



Master of political science in international relations

The Master of Political Science in International Relations (MIR) offers a multidisciplinary approach to understanding global politics, diplomacy, and international affairs.

We place strong emphasis on the development of analytical thinking, research competence, and cross-cultural communication—skills essential for impactful careers in international relations, public policy, and global engagement.



Master of Political Science in international Relations (MIR)

Overview

The MIR Program offers a globally focused, interdisciplinary education that equips students with the knowledge and skills to understand and engage with today's complex international environment. With both thesis and non-thesis options, the program combines theoretical foundations with practical applications in diplomacy, policy analysis, and global affairs. Courses are taught in English by internationally trained faculty, and the program welcomes students from diverse academic and professional backgrounds. Graduates are prepared for careers in diplomacy, international organizations, government agencies, research institutes, NGOs, and multinational corporations.

Program Structure

Students must successfully complete a total of 36 credits, which include graduate-level coursework and a capstone research component, depending on their chosen study plan.

- **Thesis Track (Plan A):** 12 credits of required courses, 12 credits of electives, and 12 credits of thesis research.
- **Non-Thesis Track (Plan B):** 12 credits of required courses, 18 credits of electives, and 6 credits of independent study.

Curriculum

Require Course

Research Design and Methods in IR
Global Challenges and International Relations Theory
Foreign Policy Analysis
Global Political Economy and Globalization

Elective Course

Selected Topics in International Relations

Regional Concentration Group

European and Russia in Global Politics
ASEAN in Global Politics
Indo-Pacific in Global Politics
Latin America in Global Politics
Contemporary Arab and the Muslim World

Issues Concentration Group

Seminar on Global Politics of Great Powers
International Institution and Global Governance
Seminar on Diplomacy and International Negotiation
Seminar on International Policy and International Management
Seminar on International Security and Strategic Studies
Seminar on Human Rights and International Ethics
Seminar on International Development
Seminar on Media and Global Politics
Seminar on Global Capitalism
Seminar on Geopolitics
Seminar on International Relations and Climate Change
Seminar on International Environment and Disaster Policy and Management
Seminar on Contemporary Issues in Global Politics

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates should be able to demonstrate the following competencies:

- Apply core theories, principles, and paradigms in international relations to analyze global political issues.
- Critically assess the context, dynamics, and implications of international policies and global affairs.
- Integrate interdisciplinary knowledge to evaluate and address complex international challenges.
- Design and conduct academic or policy-oriented research using appropriate methodologies and ethical standards.
- Communicate effectively across cultures and present analysis or research in academic, professional, and international forums.
- Utilize digital and information technologies to gather, analyze, and present data in support of decision-making and public communication.
- Demonstrate professionalism, ethical reasoning, and responsibility in international work environments, research, and public service.

Course Duration

The MIR Program is designed to be completed in two academic years (full-time), with a maximum completion period of four years. All courses are offered on weekends only, making the program ideal for working professionals and those with weekday commitments.

New students are admitted once a year in the first semester (August intake). Students who follow the standard study plan can complete coursework and research requirements within two years, with flexibility to extend based on individual academic progress.

Tuition & Fees

Estimated Total Tuition (based on the non-thesis (Plan B) standard curriculum)

Thai Students ฿240,000

International Students ฿310,000

Admission to the Program

The MIR Program welcomes applications from individuals with a strong interest in international relations, politics, and global affairs. Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree in any field from an accredited institution, with a minimum GPA as specified by Thammasat University regulations.

As part of the admission process, applicants are required to submit:

- A completed application form
- Official academic transcripts
- A statement of purpose
- Two letters of recommendation
- Proof of English language proficiency (TOEFL, IELTS, or TU-GET)*
- Other documents as specified in the application guidelines

The program admits new students once a year, with the academic year starting in August.

*Applicants who have already submitted a valid English test score at the time of admission may be exempt from submitting a new score upon enrollment.

Why pursue MIR?

In an increasingly complex and interconnected world, the Master of Political Science Program in International Relations (MIR) at Thammasat University prepares students to understand, navigate, and influence global affairs. Whether you aspire to work in diplomacy, international organizations, public policy, or global business, MIR equips you with the analytical tools, research skills, and international perspective needed for meaningful impact.

Key reasons to pursue the MIR Program:

- Globally focused curriculum grounded in theory and practice
- All-English instruction with an international learning environment
- Weekend classes designed for working professionals
- Diverse student body and strong academic network
- Optional double degree track with partner universities in the UK and Poland
- Experienced faculty with international expertise and research credentials

MIR is more than a degree—it's a gateway to global careers and lifelong learning in the field of international relations.



Master of Political Science Program in International Relations (MIR)

Faculty of Political Science
Thammasat University
2 Prachan Road
Bangkok 10200, Thailand

Email: mir@tu.ac.th

Website: <https://polsci.tu.ac.th/mir>

