



Master of Arts in International Relations & Diplomacy

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
AND DIPLOMACY

About the MA Programme

Are you interested in mastering and applying diplomatic skills and competencies in professional environments? The Master of Arts in International Relations & Diplomacy (MIRD) is a *Three-legged Middle-ground* programme equipping students with critical astuteness, diplomatic negotiation and mediation skills, project management capacity, intercultural behaviors, values and attitudes necessary to provide enabling environment for states to co-exist amicably and international system function effectively. You will be a trained diplomat.

The course therefore, places an emphasis on the most necessary competencies that a career diplomat would need to put into practice when deployed in any of the three strands- foreign service, regional organizations and international institutions such as the United Nations.

Competencies and Skills

- Diplomatic Negotiation and Mediation
- Tools of Diplomacy
- Project Development & Management
- Scenario Building, Simulations and Modelling
- Collaboration with all Formal and Informal Stakeholders
- Rules of Ethics and Professional Conduct of a Diplomat
- Design Thinking Tools in Resolving Conflicts

New School of Thought

You will benefit from the Design Thinking through:

- Three-legged Middle Ground
- Interpersonal Experience
- Professional Networking
- Knowledge-Policy Translation Tools
- Diplomatic Skills



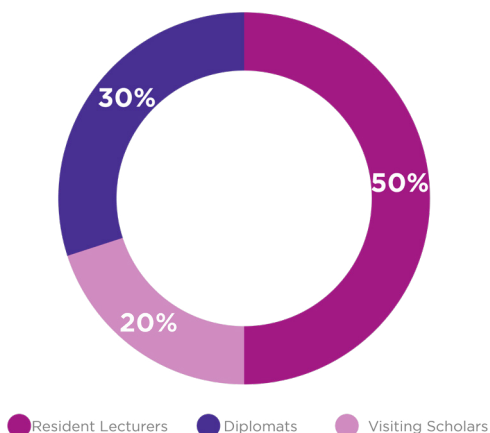
Career Prospects

- Diplomatic Negotiators and Mediators
- Project Developers and Managers
- Business Case Designers
- Career Diplomats
- Conflict Model and Prediction Experts
- International Business Analysts
- Management of Foreign Service & Embassies
- International Organizations
- Multinational Corporations
- NGOs
- Early Warning Analysts
- Civilian Peacekeepers

Collaborative Learning Experience (CLE)

- Discover
- Create Ideas
- Test Ideas
- Implement

MIRD RESOURCE PERSONS BREAKDOWN



Admission Criteria

Eligibility for admission to the M.A. in International Relations and Diplomacy programme, candidates must satisfy the requirements stipulated below:

- a. The minimum requirements applicable to candidates directly out of university and seeking admission into the programme:
 - Hold a Bachelor's degree with at least Second Class Honours Upper Division from Riara University or any other university recognized by the Riara University Senate in fields within the social sciences and humanities including but not limited to international relations, international studies, political science, peace and conflict studies, anthropology, military science, sociology, philosophy, communication and journalism studies, development studies, law, theology, business studies (only those with international option), and economics, from a recognized university.
 - Hold a Bachelor's degree with Second Class Honours Lower Division from a recognized university with two years of relevant work experience.

- A Bachelor's degree (or such other higher qualification) in any other discipline, plus a minimum of five years relevant work experience in an area(s) related to this programme. Such a qualification(s) must be obtained from an institution recognized by the Commission for University Education and achieved at a minimum of Second-Class Honours, Upper Division.
- For candidates who will not have attained a Second-Class Honours in their undergraduate degree, but will have a relevant 'Pass' qualification, they should have, in addition, a Postgraduate Diploma, or a minimum of five years of work experience in relevant areas of engagement.
- Be fluent in written and spoken English. This should be ascertained through English proficiency certification at high school/secondary school level or any recognized post-secondary language centre.
- Alternative requirements applicable to candidates seeking admission into the programme:
- Diplomats and/ or Military personnel or other professionals, who have undergone training in operational and command courses that cumulatively correspond to undergraduate studies including Grade 2 staff course or Passed staff course "PSC" for officers in the rank of major and above. This also applies to individuals with more than 15 years' experience working with regional organizations or international institutions seeking admission into the MA programme. However, such individuals will be serving in senior position.
- Credit transfers may also apply in accordance with prevailing statutory provisions.

MIRD Programme Structure

Programme Duration: 2 years`

Credit Hours required: 57

Intake: January/May/September

Year One 1st Trimester Core Courses			
Course Code	Course	Unit	Credits
MRIR 911	Theories of International Relations	Core	3
MRIR 912	Foreign Policy Analysis	Core	3
MRIR 913	International Humanitarian Law	Core	3
MRIR 914	Research Methods in Social Sciences	Core	3
MRIR 915	Management of the Blue Economy	Core	3
Sub Total			15

Year One 2 nd Trimester Core Courses			
Course		Unit	Credits
MRIR 921	Conflictology, Mediation and Conflict Resolution	Core	3
MRIR 922	Regional Conflict Management	Core	3
MRIR 923	Regional Security Studies and Strategies	Core	3
MRIR 924	Maritime Diplomacy	Core	3
MRIR 925	Regional Conflict Systems and Geography of Conflicts	Core	3
Sub Total			15

Year Two 1st Trimester Core Courses			
Course Code	Course	Unit	Credits
MRIR 931	Arms Diplomacy	Core	3
MRIR 932	Comparative Foreign Policy	Core	3
MRIR 933	Comparative Political Economy	Core	3
Electives: Select any two			
MRIR 934	Emerging Powers and Africa	Elective	3
MRIR 935	Global Environmental Diplomacy	Elective	3
MRIR 936	Corporate Diplomacy	Elective	3
MRIR 937	Interreligious Diplomatic Practice	Elective	3
Sub Total			15

Year Two 2 nd Trimester - Dissertation 4 units @ 3 hours =12		
Course	Unit	Credits
DISSERTATION	Core	12
Sub Total		12

GRAND TOTAL	57
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Fees

Payment of fee is dependent on the number of modules undertaken per semester.

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