

MASTER OF ARTS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (MAIR)

2026/2027 INTAKE



Two Years



LKR 375,000



English
Medium



Blended
Learning



2026



SLQF
Level 10*

Entry Requirements

i. Graduates with at least a Second Class from a recognized University or an equivalent qualification;

or

ii. Graduates with postgraduate qualifications in a relevant area of study;

or

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or

iv. Candidates who possess qualifications/experience which are deemed by the Faculty/Senate to be equivalent to the qualifications specified in clauses (i) and (ii)

Admission to the course will be made after an interview conducted by a Selection Committee. Candidates are required to submit photocopies of the degree and other relevant certificates together with the application.

How to Apply

Application Form and Course Brochure can be downloaded from the Department Website

Application fee Rs. 3000/- (For foreign Students \$10) can be paid to the People's Bank (any branch) under Reference number 304055400009

Duly Completed Application Form along with the payment slip and photocopies of the degree and other relevant certificates should be submitted to the Coordinator, Master of Arts in International Relations, Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo, PO Box 1490, Colombo 03 on or before 18th September 2025

Please note that the soft copies of the above certificates and Application should be uploaded via <https://sims.cmb.ac.lk/arts/registration>

Contact

Dr. Pavithra Jayawardena (Head/IR)
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Department of International Relations
(011-2500433) for further details

Sri Lanka Qualifications Framework (SLQF)

Course Fee

Course Fee: Rs. 375,000.00
(Excluding University Administrative Fees)

First Installment: Rs. 200,000.00
(Upon selection)

Second Installment: Rs. 175,000.00
(Before commencement of the Second Academic Year)

Please note that different course fees are applicable for foreign students as per the University policy



TEACHING STAFF

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BACKGROUND

The University of Colombo established a two-year Masters Degree Programme in International Relations in 1985.

From modest beginnings, the M.A. Degree Programme, the only one of its kind in Sri Lanka, has now developed into a full-fledged postgraduate programme catering on the average to about fifty (50) students annually.

COURSE

This is a two-year full time programme in which students are required to follow six courses in the first year and six courses in the second year and also to submit a Dissertation on a topic selected in consultation with the Coordinator. This is a SLQF Level 10 Qualification with a Learning Volume of 60 credits.

CALENDAR

The Academic year will commence in January 2026 and is divided into two terms of 25 weeks duration each; with short mid-term holidays.

Lectures are held on Saturdays (9.00 am - 4.00pm)

COURSES OFFERED IN THE FIRST YEAR

Semester I

MAIR 6115: Theories and Concepts in International Relations

MAIR 6125: Public International Law

MAIR 6131: Research Methodology- Part I

Semester II

MAIR 6215: International Organizations

MAIR 6225: International Political Economy

MAIR 6233: Foreign Policy of Sri Lanka

COURSES OFFERED IN THE SECOND YEAR

Semester III

MAIR 7115: Global Geopolitics

MAIR 7125: Regional Cooperation

MAIR 7134: International Security

MAIR 7141: Research Methodology- Part II

Semester IV

MAIR 7213: Study of Humanitarianism

MAIR 7223: International Politics

MAIR 7015: Dissertation

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