

MA in International Relations



RICHMOND
THE AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL
UNIVERSITY
IN LONDON

Five facts about this PROGRAMME

One year full-time or two years part-time programme, based in London

Optional accredited internship

International, research active faculty

Small class sizes and close supervision by faculty

Study in a central London location

The aim of the MA in International Relations is to equip students with in-depth knowledge of the discipline of international relations, key analytical and research skills, together with an opportunity to gain practical experience through an optional internship.

The curriculum

Working closely with a team of internationally recognized experts in their field, the MA in International Relations prepares students for further graduate study in the discipline or for careers in the fascinating world of local, national, regional, and international politics, in governmental and non-governmental organisations.

The degree can lead to eventual careers in roles that require articulate, clear thinking individuals with a grasp of contemporary events, including government, international organisations, business, finance and the media. We offer a rigorous curriculum

encompassing theoretical and practical developments in the dynamic field of global politics, set in the vibrant context of cosmopolitan London, in an international classroom, which gives graduates distinct advantages in developing vital interpersonal and intercultural communication skills.

The programme examines a range of theories and approaches to international relations, questions of international political economy, and offers courses on international diplomatic practice, international law and institutions, studies of specific regions, international migration,

media, and many others.

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Programme structure

The MA in International Relations is structured as follows:

Fall Semester - Three core courses (12 credits)

- Research Methodology
- International Relations Theory Concepts
- International Organisation

Spring Semester - One core course and two option courses (12 credits)

- Global Political Economy

Option Courses

One of the following:

- Migration, Labour and Development
- Origins & Development of International Relations
- Conflict and Post-Conflict Studies
- Middle East and International Politics
- US Foreign Policy
- African Development Politics
- Gender and Development
- International Relations and the Media
- Global Environment Politics
- Diplomacy
- International Politics of East Asia

Summer Semester

(12 credits)

- Extended Research Thesis without Internship,
15,000 - 20,000 words (12 credits)

Or

- Research Thesis with Graduate Internship, 10,000 - 12,000 words
(8 credits, plus 4 credit internship)

All courses run depending upon demand and faculty availability.

Programme information

Programme leader

Please contact the Admissions Office if you wish to speak to the Programme Leader.

Awarding institution

Developed and delivered by Richmond, The American International University in London. Accredited: Middle States Commission on Higher Education (US).

Duration

One year full-time,
September to September.

Two year part-time,
September to September.

Part time students take one or two courses per semester. All courses are taught during the daytime on weekdays.

Location

Kensington Campus. Additionally, off-site locations may be used in London as part of the practical element of the programme.

Entry requirements

US Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution, or UK first degree with minimum second class honours, or an overseas equivalent as determined by the University. Relevant work experience is welcomed and may, on occasion, be accepted in lieu of a first degree, but is not required.

English Language

Applicants who are not from a majority English speaking country will be asked to supply evidence of their English language skills which will usually be an IELTS with 6.5 overall and no element below 6.0.

Scholarships

A limited number of scholarships are available for Richmond's MA.

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Note: Support sessions will also be offered in academic skills and preparation for interview for internships.

