

## CAREER POSSIBILITIES

This degree program prepares students for careers in:

- Foreign Service
- Diplomacy
- Government Posts
- International Business
- International Organizations
- Private or Non-governmental organizations

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# Master of Arts in International Relations

Education to take you places



For over 40 years, United States International University Africa has offered quality education to students from all over the world, with over 60 nationalities currently represented in our student population. USIU-Africa commenced offering the first International Relations program in Kenya in 1977.

### Dual Accreditation

All USIU-Africa programs have been approved by the Commission for University Education (CUE) and the Accrediting Commission of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), thereby ensuring the highest standards have been met in Kenya and the United States respectively.

## Master of Arts in International Relations

Master of Arts (M.A.) in International Relations enables students to analyze the complexities and processes involved in world politics and international affairs. Coursework provides exposure to the key subfields of the discipline and relevant issues such as globalization, human rights, humanitarian action, conflicts, foreign policy and economic development.

### Program Learning Outcomes

1. Explain and interrogate contending concepts and theories in International Relations.
2. Apply relevant theories to conduct empirical research in International Relations.
3. Employ appropriate methods of research, both qualitative and quantitative, to the analysis of important issues in International Relations.
4. Demonstrate ability to formulate evidence-based constructive policies.
5. Devise effective problem-solving intervention strategies and programs for dealing with national and international situations.
6. Demonstrate ability to critically employ an integrated multi-disciplinary approach to the study of international affairs.
7. Critically evaluate issues in International Relations within the context of a complex multi-cultural and interconnected world.

### Pre-Requisite Courses

Students without a background in IR / Political Science must take the following prerequisites before they begin the core courses; they will be required to take a total of 51 units:

- IRL 2000 Foundations of International Relations
- IRL 4020 International Law
- IRL 6002 Foundations of International Politics

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

42 UNITS

### CORE COURSES

21 UNITS

- IRL 6000 Research Methods in International Relations
- IRL 6005 Advanced International Relations Theory
- IRL 6200 International Organizations
- IRL 6890 Specialized Seminar
- MOD 6050 Project Management and Fund-Raising
- IRL 6901 Thesis I
- IRL 6902 Thesis II

### CONCENTRATIONS/ELECTIVES

21 UNITS

(NOTE: Students can select a concentration from any of the three options below or a combination of various electives.)

### DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

#### Compulsory

- IRL 6055 Theories of Development & Underdevelopment
- IRL 6030 Issues of Development & Conflicts
- IRL 6230 International Financial Systems
- IRL 6235 Advanced International Political Economy
- IRL 6240 Post-coloniality in Africa
- IRL 6035 Politics and Patterns of Cooperation and Conflict

#### Choose one elective:

- IRL 6705 Field Research
- IRL 6710 Internship

### PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES

#### Compulsory

- IRL 6010 Theories of Peace & Conflict
- IRL 6015 Conflict Resolution
- IRL 6030 Issues of Development & Conflicts

#### Choose three electives:

- IRL 6215 International Humanitarian Law
- IRL 6245 Disarmament & Human Rights
- IRL 6035 Politics and Patterns of Cooperation and Conflict
- IRL 6025 Conflict, Security & Development

#### Choose one elective:

- IRL 6705 Field Research
- IRL 6710 Internship

### DIPLOMACY AND FOREIGN POLICY

#### Compulsory

- IRL 6020 Techniques of International Diplomacy
- IRL 6095 Inter-Cultural Communications
- IRL 6260 Foreign Policy Analysis
- IRL 6255 Africa / US Relations
- IRL 6285 The Foreign Policy of Kenya
- IRL 6250 Africa in International Affairs

#### Choose one elective:

- IRL 6705 Field Research
- IRL 6710 Internship