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**UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO**  
**SRI LANKA**

**Department**  
**of**  
**International Relations**

**MASTER OF ARTS IN**  
**INTERNATIONAL**  
**RELATIONS**

**2023/2024**

## 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 July 2023 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

MAIR 6115: Theories and Concepts in International Relations  
MAIR 6125: Public International Law  
MAIR 6131: Research Methodology- Part I  
MAIR 6215: International Organizations  
MAIR 6225: International Political Economy  
MAIR 6233: Foreign Policy of Sri Lanka

## COURSES OFFERED IN THE SECOND YEAR

MAIR 7115: Global Geopolitics  
MAIR 7125: Regional Cooperation  
MAIR 7134: International Security  
MAIR 7141: Research Methodology- Part II  
MAIR 7213: Study of Humanitarianism  
MAIR 7223: International Politics

MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION: English

## Fees

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

## ELIGIBILITY 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
- iii. Graduates in the Foreign Service of Sri Lanka or Graduates presently employed in Foreign Embassies or International Organizations in Sri Lanka
- or
- iv. Candidates who possess qualifications/ experience which are deemed by the Faculty/ Senate to be equivalent to the qualifications specified in the clauses (i) and (ii)