common for Political Science Major and IR Major

7 courses

***Students can opt any 7 courses offered by the School depending upon the expertise and availability of the faculty**

21 Credit hours

Sr	Code	Title of Course	Credits
1.	SPIR-201	Introduction to History	3
2.	SPIR-202	Introduction to Philosophy	3
3.	SPIR-203	Political Ideologies: Structures and Functions	3
4.	SPIR-204	Introduction to Law	3
5.	SPIR-205	Introduction to Geography	3
6.	SPIR-206	Introduction to Economics	3
7.	SPIR-207	Introduction to Sociology	3
8.	SPIR-208	Introduction to Education	3
9.	SPIR-209	Introduction to Social Work	3
10.	SPIR-210	Introduction to Psychology	3
11.	SPIR-211	Introduction to Public Administration	3
12.	SPIR-212	Political Economy of Pakistan	3
13.	SPIR-213	Introduction to Anthropology	3
14.	SPIR-214	Introduction to Mass Communication	3
15.	SPIR-215	Political History of Pakistan: 1947 to present	3
16.	SPIR-216	Constitutional Development in Pakistan	3

17.	SPIR-217	Introduction to Gender Studies	3
18.	SPIR-218	Comparative Religions	3
19.	SPIR-219	Logic and Reasoning	3
20.	SPIR-220	Introduction to Everyday Science	3
21.	SPIR-221	Introduction to Development Studies	3
22.	SPIR-222	Introduction to Environmental Studies	3
23.	SPIR-223	Introduction to Public Policy	3
24.	SPIR-224	Introduction to Strategic Studies	3
25.	SPIR-225	Introduction to Theory and Methods	3
26.	SPIR-226	Cross Cultural Communication	3
27.	SPIR-227	Introduction to Archaeology	3
28.	SPIR-228	Foreign Language (Arabic, Persian, French, Chinese, German, Japanese, Spanish, Russian or any other language deemed important by the SPIR)	3

Discipline Specific Foundation Courses			
International Relations			
13 courses (All Courses are Compulsory)			
39 Credit hours			
Sr	CODE	TITLE	Credits
1.	SPIR-121	Introduction to International Relations	3
2.	SPIR-122	Introduction to Political Science	3
3.	SPIR-123	Research Methodology	3
4.	SPIR-124	Politics of International Economic Relations	3
5.	SPIR-125	Government and Politics of Pakistan	3
6.	SPIR-126	Foreign Policy of Pakistan	3
7.	SPIR-127	Dimensions of Modern Strategy	3
8.	IR-301	Theories of International Relations	3
9.	IR-302	International Relations since 1945	3
10.	IR-303	Foreign Policy Analysis	3
11.	IR-304	Geopolitical Structure of the World	3
12.	IR-305	Introduction to International Law	3
13.	IR-306	Introduction to Regional and International Organisations	3

Major Electives (Optional Courses): 13 Courses (39 Credit Hours)

- A International Politics**
- B Area Study**
- C International Law and Organizations**
- D Strategic Studies**
- E Graduate Essay/Internship/Graduate Viva**

Group A International Politics

Sr No.	Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
1.	IR-311	Democracy and Authoritarianism	3 Credits
2.	IR-312	Religion in International Politics	3 Credits

3.	IR-312	Politics of Disputed Borders	3 Credits
4.	IR-314	Politics of Developing Countries	3 Credits
5.	IR-315	Diplomacy	3 Credits
6.	IR-316	Contemporary Muslim World	3 Credits
7.	IR-317	Foreign Policies of Major Powers (USA, Russia and China)	3 Credits
8.	IR-318	Theories of Comparative Politics	3 Credits
9.	IR-319	Human Rights in International Relations	3 Credits
10.	IR-320	International Politics of Environment	3 Credits
11.	IR-321	Gender and Development in International Relations	3 Credits
12.	IR-322	Diplomatic History of Europe	3 Credits
13.	IR-323	International Politics of Ethnicity and Minorities	3 Credits
14.	IR-324	Theories of Ethnicity and Nationalism	3 Credits
15.	IR-325	International Politics of Rising Powers	3 Credits
16.	IR-326	International Politics of Energy and Natural Resources	3 Credits
17.	IR-327	Role of Intelligence Agencies in International Politics	3 Credits
18.	IR-328	State and its Institutions in Pakistan	3 Credits
19.	IR-329	Contemporary Discourses on Civilisations	3 Credits
20.	IR-330	Sovereignty in the 21 st Century	3 Credits
21.	IR-331	International Politics of Aid and Trade	3 Credits
22.	IR-332	Civil Society and Political Change	3 Credits
23.	IR-333	Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies	3 Credits
24.	IR-334	Peace Education	3 Credits
25.	IR-335	Sources and Dynamics of Political Change	3 Credits
26.	IR-336	Organised Crimes in International Politics	3 Credits
27.	IR-337	Theory and Practice of Civil Resistance	3 Credits
28.	IR-338	Media and Social Networks in International Politics	3 Credits
29.	IR-339	Migration and International Relations	3 Credits
30.	IR-340	Media and Policy Making	3 Credits
31.	IR-341	Concept and Dimensions of Power	3 Credits
32.	IR-342	Contemporary International Issues	3 Credits
33.	IR-343	Global Civil Society	3 Credits

34.	IR – 344	Conflict and Conflict Resolution	3 Credits
35.	IR–345	Critical Debates in International Relations	3 Credits
36.	IR–346	Seminar on Current Issues in International Politics	3 Credits
37.	IR–347	Seminar on Selected Contemporary Issues in South Asia	3 Credits

Group B: Area Study

Sr No.	Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
1.	IR – 360	American Foreign Policy	3 Credits
2.	IR – 361	Politics of Pakistan	3 Credits
3.	IR – 362	Politics of India	3 Credits
4.	IR – 363	Foreign Policy of India	3 Credits
5.	IR – 364	Politics and Foreign Policy of Afghanistan	3 Credits
6.	IR – 365	Politics and Foreign Policy of Iran	3 Credits
7.	IR – 366	Politics and Foreign Policy of Turkey	3 Credits
8.	IR – 367	Politics and Foreign Policy of Russia	
9.	IR – 368	Politics and Foreign Policy of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	
10.	IR – 369	Politics and Foreign Policy of Israel	3 Credits
11.	IR – 370	International Politics of South Asia	3 Credits
12.	IR – 371	International Politics of the Middle East	3 Credits
13.	IR – 372	International Politics of the Gulf Region	3 Credits
14.	IR – 373	International Politics of the Asia-Pacific Region	3 Credits
15.	IR – 374	International Politics of Africa	3 Credits
16.	IR – 375	International Politics of Al-Maghreb (North West Africa) and North Africa	3 Credits
17.	IR – 376	International Politics of Sub-Saharan Africa	3 Credits
18.	IR – 377	International Politics of Europe	3 Credits
19.	IR – 378	International Politics of South America	3 Credits
20.	IR – 379	International Politics of North America	3 Credits
21.	IR – 380	Foreign Policy of Central Asian Republics	3 Credits
22.	IR – 381	Politics of Central Asian Republics	3 Credits
23.	IR – 382	International Politics of South East Asia	3 Credits
24.	IR – 383	International Politics of East Asia	3 Credits
25.	IR – 384	International Politics of Balkans and South East Europe	3 Credits
26.	IR – 385	Seminar on Issues Relating to Area Study	3 Credits
27.	IR – 386	Seminar on Military Alliance: NATO, CSTO, Strategic Partnerships	3 Credits

28.	IR – 387	Seminar on Regional Politico-Economic Organisations	3 Credits
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Group C: International Law and Organisations

Sr No.	Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
1.	IR – 401	History of International Law	3 Credits
2.	IR – 402	The Law of Treaties	3 Credits
3.	IR – 403	International Law of the Sea and Issues of Maritime Piracy	3 Credits
4.	IR – 404	Air and Space Law	3 Credits
5.	IR – 405	Armed Conflict and the Use of Force in International Law	3 Credits
6.	IR – 406	UN Specialized Agencies	3 Credits
7.	IR – 407	International Humanitarian Law	3 Credits
8.	IR – 408	Regional Organizations	3 Credits
9.	IR – 409	Refugee Law	3 Credits
10.	IR – 410	Human Rights Law	3 Credits
11.	IR – 411	Environmental Law	3 Credits
12.	IR – 412	Non-Governmental Organization in International Law	3 Credits
13.	IR – 413	Seminar on Issues Relating to International Law/Organizations	3 Credits

Group D: Strategic Studies

Sr No.	Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
1.	IR – 425	Strategic Thought	3 Credits
2.	IR – 426	Technology, Warfare and Weapon Systems	3 Credits
3.	IR – 427	Defence Policies of India and Pakistan	3 Credits
4.	IR – 428	Disarmament, Arms Control and Nuclear Non-Proliferation	3 Credits
5.	IR – 429	Economics of Defence	3 Credits
6.	IR – 430	Theories of War	3 Credits
7.	IR – 431	Social Conflict Analysis	3 Credits
8.	IR – 432	Revolutionary Warfare	3 Credits
9.	IR – 433	International Politics of Terrorism	3 Credits
10.	IR – 434	Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism	3 Credits
11.	IR – 435	Causes, Justifications, and Preventions of War	3 Credits
12.	IR – 436	Chemical, Biological, Nuclear and Radiological Terrorism	3 Credits

13.	IR – 437	Cyber Crime and Warfare	3 Credits
14.	IR – 438	Seminar on Issues Relating to Strategic Issues	3 Credits
15.	IR – 439	Seminar on Nuclear Politics	3 Credits
16.	IR – 440	Seminar on Security Issues	3 Credits

Group E/ Graduate Essay/Internship (Optional)

Graduate Viva: Compulsory

Sr No.	Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
1.	IR – 450	Graduate Essay (Subject to approval of SPIR Research Committee)	6 Credits
2.	IR – 451	Internship (Subject to approval of SPIR Research Committee)	3 Credits
3.	IR – 452	Graduate Viva(Compulsory)	3 Credits

BS Political Science

Compulsory Courses			
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10.	SPIR-210	Introduction to Psychology	3
11.	SPIR-211	Introduction to Public Administration	3
12.	SPIR-212	Political Economy of Pakistan	3
13.	SPIR-213	Introduction to Anthropology	3
14.	SPIR-214	Introduction to Mass Communication	3
15.	SPIR-215	Political History of Pakistan: 1947 to present	3
16.	SPIR-216	Constitutional Development in Pakistan	3
17.	SPIR-217	Introduction to Gender Studies	3
18.	SPIR-218	Comparative Religions	3
19.	SPIR-219	Logic and Reasoning	3
20.	SPIR-220	Introduction to Everyday Science	3
21.	SPIR-221	Introduction to Development Studies	3
22.	SPIR-222	Introduction to Environmental Studies	3
23.	SPIR-223	Introduction to Public Policy	3
24.	SPIR-224	Introduction to Strategic Studies	3
25.	SPIR-225	Introduction to Theory and Methods	3
26.	SPIR-226	Cross Cultural Communication	3
27.	SPIR-227	Introduction to Archaeology	3
28.	SPIR-228	Foreign Language (Arabic, Persian, French, Chinese, German, Japanese, Spanish, Russian or any other language deemed important by the SPIR)	3

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3.	SPIR-123	Research Methodology	3
4.	SPIR-124	Politics of International Economic Relations	3
5.	SPIR-125	Government and Politics of Pakistan	3
6.	SPIR-126	Foreign Policy of Pakistan	3
7.	SPIR-127	Dimensions of Modern Strategy	3
8.	POL-301	Introduction to Political Theory	3
9.	POL-302	Muslim Political Thought	3

10.	POL-303	Western Political Thought	3
11.	POL-304	Comparative Politics	3
12.	POL-305	Political Systems	3
13.	POL-306	Theories and Practice of Public Policy	3

Major Electives for BS (4 Years) in Political Science

13 Courses carrying 39 Credit Hours, and divided into following categories:

- Group A: Pakistan Studies
 Group B: Comparative Politics
 Group C: International Relations
 Group D: Area Studies
 Group E: Political Science
 Group F: Graduate Essay/Internship/Graduate Viva

Group A: Pakistan Studies

OPTIONAL COURSES			
Sr.	Course Code	Title of the Course	Credit Hours
1.	POL-311	Federalism and Inter-Provincial Politics	3
2.	POL-312	Muslim Nationalism and Pakistan Movement	3
3.	POL-313	Political and Constitutional Development in Pakistan (1947 to Present)	3
4.	POL-314	Local Government in Pakistan	3
5.	POL-315	Critical Issues in Pakistan's Foreign Policy	3
6.	POL-316	Political Parties and Pressure Groups in Pakistan	3
7.	POL-317	Public Administration in Pakistan	3
8.	POL-318	Political Economy of Pakistan	3
9.	POL-319	Pakistan: Issues of Energy and Natural Resources	3
10.	POL-320	Development in Pakistan: Challenges and Opportunities	3
11.	POL-321	Socio-Political Dimensions of Sectarianism in Pakistan	3
12.	POL-322	Military and Politics in Pakistan	3
13.	POL-323	Democracy and Authoritarianism	3
14.	POL-324	Extremism and Militancy in Pakistan	3
15.	POL-325	Religion and Politics in Pakistan	3
16.	POL-326	Interfaith Harmony in Pakistan	3
17.	POL-327	Seminar: Issues in Pakistan's Domestic Politics	3
18.	POL-328	Seminar: Issues in Pakistan's Foreign Policy	3

Group B: Comparative Politics

OPTIONAL COURSES			
Sr.	Course Code	Title of Course	Credit Hours
1.	POL-340	Political Sociology	3
2.	POL-341	Issues of Global Development: The Role of States and Markets	3
3.	POL-342	Multinational Corporations and The Law of Uneven	3

		Development	
4.	POL-343	Political Modernisation and Social Change in Developing Societies	3
5.	POL-344	Media and Politics	3
6.	POL-345	Understanding Conflict and Violence	3
7.	POL-346	Comparative Political Systems of Developed Nations	3
8.	POL-347	Comparative Political Systems of Developing Nations	3
9.	POL-348	Islam and The West	3
10.	POL-349	Human Rights	3
11.	POL-350	Gender and Politics	3
12.	POL-351	Legislative and Political Development in Pakistan	3
13.	POL-352	Development and Underdevelopment in Pakistan	3
14.	POL-353	Pakistan: Issues of Poverty and Illiteracy	3
15.	POL-354	Seminar: Comparative Political Systems of South Asia	3
16.	POL-355	Seminar: Comparative Political Systems of the Muslim World	3
17.	POL-356	Seminar: Comparative Political Systems of the West	3

Group C: International Relations

OPTIONAL COURSES			
Sr.	Course Code	Title of Course	Credit Hours
1.	POL – 375	Theories of International Relations	3
2.	POL – 376	Foreign Policy Analysis	3
3.	POL – 377	International Relations Since 1945	3
4.	POL – 378	Politics of Environment	3
5.	POL – 379	International Law & Organizations	3
6.	POL – 380	Nuclear Studies: Nuclear Proliferation & Non Proliferation	3
7.	POL – 381	Introduction to Security	3
8.	POL – 382	Contemporary Muslim World	3
9.	POL – 383	Political Systems of Major Powers	3
10.	POL – 384	Regional Integration	3
11.	POL – 385	Politics of Global Terrorism	3
12.	POL – 386	Seminar on Selected Contemporary Issues in International Politics	3
13.	POL – 387	Seminar on Selected Contemporary Issues in South Asia	3
14.	POL – 388	Seminar on Nuclear Politics	3

Group D: Area Studies

OPTIONAL COURSES			
Sr.	Course Code	Title of Course	Credit Hours
1.	POL – 401	Politics of Central Asia	3 Credits
2.	POL – 402	Politics of South East Asia	3 Credits
3.	POL – 403	Politics of South Asia	3 Credits
4.	POL – 404	Politics of North America	3 Credits

5.	POL – 405	Politics of Latin America	3 Credits
6.	POL – 406	International Politics of the Middle East	3 Credits
7.	POL – 407	International Politics of the Gulf Region	3 Credits
8.	POL – 408	Politics of Europe	3 Credits
9.	POL – 409	Politics of Al-Maghreb (North West Africa) and North Africa	3 Credits
10.	POL – 410	Politics of India	3 Credits
11.	POL – 411	Politics of the U.S.A	3 Credits
12.	POL – 412	Politics of Iran	3 Credits
13.	POL – 413	Politics of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	
14.	POL – 414	Politics of Turkey	3 Credits
15.	POL – 415	Politics of Russia	3 Credits
16.	POL – 416	Politics of China	3 Credits
17.	POL – 417	Seminar on Military Alliance: NATO, CSTO, and Strategic Partnerships	3 Credits
18.	POL – 418	Seminar on Regional Politico-Economic Organisations	3 Credits

Group E: Political Science

OPTIONAL COURSES			
Sr.	Course Code	Title of Course	Credit Hours
1.	POL-430	Democratic Development	3 Credits
2.	POL-431	Leadership and Management	3 Credits
3.	POL-432	Electoral Politics, Public Opinion and Democracy	3 Credits
4.	POL-433	Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism	3 Credits
5.	POL-434	Contemporary Discourses on Civilisations	3 Credits
6.	POL-435	Sovereignty in 21st Century	3 Credits
7.	POL-436	Politics of Disputed Borders	3 Credits
8.	POL-437	Politics of Aid and Trade	3 Credits
9.	POL-438	Theories of Ethnicity and Nationalism	3 Credits
10.	POL-439	Civil Society and Political Change	3 Credits
11.	POL-440	Peace Education	3 Credits
12.	POL-441	Sources and Dynamics of Political Change	3 Credits
13.	POL-442	Organised Crimes in International Politics	3 Credits
14.	POL-443	Theory and Practice of Civil Resistance	3 Credits
15.	POL-444	Media and Social Networks in Politics	3 Credits
16.	POL-445	Issues in Domestic Politics of Pakistan	3 Credits
17.	POL-446	Contemporary Debates in Nations and Nationalism	3 Credits
18.	POL-447	Migration and International Politics	3 Credits
19.	POL-448	Conflict Resolution	3 Credits
20.	POL-449	Media and Policy Making	3 Credits
21.	POL-450	Politics of Language and Identity	3 Credits
22.	POL-451	Global Civil Society	3 Credits
23.	POL-452	Geopolitical Structure of the World	3 Credits
24.	POL-453	Seminar on Contemporary Issues in Political Science	3 Credits

Group F: Graduate Essay/Internship/Graduate Viva

Research Project/Internship Graduate Viva: Compulsory		
POL-475	Graduate Essay (Subject to Approval of SPIR Research Committee)	6 Credits
POL-476	Internship (Subject to approval of SPIR Research Committee)	3 Credits
POL-477	Graduate Viva (Compulsory)	3 Credits

MSC INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Compulsory Courses		
Course Code	Title of Course	Credit Hours
IR – 300	Theories of International Relations	3 Credits
IR – 301	International Relations Since 1945	3 Credits
IR – 302	An Introduction to International Law	3 Credits
IR – 303	Politics of International Economic Relations	3 Credits
IR – 304	Dimensions of Modern Strategy	3 Credits
IR – 305	Foreign Policy of Pakistan	3 Credits
IR – 306	International Organization	3 Credits
IR – 307	Research Methodology	3 Credits

Optional Courses		
Course Code	Title of Course	Credit Hours
IR – 309	Foreign Policy Analysis	3 Credits
IR – 310	Politics of Developing Countries	3 Credits
IR – 311	Diplomacy	3 Credits
IR – 312	Contemporary Muslim World	3 Credits
IR – 313	Foreign Policies of Major Powers (USA, Russia and China)	3 Credits
IR – 314	Theories of Comparative Politics	3 Credits
IR – 315	Human Rights in International Relations	3 Credits
IR – 316	International Politics of Environment	3 Credits
IR – 317	Gender and Development in International Relations	3 Credits
IR – 318	Diplomatic History of Europe	3 Credits
IR – 319	International Politics of Ethnicity and Minorities	3 Credits
IR – 320	Seminar on Current Issues in International Politics	3 Credits
IR – 321	Politics of Pakistan	3 Credits
IR – 322	Politics of India	3 Credits
IR – 323	Foreign Policy of India	3 Credits
IR – 324	International Politics of South Asia	3 Credits
IR – 325	Politics and Foreign Policy of Afghanistan	3 Credits
IR – 326	Politics and Foreign Policy of Iran	3 Credits
IR – 327	Politics and Foreign Policy of Turkey	3 Credits
IR – 328	International Politics of the Middle East	3 Credits
IR – 329	International Politics of the Gulf Region	3 Credits
IR – 330	International Politics of the Asia-Pacific Region	3 Credits

IR – 331	International Politics of Africa	3 Credits
IR – 332	International Politics of Europe	3 Credits
IR – 333	International Politics of South America	3 Credits
IR – 334	International Politics of North America	3 Credits
IR – 335	Foreign Policy of Central Asian Republics	3 Credits
IR – 336	Politics of Central Asian Republics	3 Credits
IR – 337	Politics of South East Asia	3 Credits
IR – 338	Seminar on Issues Relating to Area Study	3 Credits
IR – 339	History of International Law	3 Credits
IR – 340	The Law of Treaties	3 Credits
IR – 341	International Law of the Sea	3 Credits
IR – 342	Air and Space Law	3 Credits
IR – 343	Armed Conflict and the Use of Force in International Law	3 Credits
IR – 344	UN Specialized Agencies	3 Credits
IR – 345	Humanitarian Law	3 Credits
IR – 346	Regional Organizations	3 Credits
IR – 347	Refugee Law	3 Credits
IR – 348	Human Rights Law	3 Credits
IR – 349	Environmental Law	3 Credits
IR – 350	Non-Governmental Organization in International Law	3 Credits
IR – 351	Conflict and Conflict Resolution	3 Credits
IR – 352	Seminar on Issues Relating to International Law/Organizations	3 Credits
IR – 353	Strategic Thought	3 Credits
IR - 354	Technology, Warfare and Weapon Systems	3 Credits
IR – 355	Defense Policies of India and Pakistan	3 Credits
IR – 356	Disarmament and Arms control and Nuclear Non-Proliferation	3 Credits
IR – 357	Economics of Defence	3 Credits
IR – 358	Theories of War	3 Credits
IR – 359	Social Conflict Analysis	3 Credits
IR – 360	Revolutionary Warfare	3 Credits
IR – 361	International Politics of Terrorism	3 Credits
IR – 362	Seminar on Issues Relating to Strategic Issues	3 Credits

Master Essay and Thesis

IR – 363	Master Essay	6 Credits
IR – 364	Thesis	9 Credits

MSC POLITICAL SCIENCE

Compulsory Courses

Course Code	Title of Course	Credit Hours
POL – 300	Political Theory : Islamic Political Philosophy	3 Credits
POL – 301	Political Theory : Western Political Thought	3 Credits
POL – 302	Comparative Politics	3 Credits
POL – 303	International Relations	3 Credits
POL – 304	Government and Politics of Pakistan	3 Credits
POL – 305	Political Economy	3 Credits
POL – 306	Research Methodology	3 Credits
POL – 307	Strategic Studies	3 Credits

Optional Courses		
Course Code	Title of Course	Credit Hours
POL – 308	Muslim Nationalism & Pakistan Movement in South Asia (1857 – 1947)	3 Credits
POL – 309	Political and Constitutional Development in Pakistan (1947 – Till date)	3 Credits
POL – 310	Local Government in Pakistan	3 Credits
POL – 311	Critical Issues in Pakistan's Foreign Policy	3 Credits
POL – 312	Political Parties and Pressure Groups in Pakistan	3 Credits
POL – 313	Public Administration in Pakistan	3 Credits
POL – 314	Political Economy of Pakistan	3 Credits
POL – 315	Political Anthropology: The State and Society in Post-Colonial Perspective	3 Credits
POL – 316	The Law of Uneven Development: States & Markets	3 Credits
POL – 317	Political Modernisation and Social Change in Developing Societies	3 Credits
POL – 318	Media and Politics	3 Credits
POL – 319	Understanding Conflict and Violence	3 Credits
POL – 320	Comparative Political System of Developed Nations	3 Credits
POL – 321	Islam and The West	3 Credits
POL – 322	Human Rights	3 Credits
POL – 323	Theory and Practice of International Relations	3 Credits
POL – 324	Foreign Policy Analysis	3 Credits
POL – 325	International Relations Since 1945	3 Credits
POL – 326	Politics of Environment	3 Credits
POL – 327	International Law & Organizations	3 Credits
POL – 328	Nuclear Studies: Nuclear Proliferation & Non Proliferation	3 Credits
POL – 329	Global Security	3 Credits
POL – 330	Contemporary Muslim World	3 Credits
POL – 331	Political Systems of Major Powers: USA, China and Russia	3 Credits
POL – 332	Regional Integration: Political of Regional Organizations	3 Credits
POL – 333	Seminar on Selected Contemporary Issues in International Politics	3 Credits
POL – 334	Politics of International Terrorism	3 Credits
POL – 335	Politics of India	3 Credits
POL – 336	Politics and Foreign Policy of U.S.A	3 Credits
POL – 337	Politics and Foreign Policy of Iran	3 Credits
POL – 338	Politics of Central Asia	3 Credits
POL – 339	Politics of South East Asia	3 Credits
POL – 340	Politics of Latin America	3 Credits
POL – 341	Politics of South Asia	3 Credits
POL – 342	International Politics of the Middle East	3 Credits
POL – 343	Politics and Foreign Policy of Russia	3 Credits
POL – 344	Politics and Foreign Policy China	3 Credits
POL – 345	Politics of America, Africa, South, East, West and Central Asia, Europe and Russia.	3 Credits

MPHIL AND PHD IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

M.PHIL

Compulsory Courses		
Course Code	Title of Course	Credit Hours
IR – 601	Theories of International Relations	4 Credits
IR – 602	Research Methodology	4 Credits

Optional Courses		
Course Code	Title of Course	Credit Hours
IR – 603	Foreign Policy Analysis	4 Credits
IR – 604	A Comparative study of Foreign Policies	4 Credits
IR – 605	Diplomacy	4 Credits
IR – 606	International Organization	4 Credits
IR – 607	Seminar on Selected Contemporary Issues of Int'l Politics	4 Credits
IR – 608	Pakistan and the Islamic World	4 Credits
IR – 609	India-Pakistan Relations	4 Credits
IR – 610	Politics of South Asia	4 Credits
IR – 611	Seminar on Kashmir Dispute	4 Credits
IR – 612	Politics of Middle East	4 Credits
IR – 613	Islamic Revivalism	4 Credits
IR – 614	Politics of the Gulf Region	4 Credits
IR – 615	Arms Control and International Security	4 Credits
IR – 616	War and the Contemporary International System	4 Credits
IR – 617	Comparative Defense Policies: India and Pakistan	4 Credits
IR – 618	Use of Force in international Relations	4 Credits
IR – 619	Strategic Thought (Selective Thinkers)	4 Credits
IR – 620	Law of the Sea	4 Credits
IR – 621	Law of Treaties	4 Credits
IR – 622	Human Rights in International Relations	4 Credits
IR – 623	Political Economy of the Third World	4 Credits
IR – 624	New International Economic Order	4 Credits
IR – 625	Regional Economic Integration	4 Credits
IR – 626	Politics of India Ocean	4 Credits
IR – 627	Contemporary Conflict Resolution	4 Credits
IR – 628	Media and International Relations	4 Credits
IR – 629	Politics and Foreign Policy of the United States of America	4 Credits
IR – 630	Contemporary Debates in International Relations	4 Credits
IR – 631	Seminar on Nuclear Politics	4 Credits

MPhil Dissertation/Thesis		
IR – 699	MPhil Dissertation/Thesis	26 Credits

Compulsory Courses		
Course Code	Title of Course	Credit Hours
IR – 701	Theories of International Relations	3 Credits
IR – 702	Research Methodology	3 Credits

Optional Courses		
Course Code	Title of Course	Credit Hours
IR – 703	Theories of Comparative Politics	3 Credits
IR – 704	Seminar on Selected Contemporary Issues in International Politics	3 Credits
IR – 705	International Politics of South Asia	3 Credits
IR – 706	International Politics of Middle East	3 Credits
IR – 707	International Politics of South East Asia	3 Credits
IR – 708	International Politics of Central Asia	3 Credits
IR – 709	International Politics of Latin America	3 Credits
IR – 710	International Politics of Africa	3 Credits
IR – 711	Contemporary Muslim World	3 Credits
IR – 712	Comparative Study of Foreign Policies of Major Powers	3 Credits
IR – 713	Politics and Foreign Policy of USA	3 Credits
IR – 714	Politics and Foreign Policy of China	3 Credits
IR – 715	Politics and Foreign Policy of Russia	3 Credits
IR – 716	International Law and Organization	3 Credits
IR – 717	Regionalism: Theory and Practice	3 Credits
IR – 718	International Political Economy	3 Credits
IR – 719	Strategic Studies	3 Credits
IR – 720	Nuclear Studies	3 Credits
IR – 721	Contemporary Conflict Resolution	3 Credits
IR – 722	Media and International Relations	3 Credits
IR – 723	Contemporary Critical Debates in International Relations	3 Credits
IR – 724	Seminar on Nuclear Politics	3 Credits

Ph. D Thesis		
IR – 799	Ph. D Thesis	

EVENING PROGRAM IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Keeping in view the relevance of global politics for mid-career professionals, i.e. civil servants, security officials, diplomats, journalists, and other interested persons, SPIR runs an evening program, offering Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Advanced Diploma and MSc in International Relations. The respective course work in each case is as follows:

Postgraduate Certificate Course

In the Postgraduate Certificate program is of 15 credit hours. Students enrolled in this program will have to study any 5 of the following compulsory courses.

Course Code	Title of Course	Credit Hours
IR – 300	Theories of International Relations	3 Credits

IR – 303	Politics of International Economic Relations	3 Credits
IR – 304	Dimensions of Modern Strategy	3 Credits
IR – 305	Foreign Policy of Pakistan	3 Credits
IR – 306	International Organization	3 Credits
IR – 307	Research Methodology	3 Credits

Postgraduate Advanced Diploma

The Diploma would buildup upon any of the 5 courses studied in Postgraduate Certificate program, allowing those who do not abandon the program after securing a certificate to get a Diploma in International Relations. In total, students have to complete 33 credit hours. There are normally offered the following 6 courses and, in case of the non-availability of a faculty member specializing in these areas, any other optional IR course.

Course Code	Title of Course	Credit Hours
IR – 301	International Relations Since 1945	3 Credits
IR – 302	An Introduction to International Law	3 Credits
IR – 314	Theories of Comparative Politics	3 Credits
IR – 320	Seminar on Current Issues in International Politics	3 Credits
IR – 356	Disarmament, Arms Control & Nuclear Non-Proliferation	3 Credits
IR – 328	International Politics of Middle East	3 Credits

MSC in International Relations

The MSc degree program in International Relations builds upon the courses studied in both the Certificate (15 Credit Hours) and Advanced Diploma (33 Credit Hours) courses, allowing those who do not abandon the program after qualifying for an Advanced Diploma in International Relations to receive an MSc degree in International Relations. In total, students have to complete 60 credit hours, including 9 compulsory and 11 optional courses, including a Master's Essay equivalent to 9 credit hours. The courses to be studied in the third semester (besides those covered in the first two semesters) are as follows:

Third Semester

Course Code	Title of Course	Credit Hours
IR – 306	International Organizations	3 Credits
IR – 324	International Politics of South Asia	3 Credits
IR – 338	Seminar on Issues Relating to Area Study	3 Credits
IR – 348	Human Rights Law	3 Credits
IR – 351	Conflict and Conflict Resolution	3 Credits
IR – 361	International Politics of Terrorism	3 Credits

Fourth Semester

Course Code	Title of Course	Credit Hours
IR – 364	Thesis	9 Credits

FACILITIES AT SPIR

SPIR has modern facilities for teaching and research. Most of the class rooms are equipped with multi-media. The School also has an auditorium, with Multimedia Projector, Sound System, and seating capacity for 100 delegates. The auditorium,

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In addition to QAU Central Library, SPIR has its own Seminar Library, which contains books and journals related to Political Science and International Relations. A Computer Lab is also housed in this library, and students have internet access to online academic resources provided by the HEC.

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