



MASTER OF SOCIAL SCIENCE IN STRATEGY AND DIPLOMACY

Duration

1 Year (2-4 Semesters)

MQF

Level 7 (Coursework Mode)

Language

English

Mode

Fulltime

INTRODUCTION

This one year programme aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of the core issues related to the theory and practice of strategy and diplomacy. It prepares and equips students from diverse academic backgrounds with the ability to explore the nexus between strategy and diplomacy within the context of the changing global environment. It focuses on the understanding of strategic and security issues, diplomacy, interstate relations, foreign policy, international political economics, international law, defence policy and regional issues. Learning will be through lectures, discussion, presentations, group work, seminars, assignments and a dissertation exercise.

An English language-based postgraduate programme that aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of core issues relating to the theory and practice of foreign policy and international relations, with an emphasis on Malaysia, ASEAN, and Asia's relations with the wider world.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?



Working position apart from government.



Foreign and local students who have an interest in diplomacy and international relations studies and have completed a bachelor's degree.



Any person who has an interest in strategy, diplomacy and international relations or related organizations.

PREREQUISITE/ELIGIBILITY

Interested candidates must fulfil the following criteria :



For All Applicants

Completed Bachelor's Degree and proficient in the English language.



For Malaysian Civil Servants

Serving officers from the Malaysian Public Sector must submit their application through their respective departments and must have approval for study leave or a Government scholarship.



For International Students

For international applicants who residing outside Malaysia, all documents must be certified by the respective country Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Embassy of Malaysia and for international applicants who residing in Malaysia, all documents must be certified by respective country embassy.

PROGRAMME LEARNING OUTCOME

- Be able to master the disciplinary knowledge of the Strategic and Diplomatic Studies systemically via key theories and concepts.
- Be able to comprehend and analyse while providing solutions for the strategic and diplomatic issues from the practical approach.
- Be able to evaluate and decide in any situations with limited resources by taking into account the relevant social and ethical responsibilities associated with the strategic and diplomatic aspects of emerging issues.
- Be able to interact effectively with stakeholders by integrating knowledge into presenting strategic and diplomatic issues.
- Be able to apply interpersonal and interactive communication skills in all teaching and learning activities.
- Be able to apply digital and technological skills with soft and hardwares that are associated with the strategic and diplomatic studies.
- Be able to apply numerical skills and systemic understanding in fulfilling the research needs that are carried out in the field of strategic and diplomatic studies.
- Be able to show leadership quality in group settings with the systemic understanding of completing all required assignments with responsibilities.
- Be able to integrate the scientific knowledge in managing strategic and diplomatic issues at the workplace with the right values, attitude, and high-level of professionalism.
- Be able to cultivate entrepreneurship in managing and policymaking of strategy and diplomacy.
- Be able to exude professional ethics and personalities as expected in the field of strategy and diplomacy.

GENERAL ENTRY REQUIREMENT

Degree

For Local and International Students :

- Bachelor of Arts (Hons.) or its equivalent.
- Preference will be given to applicants with CGPA 3.00 and above or its equivalent.
- Mid-career professionals with nine or more years of relevant work experience will also be considered.

English Language

- MUET: Band 4 / TOEFL: 550 score minimum or IELTS: Band 6

Course Structure

TYPES AND TOTAL UNITS REQUIRED		UNITS
Compulsory Courses (16 Units)	Research Methodology in Strategy and Diplomacy	4
	Strategy and International Security: Concepts and Theories	4
	Diplomacy: Theory and Practice	4
	International Political Economy	4
Elective courses (12 units)	Comparative Defence and Foreign Policy	4
	Globalisation and Regionalisation	4
	ASEAN and Asia-Pacific Order	4
	Malaysia and Small State Strategy	4
	International Law and Organisations	4
Research Project (12 units)	Master Thesis	12
	TOTAL	40

FEES

RM 25,000	Malaysian Students
RM 32,500	International Students

Dr. Mohd Ikbal Mohd Huda
Coordinator, M.Soc.Sc. in Strategy and Diplomacy
Research Centre for History, Politics, and International Affairs (SPHEA).

Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities (FSSK),
National University of Malaysia (UKM), 43600 Bangi, Selangor, MALAYSIA.
Tel: (+60)173737529

Mr. Syahir Hazmi Samsudin
Project Manager, Executive & PBJJ Undergraduates.

Center for Shaping Advanced & Professional Education, UKMSHAPE
National University of Malaysia (UKM), 43600 Bangi, Selangor, MALAYSIA.
Tel: (+60)172502034

**NUR IZZATI AFNANI YAHYA, Malaysia**

“This course opens to graduates who are eager to deepen their knowledge and extends its benefits to diplomatic officers, government officials, and passionate individuals new to the field. Uncover the key topics, theories, and practical applications of International Relations (IR) and foreign policy, as you embark on a journey that mirrors my own enriching experience. Immerse yourself in a multicultural environment, learning alongside diverse classmates from around the world.”

**ZULHILMI HAZIM ABD. MALEK, Malaysia**

“When I first enrolled into this program, I came from a technical background with no basics in International Relations whatsoever, but by the time I graduated from this program, I've written a Masters thesis, dozens of term papers and a solid understanding of the basics of this field.”

**MANISHAHZ A/P SANGKAR, Malaysia**

“Master of Social Science in Strategy and Diplomacy is a journey that exposes me to extensive knowledge and numerous eye-opening experiences that have empowered me to push the limits of my own potential.”

**ERICA THANDIWE MUCHATUTA, Zimbabwe**

“The Masters in Strategy and Diplomacy programme challenged my conventional thinking as it exposed me to dissecting the changing and dynamic international relations landscape. Whilst analysing emerging strategic global actors, security threats faced by nations, economic trends and the art of diplomacy I was equipped with extensive practical skills to navigate in an ever evolving world as a young career diplomat.”

**ABUBAKAR ABUBAKAR USMAN, Nigeria**

“Embarked on a compelling academic journey, transitioning from his doctoral studies to the Master's program in Diplomacy and Strategic Studies at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia. This experience proved both enriching and intellectually invigorating, fueling his passion for scholarly pursuits.”

**SIBUSISIWE RUFU, Zimbabwe**

“The Masters of Social Science Strategy and Diplomacy programme offered by UKM has been a major highlight of my stay in Malaysia. I joined the programme at a time when the Covid-19 pandemic did not allow us to have physical classes. However, the virtual interactions we had with the Professors and colleagues from different parts of the world and with a diverse background, made the study time worthwhile. Beyond studying, the interactions we had, opened our social nature that had been restricted by the pandemic. I created friendships and bonds that are valuable to me even after graduation. The global dynamics that ensued during and after the pandemic created interesting topics for enriched discussions which brought life to the classroom. The programme helped me to grow personally and professionally. In addition to attaining a degree, I managed to publish an article with the help of our programme coordinator, something which continues to inspire me to do more outside the classroom through the contacts I have made. I undoubtedly encourage anyone to grab the opportunity and enroll for this programme. It will always be a wonderful and worthwhile journey and adventure.”