

# MC-IR Master of International Relations

Year and Campus:	2010 - Parkville																	
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, <a href="http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees">http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees</a>																	
Level:	Graduate/Postgraduate																	
Duration & Credit Points:	200 credit points taken over 24 months full time. This course is available as full or part time.																	
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Course Overview:	<p>The Master of International Relations (MIR) is offered collaboratively by several Schools in the Faculty of Arts. The degree is designed for graduates who are seeking careers in international affairs, in government, diplomacy, non-government organisations (NGOs), international organisations, and the media. It is a program that combines advanced study in the field of international relations, with relevant professional skills development, and an electives program that is specifically designed to promote cross-cultural understanding. The elective program is also to reflect Australia's geographic location and the University of Melbourne's research strengths, notably in Asian and Islamic Studies with an emphasis on Asian and Islamic politics, society and culture. The program will also offer students exchange and language study opportunities. The degree is specifically designed as a pathway to professional employment, however there is a thesis option for high achieving students who may wish to progress to a PhD.</p>																	
Objectives:	<p>The MIR is designed to provide students with a comprehensive, multidisciplinary and professionally-oriented degree in international relations, with a focus on the Asia-Pacific region. It is designed to provide students with a conceptual knowledge of key developments in international relations together with the practical skills that are relevant to a career in international affairs, including working in international organisations, government, business, media, and nongovernment organisations.</p>																	
Course Structure & Available Subjects:	<p>200 point program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li># 6 compulsory subjects - 75 points</li><li># elective subjects - 125 points</li></ul> <p>Total 200 points</p> <p>100 point program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li># 4 compulsory subjects - 50 points</li><li># elective subjects - 50 points</li></ul> <p>Total 100 points</p> <p>For policies that govern this degree, see <b>Academic Services Policy</b> (<a href="http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/policy/index.html">http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/policy/index.html</a>) in the <b>University Melbourne Policy Framework</b> (<a href="http://www.policy.unimelb.edu.au/">http://www.policy.unimelb.edu.au/</a>) . Students also should also refer to information in the <b>Student Policy Directory</b>. (<a href="http://studentpolicy-unimelb.custhelp.com/cgi-bin/studentpolicy_unimelb.cfg/php/enduser/std_alp.php?p_sid=fgBu7Kcj">http://studentpolicy-unimelb.custhelp.com/cgi-bin/studentpolicy_unimelb.cfg/php/enduser/std_alp.php?p_sid=fgBu7Kcj</a>)</p>																	
Subject Options:	<div><b>Compulsory subjects:</b><table><tr><th>Subject</th><th>Study Period Commencement:</th><th>Credit Points:</th></tr><tr><td>ASIA90008 Asia and the World</td><td>Semester 1</td><td>12.50</td></tr><tr><td>POLS90023 International Governance and Law</td><td>Semester 1</td><td>12.50</td></tr><tr><td>POLS90028 International Relations Theory</td><td>Semester 1</td><td>12.50</td></tr><tr><td>HIST90024 International History</td><td>Semester 2</td><td>12.50</td></tr></table></div>			Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:	ASIA90008 Asia and the World	Semester 1	12.50	POLS90023 International Governance and Law	Semester 1	12.50	POLS90028 International Relations Theory	Semester 1	12.50	HIST90024 International History	Semester 2	12.50
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POLS90022 International Security	Semester 2	12.50
POLS90026 International Political Economy	Semester 2	12.50
<b>Elective subjects:</b>		
Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
ISLM90007 Contemporary Middle East & Central Asia	January	12.50
110-588 Strategies for Communication in Asia	Not offered 2010	12.50
POLS90012 Trade Policy Politics & Governance	Semester 1	12.50
LING90026 Cross-Cultural Communication at Work	Semester 1	12.50
INTS90004 Cosmopolitanism: Beyond Multiculturalism	Semester 1	12.50
ASIA90004 Critical Asian Perspectives	Semester 1	12.50
HIST40031 Famine in Historical Perspective	Semester 1	12.50
POLS40005 Corruption in Today's World	Semester 1	12.50
POLS40009 The Emerging World (Dis)Order	Semester 1	12.50
POLS90016 The United Nations: Review and Reform	Semester 1	12.50
POLS90030 Nuclear Weapons and Disarmament	Semester 1	12.50
POLS90017 Europe and Asia: Competing Hegemons?	Semester 1	12.50
ENST90004 Climate Change Politics and Policy	Semester 1	12.50
INTS90008 Education and State Power in China	Semester 1	12.50
POLS40015 Women in Global Politics	Semester 1	12.50
POLS90011 The EU and Globalisation	July	12.50
CRIM90007 Genocide, State Crime and the Law	Semester 2	12.50
ASIA90001 Human Rights in Southeast Asia	Semester 2	12.50
INTS90007 Globalisation and China	Semester 2	12.50
ISLM90008 Islam and Politics	July	12.50
ASIA90007 Tradition & Change in Contemporary Asia	Semester 2	12.50
HIST90025 Postcolonial and Indigenous Histories	Semester 2	12.50
HIST90026 History, Memory and Violence in Asia	Not offered 2010	12.50
HIST90027 Middle Eastern Wars: Jihad & Resistance	Semester 2	12.50
HIST90029 Fascist Europe	Semester 2	12.50
POLS90007 US Foreign Policy	Semester 2	12.50
POLS90013 Politics and Business in post-Mao China	Semester 2	12.50
POLS90024 Approaches to Comparative Politics	Semester 2	12.50
ENST90005 Environmental Policy	Semester 2	12.50
POLS40014 A Postcolonial International Relations?	Semester 2	12.50

POLS40016 Asia-Pacific: Zone of Conflict or Peace?	Semester 2	12.50
POLS90031 Special Topics: International Relations	July	12.50

**Internship / Research Project**

Note: the minor thesis requires two consecutive semesters of enrolment.

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POLS90009 International Relations Internship	Semester 1, Semester 2	25
POLS90027 International Relations Minor Thesis	Semester 1, Semester 2	18.75

**Languages:**

Students may enrol in up to 25 points of language study in the following areas:

- # Arabic
- # Chinese
- # French
- # German
- # Hebrew
- # Indonesian
- # Italian
- # Japanese
- # Russian
- # Spanish
- # Swedish

**Entry Requirements:**

The Selection Committee will evaluate the applicant's ability to pursue successfully the course using the following criteria:

For the 200 point program:

- # an undergraduate degree with at least H2B (70%) average in the major or equivalent.

For the 100 point program:

- # an honours degree or equivalent in a cognate discipline;

or

- # an undergraduate degree in a cognate area with at least H2B (70%) average in the major, or equivalent, and at least 2 years of documented, relevant work experience.

The Selection Committee may conduct interviews and tests and may call for referee reports or employer references to elucidate any of the matters referred to above.

**Admission process** (<http://www.arts.unimelb.edu.au/graduate/admissions/how-to-apply.html>)

**Core Participation Requirements:**

For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Description, Subject Objectives, Generic Skills and Assessment Requirements of this entry. The University is dedicated to provide support to those with special requirements. Further details on the disability support scheme can be found at the Disability Liaison Unit website: <http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability>

**Further Study:**

Students who complete the minor thesis may be eligible for entry into the PhD.

**Graduate Attributes:**

MIR graduates will have a comprehensive understanding of the key ideas, actors, institutions and contemporary challenges in international relations through a core program and the opportunity for further specialisation in particular fields of study through a rich selection of electives. Graduates will have acquired the following: cross-cultural experiences and understanding; an ability to apply academic knowledge to professional contexts; an in-depth understanding of Australia's region; an ability to engage with topics of contemporary

	relevance and concern in international relations; analytical tools for critical thinking and problem-solving; enhanced research, writing and general communication skills.
<b>Generic Skills:</b>	<p>MIR graduates will have acquired skills in the areas of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li># leadership and communication;</li><li># critical analysis and creative thinking;</li><li># project management;</li><li># team work and professional networking;</li><li># research, writing and communication.</li></ul>