



**STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 086  
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES**

**Programme Learning Outcomes/Intended Programme Learning Outcomes**

Graduates of a Master's Degree of Stella Maris College will have a comprehensive knowledge of their disciplines, with in depth knowledge of the underlying principles and concepts in one or more disciplines as a basis for independent lifelong learning.

**At the end of a postgraduate programme students will be able to**

- Demonstrate mastery in the discipline
- Demonstrate deep understanding of the broad principles of science and technology and apply them in varied contexts
- Demonstrate knowledge, understanding and professionalism required for the discipline
- Demonstrate capability to locate, evaluate, manage, and use information/data and research to develop and guide their own knowledge, learning, and practice
- Demonstrate the ability to organise a presentation in a coherent fashion
- Demonstrate the literacy and numeracy skills necessary to understand and interpret information/data and communicate according to the context
- Draw on multiple, relevant/interrelated fields of study to understand, analyse and solve problems
- Exhibit principled decision making and reasoning to identify creative solutions to ethical problems
- Practice/act in ways that show a commitment to social justice and the processes of peace/conflict resolution
- Demonstrate the skills to appropriately interact with people from a range of cultural, linguistic, and religious backgrounds
- Demonstrate an understanding of local, regional, national, and global issues  
Identify themselves as agents of change
- Demonstrate the ability to solve an issue
- Show self-awareness and emotional maturity
- Demonstrate career and leadership readiness
- Exhibit the ability to work in teams
- Demonstrate sensitivity and readiness to share their knowledge and capabilities with the marginalised and oppressed in their communities

**Programme Description**

The Master's degree in International Studies is a unique programme with an interdisciplinary

approach to understanding contemporary issues in international relations. The programme is designed to provide students with a broad foundation for analytical thinking and greater understanding on topics such as international law, politics, economics, security, cooperation and peace. A comprehensive elective and area studies track is a distinct part of the curriculum with a focus on specific regions such as the Middle East, Latin America, the Asia Pacific and South Asia. The programme provides both theoretical and in-depth analysis of the concepts, approaches and various debates in international relations. The programme includes a Summer Internship and submission of a dissertation that allows students to choose topics across various courses taught. The programme offers appropriate knowledge and skill sets needed to choose a variety of careers.

**Programme Specific Outcomes:**

- Demonstrate an understanding of International Relations from multiple perspectives
- Understand, analyse and solve problems drawing on multiple, relevant/interrelated fields of study
- Demonstrate a working knowledge in various sub fields of the discipline.
- Understand public policy making and its implementation
- Think critically, analyse and solve problems
- Acquire an inter disciplinary perspective and a worldview on global issues
- Apply theory to practice through simulations and class room training.
- Acquire a broad perspective on the functioning of international institutions, IGOs, INGOs and NGOs
- Evaluate an international issue from multiple perspectives such as political, economic, security and institutional
- Demonstrate career and leadership readiness required in a highly competitive environment.
- Demonstrate knowledge, understanding and professionalism required for the discipline

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M.A. DEGREE : BRANCH II (E)-INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

COURSES OF STUDY

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CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM

C-Credit, L-Lecture Hours, T-Tutorial Hours, P- Practical Hours, Ex-Exam Hours, CA- Continous Assessment Marks, ES-End Semester Marks, M-Maximum Marks										
Subject Code	Title of Course	C	L	T	P	Ex	CA	ES	M	
<b>SEMESTER-I</b>										
19IS/PC/IH14	International History(1648-1945)	4	4	1	0	3	50	50	100	
19IS/PC/IR14	International Relations Since 1945	4	4	1	0	3	50	50	100	
19IS/PC/IS14	International Security	4	4	1	0	3	50	50	100	
19IS/PC/IP14	International Political Economy	4	4	1	0	3	50	50	100	
	SAP / SL	2	2	0	0	-	50	-	100	
	Department Elective I									
<b>SEMESTER-II</b>										
19IS/PC/TR24	Theories of International Relations	4	4	1	0	3	50	50	100	
19IS/PC/IL24	International Law-I	4	4	1	0	3	50	50	100	
19IS/PC/IF24	India's Foreign Policy	4	4	1	0	3	50	50	100	
19IS/PC/RM24	Research Methodology	4	4	1	0	3	50	50	100	
CD / ET	Value Education	2	2	0	0	-	50	-	100	
19IS/PK/SS22	Soft Skills	2	2	0	0	-	50	-	100	
	Common Elective I									
<b>SEMESTER-III</b>										
19IS/PC/IO34	International Organisations	4	4	1	0	3	50	50	100	
19IS/PC/AF34	American Foreign Policy	4	4	1	0	3	50	50	100	
19IS/PC/IL34	International Law-II	4	4	1	0	3	50	50	100	
CD / ET	Value Education	2	2	0	0	-	50	-	100	
19IS/PN/SI32	Summer Internship	2	2	0	0	-	50	-	100	
	Department Elective II									
	Common Elective II									
<b>SEMESTER-IV</b>										
19IS/PC/HR44	Human Rights	4	4	1	0	3	50	50	100	
19IS/PC/PS44	Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies	4	4	1	0	3	50	50	100	
19IS/PC/GP44	Government and Politics of China	4	4	1	0	3	50	50	100	
19IS/PC/DS47	Dissertation	7	0	0	9	-	-	100	100	
	Department Elective III									
<b>Postgraduate Elective Courses Offered to Parent Department</b>										
19IS/PE/IT15	International Terrorism	5	5	0	0	3	50	50	100	
19IS/PE/GL15	Globalisation	5	5	0	0	3	50	50	100	
19IS/PE/LA15	Latin American: Polity, Economy and Society	5	5	0	0	3	50	50	100	
19IS/PE/ME15	Contemporary Issues of the Middle East	5	5	0	0	3	50	50	100	
19IS/PE/AP15	The International Order in the Asia-Pacific	5	5	0	0	3	50	50	100	

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19IS/PE/PT15	Introduction to Political Thought	5	5	0	0	3	50	50	100
19IS/PE/SA15	Government and Politics of South Asia	5	5	0	0	3	50	50	100
<b>Postgraduate Elective Courses Offered to Other Departments</b>									
19IS/PE/GE23	Global Environmental Policy and Issues	3	3	0	0	3	50	50	100
19IS/PE/SC23	Politics, Society and Cinema	3	3	0	0	-	50	50	100
19IS/PE/PP23	Indian Polity and Politics for Competitive Exams	3	3	0	0	3	50	50	100
<b>Independent Elective Courses</b>									
19IS/PI/EC24	Ethnicity Culture and International Relations	4	0	0	0	3	-	100	100
19IS/PI/TW24	Third World Development Challenges	4	0	0	0	3	-	100	100

## **INTERNATIONAL HISTORY 1648-1945**

CODE:19IS/PC/IH14

CREDITS:4

L T P:4 1 0

TOTAL TEACHING HOURS:65

### **Objectives of The Course**

- To provide the students with a historical background to International Relations
- To comprehend the working and process of diplomacy
- To familiarize the emergence of the contemporary global order

### **Course Learning Outcomes**

- Analyse ways and methods in which diplomacy is practiced since the beginning of international relations.
- Assess the significance of key turning points in world history.
- Critically analyse the emergence of different ideologies and leadership that led to the world wars.
- Build a firm historical foundation for the study of International relations.
- Develop an interest in the past and an appreciation of human endeavour.

## **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SINCE 1945**

CODE:19IS/PC/IR14

CREDITS:4

L T P:4 1 0

TOTAL TEACHING HOURS:65

### **Objectives of The Course**

- To acquaint the students with present trends and dynamics in International Relations
- To highlight the geo-political, geo-strategic and geo-economic perspectives in the international system
- To create an awareness about the changing global order

### **Course Learning Outcomes:**

- Identify and describe some key figures, events and trends in the recent history of international relations
- Critically analyse the complex interrelationships that exist among nations and between peoples and communities in the interdependent modern world.
- Describe, explain and apply basic knowledge of the historic and contemporary role and effects of different international actors in the global system (e.g., multilateral and bilateral organizations, development agencies, nation-states, State and Non State actors)
- Elaborate on the geo-political, geo-strategic and geo-economic significance of relationships between countries and areas in the global system.

## **INTERNATIONAL SECURITY**

CODE:19IS/PC/IS14  
CREDITS:4  
L T P:4 1 0  
TOTAL TEACHING HOURS:65

### **Objectives of The Course**

- To provide the student with a basic understanding of the relevance of security studies
- To discern the changing nature of contemporary warfare
- To explore the dynamics of international security in the twenty first century

### **Course learning outcomes:**

- Understand the changing nature of the concept of security and its evolution throughout the 20th and 21st centuries
- Analyse the political, military, social, cultural, and ethical impacts of war in their regional and global contexts and the security issues that arise with it.
- Demonstrate and explain comprehensive knowledge of the international system, and the role of security within it.
- Identify and analyse works and literature that cover concepts like war, security, threats diplomacy and strategy in security studies.

## **INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY**

CODE:19IS/PC/IP14  
CREDITS:4  
L T P:4 1 0  
TOTAL TEACHING HOURS:65

### **Objectives of The Course**

- To explore the interaction between politics and economics in the international system.
- To understand the effect of international institutions on economic relations
- To familiarize the student with the specific issues pertaining to developing countries in the context of International Political Economy

### **Course Learning Outcomes**

- Understand the link between politics and economics
- Understand the relevance of economic forces on global politics
- Comprehend the latest trends in global political economy and the impact of globalisation.
- Understand the working of International Monetary Organisations

## **THEORIES OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

CODE:19IS/PC/TR24  
CREDITS:4  
L T P:4 1 0  
TOTAL TEACHING HOURS:65

### **Objectives of The Course**

- To appreciate the importance of theory
- To understand seminal theoretical concepts in IR
- To apply theoretical framework in the study of relations among States

### **Course Learning Outcomes**

- Appreciate various philosophies relating to international relations.
- Conceptualize various foundational theories in International Relations.
- Critically analyse the dynamics of contemporary theories relating to International Relations.
- Apply seminal and theoretical frameworks to case studies in International Relations.
- Discuss critically about, major IR theories, relating these both to contemporary events and historical processes.

## **INTERNATIONAL LAW – I**

CODE:19IS/PC/IL24  
CREDITS:4  
L T P:4 1 0  
TOTAL TEACHING HOURS:65

### **Objectives of The Course**

- To acquaint the students with core concepts in International Law
- To explain the interaction between international law and International Relations
- To emphasise the role and significance of the State and Statehood in international Law

### **Course Learning Outcomes**

- The student will be able to comprehend the process of formulating International law
- Distinguish between IL and ML
- Identify the scope and application of International Law and its limitations

## **INDIA'S FOREIGN POLICY**

CODE:19IS/PC/IF24  
CREDITS:4  
L T P:4 1 0  
TOTAL TEACHING HOURS:65

### **Objectives of The Course**

- To provide a deeper understanding of the determinants of India's foreign policy.
- To comprehend the significance of leadership in formulation of foreign policy goals.
- To understand the scope of India's foreign relations

### **Course Learning Outcomes**

- Trace the historical development of India's foreign policy since independence.
- Critically analyse the various determinants that influence foreign policy making in India.
- Make reasoned and informed arguments about events in Indian politics and foreign policy and critically evaluate them.
- Critically evaluate the role of the Prime Minister's Office in decision making and policy making.

## **RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

CODE:19IS/PC/RM24

CREDITS:4

L T P: 4 1 0

TOTAL TEACHING HOURS:65

### **Objectives of The Course**

- To prepare the students for research by making them aware of epistemology and ontology of research in International Relations.
- To acquaint them with the research methods, sources of data, and the methods of data analysis and social science research
- The outcome of the research course is a research proposal detailing their plan for research for writing a dissertation

### **Course Learning Outcomes**

- To demonstrate the knowledge on research various research paradigms
- To compare and contrast the qualitative and quantitative research paradigms
- Identify the components of a literature review process
- To develop foundational knowledge of key methods in International Relations

## **SOFT SKILLS**

CODE: 19IS/PK/SS22

CREDITS: 2

L T P: 2 0 0

TOTAL TEACHING HOURS: 26

### **Objectives of The Course**

- To empower students and create opportunities for self-development.
- To instil confidence in students to face challenges.
- To manage emotions and resolve conflicts.
- To organize activities and manage time.
- To set goals and plan ahead.

### **Course Learning Outcomes**

- Communicate with confidence and poise.
- Accept themselves and improve on their weaknesses.
- Strengthen their relationships through confronting and solving problems.
- Work more effectively and complete activities on time.
- Plan their future with clarity and focus.



## **INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS**

CODE:19IS/PC/IO34

CREDITS:4

L T P:4 1 0

TOTAL TEACHING HOURS:65

### **Objectives of The Course**

- To provide a perspective of the structure and functions of International Organizations
- To introduce the sphere of operations of International Organizations
- To critically analyse the changing function and role of International Organizations

### **Course Learning Outcomes**

- Define, understand, and use concepts and terms relevant to the study of international Organizations.
- Apply a body of factual knowledge directly relevant to understanding the impact of International organizations on domestic and international politics
- Analyse strengths and weaknesses of different international organisations.
- Explain the functions and roles of international organizations through case studies.
- Relate issues and processes to current affairs and present-day issues of significance

## **AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY**

CODE:19IS/PC/AF34

CREDITS:4

L T P:4 1 0

TOTAL TEACHING HOURS:65

### **Objectives of The Course:**

- To create an understanding of American foreign policy in the past and the present.
- To use IR theory to evaluate the US foreign policy
- To familiarize the students with the influence of Presidents on US foreign relations

### **Course Learning Outcomes**

- Demonstrate the ability to tie theories and make coherent arguments on why US foreign policy takes the course that it does
- Understand major debates and explain which inputs into US foreign policy are most influential
- Learn the various factors which influence US foreign policy

## **INTERNATIONAL LAW – II**

CODE:19IS/PC/IL34

CREDITS:4

L T P:4 1 0  
TOTAL TEACHING HOURS:65

### **Objectives of The Course**

- To examine core concepts and key institutions in International Humanitarian Law
- To familiarize the students with concepts in maritime and environmental laws
- To highlight the importance of Intellectual Property Rights as an emerging field of study

### **Course Learning Outcomes**

- Assess the working of International Humanitarian Law
- Understand the philosophy and logic underlying International Humanitarian Law norms
- Propose constructive solutions in light of the evolution of the nature of armed conflicts and the legal norms applicable to them
- Awareness of the working of maritime law and institutions
- Can distinguish and identify different types of IPR

## **SUMMER INTERNSHIP**

CODE:19IS/PN/SI32  
CREDITS:2

### **Objectives of The Course**

- To acquire the knowledge of the work culture in Research Agencies, Multinational Corporations, NGOs, IGOs and Embassies.
- To gain practical experience about the functioning of the organization
- To understand the importance of Research in International Relations
- To nurture a positive attitude to work in varied sectors like the government, research agencies, Multinational corporations
- To provide a hands-on work experience and to learn the importance of documentation, time management and report writing
- To inculcate self-confidence, work ethics and professionalism.

## **HUMAN RIGHTS**

CODE:19IS/PC/HR44  
CREDITS:4  
L T P:4 1 0  
TOTAL TEACHING HOURS:65

### **Objectives of The Course**

- To understand the relevance of Human Rights as a key determinant of international relations
- To provide the students with an understanding of the working of international human rights agencies.
- To familiarise the students with various human rights violations around the globe

### **Course Learning Outcomes**

- The student will be familiar with international instruments governing human rights
- The student will understand the functioning of international agencies and the UN in the field of Human rights

- The student will demonstrate knowledge about various human rights violations
- globally and within the country

## **INTRODUCTION TO PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES**

Code:19IS/PC/PS44

CREDITS:4

L T P:4 1 0

TOTAL TEACHING HOURS:65

### **Objectives of The Course**

- To provide an understanding on the basic nature and challenges of contemporary conflicts
- To familiarise the students with theoretical understandings of the related fields of Conflict Transformation, Conflict Prevention, Conflict Management, Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding
- To facilitate an in-depth knowledge about peacebuilding approaches in diverse conflict regions
- To create an interactive space for the building of a network of young people committed to constructive social change
- To build a synergy between the theory and practice of Conflict Transformation, Human Security and Development.

### **Course Learning Outcomes**

- Describe general patterns in the causes, development and resolution of conflicts at various levels of analysis.
- Explain and discuss central questions and theories on causes, development and resolution of conflicts.
- Compare and critically evaluate different explanatory models for the onset and development of armed conflict and peace building efforts.
- Critically evaluate central obstacles and problems for conflict resolution, conflict management, and sustainable peace
- Analyse key issues and debates related to the theories of peace and practices of peacebuilding, state building, conflict management, resolution, and transformation.
- Evaluate the theory and policy tools in the context of the recent history of peacebuilding and state building since the end of the Cold War, in a range of examples, including across the Balkans, India and Pakistan, Palestine, Sri Lanka and the unrest in the Arab world.

## **GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF CHINA**

CODE:19IS/PC/GP44

CREDITS:4

L T P:4 1 0

TOTAL TEACHING HOURS:65

### **Objectives of The Course**

- To provide an in depth understanding of the theoretical and empirical approaches to the study of Chinese Politics
- To create an understanding on the government and politics of China
- To familiarize students on the history, politics, party system and political leadership in China

### **Course learning outcomes**

- Understand and critically evaluate the main theoretical and empirical approaches to the study of Chinese politics
- Demonstrates knowledge of key themes of continuity and change in Chinese politics from the Republican period to the present
- Provide an understanding of the major issues in a state as large and complex as China

## **DISSERTATION**

CODE:19IS/PC/DI47

CREDITS:7

### **Objectives of The Course**

- To appreciate the significance and the need for academic research
- To enable students to carry out research in related areas of IR
- To provide scope to further the students research capabilities and analytical skills.

## **INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM**

CODE:19IS/PE/IT15

CREDITS:5

L T P:5 0 0

TOTAL TEACHING HOURS:65

### **Objectives of The Course**

- To introduce the concept of terrorism and its root causes
- To create an awareness about the increasing threats to human life and Property from terrorism.
- To discern the evolution of international terror networks

### **Course Learning Outcomes**

- Understand and explain the evolution of terrorism through the different waves of terrorism.
- Describe the motivations and strategies of terrorist organizations analyse the causes and consequences of transformation of societies and polities based on conceptual and empirical knowledge
- Understand and identify the threats possessed by various terrorist organisations and counter- terrorism methods taken by State actors.
- Identify the norms that regulate the use of violence by state and non-state actors

## **GLOBALISATION**

CODE:19IS/PE/GL15  
CREDITS:5  
LTP:5 0 0  
TOTALTEACHING HOURS:65

**Objectives of The Course**

- To familiarise the meaning and conceptual approaches to globalization
- To understand how Globalisation affects the wealth and power of nations and the culture and societies of peoples around the globe.
- To assess the impact of globalisation on developed and developing countries

**Course Learning Outcomes**

- Understands the working of the forces of globalisation
- Interplay between globalisation and the State
- Deeper understand of the impact of globalisation on different sectors

**LATIN AMERICAN: POLITY, ECONOMY AND SOCIETY**

CODE:15IS/PE/LA15  
CREDITS:5  
L T P:5 0 0  
TOTAL TEACHING HOURS:65

**Objectives of The Course**

- To provide the students with a historical background to Latin America
- To comprehend the working of Latin American politics
- To understand the emergence of the contemporary social and economic order in Latin America

**Course Learning Outcomes**

- A critical understanding of the main issues in Latin American History
- Demonstrate the ability to tie theories and make coherent arguments on why Latin American foreign policy takes the course that it does
- Understand major debates and explain which inputs into foreign policy are most Influential

**CONTEMPORARY ISSUES OF THE MIDDLE EAST**

CODE:19IS/PE/ME15  
CREDITS:5  
L T P:5 0 0  
TOTAL TEACHING HOURS:65

### **Objectives of The Course**

- To familiarize the government and politics of Middle East
- To create an awareness about the geo strategic and geo economic imperatives of the region
- To provide an understanding about the Middle East peace process

### **Course Learning Outcomes**

- Locate the region and its geopolitical significance  
become aware of the significance of oil and its importance in IR
- Introduce students to the conflicts in the region and challenges to democratization

## **THE INTERNATIONAL ORDER IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC**

CODE:19IS/PE/AP15

CREDITS:5

L T P:5 0 0

TOTAL TEACHING HOURS:65

### **Objective of The Course**

- To create an awareness about the emerging issues in Asia Pacific region
- To familiarize the students with the geopolitics and geo-economics of the region
- To understand the emerging security dynamics of the region

### **Course Learning Outcomes**

- The student will be familiar with the Geostrategic and geopolitical significance of the Asia Pacific region
- The student will demonstrate and understanding of the application of IR theories to the political system of the Asia Pacific and interactions amongst States
- The student will be aware of the various ethnic, security and economic issues of the region

## **INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THOUGHT**

CODE:19IS/PE/PT15

CREDITS:5

LTP: 5 0 0

TOTAL TEACHING HOURS: 65

### **Objectives of The Course**

- To provide an understanding on the Ancient and Western Political thinkers
- To comprehend the features of ancient and modern Indian Political thinkers
- To learn their contribution to the society and to International Relations

### **Course Learning Outcomes**

- The student will become aware of the historical evolution of political thought
- The students will become familiar with western political thinkers and their philosophy

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