

ADMISSION

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

1. Letter of application addressed to the Chair through the Graduate Program Coordinator;
2. Two (2) copies (one original, one photocopy) of the Transcript of Records of all undergraduate and graduate work of the applicant (the TOR may be retrieved by the applicant if the application is rejected);
3. Two (2) copies of filled-out application forms (which may be downloaded from the department website) each accompanied by a 2" x 2" ID picture recently taken;
4. Three (3) letters of recommendation from former professors and/ or employers (recommendation form may also be downloaded from the department website);
5. Official receipt obtained from the Cashier's Office after paying Php 100 application fee (if Filipino citizen), Php 200 (if a resident alien), and US \$ 25 (if a foreign citizen);
6. A certificate of English language proficiency with at least a 500 TOEFL score (only for foreign applicants, unless they come from institutions where the medium of instruction is English which should be indicated in a certificate from the institution; and
7. Two (2) copies (one original, one photocopy) of NSO-certified birth certificate.

EXAM AND INTERVIEW

The applicant must take a sit-in essay exam and present himself/ herself for interview. These are only for the applicants whose GWA passes the department's requirements. Those with lower GWA need not apply as the department has strict admission policies to maintain its reputation as one of the Centers of Excellence in the Social Sciences.

GRADE REQUIREMENT

1. Graduates of the University of the Philippines with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science must have an average of 2.0 or better in all political science courses. No one with an overall weighted average lower than 2.25 shall be admitted.
2. UP graduates whose major is not Political Science must have a GWA of at least 2.0.
3. Non-UP graduates with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science may be admitted provided they have an average of 1.5 or better in all acceptable political science courses and a GWA of at least 1.5 or its equivalent.

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND PHILOSOPHY
UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES
DILIMAN, QUEZON CITY



MASTER IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

The Master in International Studies Program seeks to provide an understanding of contemporary international society, including forces which have shaped and transformed it. By examining the dynamics of the international society, the program seeks to understand better, contemporary problems and various strategies of responding to these issues. The program aims to provide professional preparation for those who plan to pursue careers which require an international affairs background. Multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches aim to provide students with a wider perspective of international society equipping them for a wide variety of careers.

APPLICATION PERIOD

APRIL 1-15 (1st Semester only)



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PLAN A: (THESIS PROGRAM)

1) The student must obtain a GWA of 2.0 or better in at least 30 units of the following courses:

International Studies Courses	6-9 units
Disciplinal or Area Studies	6-9 units
International Studies 203	3 units
International Studies 290	3 units
Anthropology 225	3 units
International Studies 299 or any disciplinal research methods course	3 units
Thesis	6 units
Total	30-36 units

2) Depending on the student's program of study and/or preparation, the student must pass a Proficiency Examination in Statistics, or in a foreign language other than English.

3) After completing the formal course and residence requirements, the student must pass a written comprehensive examination.

4) The student must successfully defend a master's thesis and submit at least five (5) bound copies. Students under this program are encouraged to produce a Pre-Print Paper of his/her thesis where applicable.

5) The student must complete the program within five years from the date of admission to the program, inclusive of leaves of absences.

In meritorious cases, extensions of residence beyond the above regular period of completion may be approved by the Dean. The extension shall be for a period not exceeding one (1) calendar year at a time. In no case shall the extensions exceed more than five (5) years. The student granted an extension shall take additional units of graduate courses in his/her discipline or area during the extension period at a rate of three (3) units every two (2) years of extension or a fraction thereof.

CORE COURSES

IS 201	The Nature and Scope of International Studies
IS 203	The Geographical Context of International Affairs
IS 209	Readings in International Relations
IS 261	Contemporary International Issues and Trends
IS 263	International Peace and Security
IS 267	Special Problems and Topics in International Security
IS 280	International Law and Organization
IS 290	Theories of International Relations
IS 298	Praticum (based on orientation program to provide students with work experience in a variety of selected international affairs institutions in the public and private sectors)
IS 299	Research Methods
IS 300	Master's Thesis (For Plan A) Credit: 6 units

PLAN B: (NON-THESIS PROGRAM)

1) The student must obtain a GWA of 2.0 or better in at least 36 units of the following courses:

International Studies Courses	6-9 units
Disciplinal or Area Studies*	18-21 units
International Studies 203	3 units
International Studies 290	3 units
Anthropology 225	3 units
International Studies 299 or any disciplinal research methods course	3 units
Total	36-42 units

2) Depending on the program of study and/or preparation, the student must pass a written Proficiency in Statistics, or in a foreign language other than English.

3) After completing the formal courses and residence requirements, the student must pass a written comprehensive examination.

4) The same rule on residency in the plan A program applies.

*In not more than two areas or disciplines