

Master of Arts in Diplomacy and International Studies

Academic Institute:

Rangsit University, Institute of Diplomacy and International Studies.

Duration: Two (2) academic years (starting in August).

Objectives:

Institute of Diplomacy and International Studies (IDIS) aspires to the following:

- To produce professionals for positions of leadership and influenced in foreign affairs and international business.
- To promote international cooperation, in particular among Asian countries.
- To foster networking among its alumni, professionals and scholars in international affairs.
- To pursue deep understanding of international issues and concerns through advanced learning and scholarly research.
- To promote foreign language learning.
- To provide both academic and practical skills (e.g. negotiation techniques, diplomatic practices, rhetoric, media skills) for established diplomats and officials at the early to mid-career level in particular those from the new members of ASEAN.
- To provide academic and practical skills to business executives (e.g. negotiation techniques, international practices and norms in communicating with business, rhetoric, media skills) to help bring Thai businesses into international markets.

Course Synopsis & Methodology:

The programme will provide professional education in international studies covering the entire spectrum of international relations from international security, international law, international politics, diplomatic history, international economics and business to culture with a focus on the Asian region. Wherever possible, there will be case studies drawn from the experiences of Asia. Since political, economic, cultural and legal issues at the international level are becoming increasingly intertwined, a multi-disciplinary approach will be employed in the teaching and learning of these subjects.

The programme will also emphasize the importance of connecting theory with practice. Hence, there will be intensive training on practical skills (e.g. negotiation techniques, diplomatic practices, media skills, rhetoric and languages).

Course Content & Study Topic:

1. Core Courses

International Security Studies
International Politics
Public International Law
International Organizations and Multilateral Diplomacy
International Economics, Trade and Development
International Business, Finance and Investment
Human Rights and Transnational Social Issues
The Mechanics of Diplomacy and International Negotiation.

2. Elective Courses

Foreign Policy Analysis
Regional Cooperation and Integration: Theory and Practice
Contemporary Political Economy of Southeast Asia
Seminar on NGOs: Theory and Practice

International Political Economy
Seminar on Trade and Investment in Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam
General Taxation
Thai Studies.

Thesis (Plan A) / Independent Studies (Plan B)

Independent Studies.
Thesis.

Degree Requirements

Students are required to pass either the examinations of 8 core courses as well as successfully writing and defending a master's thesis (Plan A). Students may otherwise elect to pass the examinations of 8 core courses, 3 elective courses and one independent study course (Plan B).

Qualifications:

Applicants must possess at least the following qualifications:

1. Hold a bachelor's degree.
2. Be under 40 years of age
3. Proficient command of the English language (a TOEFL score of at least 550 or its equivalent).
4. In case applicants do not possess the requisite test score, they may take Rangsit University's English Placement Test. Those who do not pass the English Placement Test will be required to take a remedial English language course.

Document Required:

- Three (3) copies of the TICA Application Form affixed with photographs.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation and two (2) copies of each.
- Three (3) copies of official transcripts (mark sheets) in English.
- Three (3) copies of degree certificates in English.
- English language certification e.g. TOEFL, IELTS, and its two (2) copies.
- One (1) A4 page essay on any topic of applicant's choice which will best inform the Selection Committee about applicant. And its two (2) copies.

Number of Participant: 2

Eligible Countries:

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cape Verde, Comoros, Eritrea, Fiji, Ghana, Indonesia, Iran, Jordan, Lesotho, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritania, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Republic of Seychelles, Rwanda, Senegal, Solomon Island, South Sudan, Sudan, Sri Lanka, Timor-Leste, Togo and Vanuatu.

Closing Date for Nominations:

March 2016

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