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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To be admitted to the M.Sc. programme in Global an applicant must possess either:

- A minimum of a Lower Second Class honours degree or GPA of 2.5 in International Relations or in a related discipline;
- A minimum of a Lower Second Class honours degree or GPA of 2.5 in any discipline with a minor in International Relations (IR) with a grade B+ average in the IR Courses;
- An first degree in any discipline and the Postgraduate Diploma in International Relations with a grade B average or
- Equivalent qualifications from approved professional bodies.

Applications for admission should be made online at [http://sta.uwi.edu/admissions/postgrad/](http://sta.uwi.edu/admissions/postgrad/) to the School for Graduate Studies and Research at St. Augustine Late applicants are asked to consult the UWI Graduate Admissions webpage for information.

It should be noted that the possession of the aforementioned entry requirements does not automatically entitle candidates to admission. The Admissions Committee may request an interview with applicants.

Please review the UWI School for Graduate Studies and Research Entry Requirements listed on the Postgraduate Admissions page of the UWI St. Augustine Campus for general entry requirements for study at this campus.

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1 These Regulations must be read together with the University’s Regulations for Graduate Diplomas and Degrees. In the event of any inconsistency, those of the University shall prevail.

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES SCHOOL FOR GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH

REGULATIONS FOR GRADUATE DIPLOMAS AND DEGREES

Graduate Diplomas and Taught Master’s Degrees

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The minimum requirement for admission to a Graduate Diploma, Taught Masters or DM degree programme shall be a minimum GPA of 2.5 or a Lower Second Class Honours degree or its equivalent, unless the Campus Committee for Graduate Studies and Research in any particular case otherwise decides.
COURSE OF STUDY

The course of study comprises:

- Seven examinable courses,
- A research paper approved by the Institute’s Director and
- An enabling course.

CREDITS

The examinable courses carry 4 credits each (except the Research Methods and Proposal Writing Course which carries 3 credits). The Research Paper is 9 credits.

The seven examinable courses shall be divided into:

- Core courses - all Core Courses are compulsory
- Electives - candidates are required to choose three courses. Please enquire each year as to which electives will be offered for that year.

CORE COURSES

- INRL 6001: Advanced Theory and Methodology: Globalization and Development
- INRL 6003: Small States in the Global System
- INRL 6004: International Trade, Development and Global Integration
- INRL 6020: Research Methods and Proposal Writing Course (3 credits)

ELECTIVES

- INRL 6002: Selected Policy Issues in International Money and Finance
- INRL 6005: International Economic Law
- INRL 6006: Multilateralism and Global Governance
- INRL 6007: Issues in Latin American Politics
- INRL 6008: Contemporary International Diplomacy
- INRL 6009: Themes and Issues in Contemporary US/Caribbean Relations
INRL 6011: Diasporic and Developmental Dimension of Migration
INRL 6012: Global Environmental Governance

RESEARCH PAPER - INRL 6000
The Research Paper carries 9 credits and is compulsory.

ENABLING COURSE - LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT
INRL 5010: Any Foreign Language offered by the Centre for Language Learning (CLL) – a yearlong course

Foreign Language courses are non-credit compulsory courses.

Students are required to have an adequate knowledge of a second language. Where a student fails to demonstrate sufficient proficiency in a foreign language, he/she is required to read for Levels 1A&B of any language offered at the CLL.

Possession of a suitable qualification in one of the recognized foreign languages (as demonstrated for example by a degree or major) or satisfactory performance in the oral language proficiency assessment administered at the CLL will be sufficient grounds for exemption from the language component of the IIR courses.

Exemption from language course:
Students seeking an exemption from the foreign language course must complete the exemption request form available at the IIR Secretariat.

The process for registration for the language course is as follows:

- For the purposes of the IIR registration, students who intend to do the Foreign Language this academic year and those who wish to apply for an exemption must first register online for the INRL 5010 – Foreign Language - when registering for the other IIR courses: [http://sta.uwi.edu/registration/procedure.asp](http://sta.uwi.edu/registration/procedure.asp).

- Upon completion of UWI Registration, students must register online for one language course offered by the Centre for Language Learning (CLL): [www.sta.uwi.edu/fhe/cll/registration.asp](http://www.sta.uwi.edu/fhe/cll/registration.asp).

N.B. Places in the CLL Foreign Language Classes are limited. We recommend that you register early to be able to enter classes suited to your schedule.

- Students are not required to make any payments to CLL but immediately after registering, students must print and deliver it to the Secretariat of the IIR proof of the on-line registration for the IIR to finalize payment with the CLL. The cost of repeating this course, for whatever reason, will be at the expense of the student.

- Upon successful completion of the courses at CLL, students must deliver a copy of the CLL certificate to the Secretariat of the IIR to ensure that the information is included in the academic record.
SEMESTER REQUIREMENTS

1. **Full-time** students shall do four courses in the first semester and must submit the research paper no later than 4 pm on the second Friday in August of the year of registration.

2. **Part-time** students shall do two courses each semester of the first academic year and do the remainder in the second academic year - at least one course per semester of the second academic year. The research paper must be submitted no later than 4 pm on the second Friday in August in the second year of registration.

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT

1. Courses shall be evaluated on the basis of final examinations and course work or mid-term exams, or a combination of the latter two.

2. A minimum of 50% must be obtained in order to pass a course. This criterion is applicable to each component of the course.

3. Assessment for the Research Paper is weighted as follows:
   - 75% - Written Paper- Due the second Friday in August of the year of registration.
   - 25% - Presentation on the Research Work – due on the third Friday of March of the year of the submission of the research paper.

4. The Research Paper shall have a length of 12,000 -15,000 words, exclusive of footnotes, bibliography and appendices.

5. The Supervisor shall determine the procedure to be followed for preparation of the Research Paper.

6. The Research Paper must be written in accordance with the University’s Regulations.

7. According to the UWI registration system for MSc students’ Research Paper Courses, students should register for the Research Paper INRL 6000 Course in the semester immediately following semester of submission of their paper (which is generally when the research paper is graded). Thus students submitting on the second Friday in August should register for the INRL 6000 in the first semester of the next academic year which begins the third week of August. Please contact the Secretariat of the IIR for further guidance.

SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR RESEARCH PAPERS

1. Topics must be related to the subject areas of the courses offered above and approved by the Director of the Institute.

2. Topics for Research Papers must be submitted to the Secretariat of the Institute not later than the end of the fifth week of the first semester.

3. Upon approval of topics candidates shall be assigned supervisors.
PROCEDURES GOVERNING THE SUPERVISION OF M.Sc. RESEARCH PAPERS

1. Students will be notified of the name of the supervisor.

2. Students are required to contact their supervisor within two weeks of receipt of notification.

3. Students are required to meet with their supervisor on a regular basis to report on the progress of the research paper.

4. Students must submit a draft of the research paper to their supervisor by the end of May of the relevant academic year.

5. Students must submit 3 hard copies and an electronic copy of the research paper to the Secretariat by 4 pm on the second Friday in August of the relevant academic year. **Students will not be allowed to graduate in the academic year in course if papers are handed in after this deadline.**

6. Papers will be graded by two internal examiners using the following guidelines:

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WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS

1. Written assignments which are not submitted by the stipulated date shall not be accepted unless reasonable cause is shown.

2. In the event of non-acceptance, the candidate may be allowed to submit the assignment by July 31st of the current academic year. There will be a penalty which shall be the deduction of five (5) marks. The final grade shall not exceed a B+.

3. One hard copy in Word format and one electronic copy of any written assignment must be submitted to the Secretariat.
4. Upon delivery of the assignment the student is required to sign the Secretariat’s record sheet as evidence of the submission of the assignment.

5. Students should ensure that they are issued a receipt by the Secretariat office indicating the date of submission of the assignment.

**Teamwork submissions**

Each team must designate a team leader. It is the responsibility of the team leader to submit a report to the relevant lecturer. The report must detail the names of the team members and the portions of the project allocated to team members.

**ATTENDANCE AT CLASS**

Students must observe the *General Regulations for Postgraduate Degrees*, Section V, Conduct of Written Examinations – General – Rule 37, page 29 which provides:

Any candidate who has been absent from the University for a prolonged period during the year for any reason other than certified illness, or whose attendance at prescribed lectures, classes, practical classes, tutorials or clinical instructions has been unsatisfactory or who has failed to submit essays or other exercises set by his teachers may be debarred by the Board for Graduate Studies on the recommendation of the relevant Faculty Sub-Committee on Graduate Studies from taking any University examination.

Students will be required to complete a dated class roll at each lecture.

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATES**

1. Pursuant to Section 48 of the University’s *Regulations for Graduate Diplomas and Degrees*, in cases of illness, students shall present to the Chairman, School of Graduate Studies and Research, a medical certificate, as proof of illness. It must be signed by the University Health Officer or by other Medical Practitioners approved for this purpose by University.

2. A copy of the signed medical certificate must be sent to the Director of the Institute.

3. This provision shall be without prejudice to Section 48 of the University’s *Regulations for Diplomas and Degrees*. 
ORAL EXAMINATION

1. Students who fail the examination component of a course may be granted the option of an oral examination provided the mark is not less than 45%.
2. The student may decline the offer of this option.
3. In cases where the option is exercised, the final mark awarded shall not be more than the pass mark.
4. Students who fail more than one course shall not be offered the option of an oral examination.

RESITS

1. Full time candidates who fail to obtain the pass mark in one or two of the prescribed courses in the First Semester, or in one or two courses and the research paper in the Second Semester may, be recommended to resit.
2. Part-time candidates who fail to obtain the pass mark in one of the courses in any semester, may be recommended for resit.
3. Notwithstanding paragraphs above, a student obtaining less than 35% in an exam may not be allowed to resit.

RE-REGISTRATION

1. Candidates who obtain less than 35% in an examination, or have failed an examination at the re-sit may be asked to re-register for the course.
2. Full-time candidates who fail to meet the requirements in three (3) Semester I or Semester II courses may be asked to re-register for the semester or semesters in which they are offered.
3. Part-time candidates who fail to obtain the pass mark in two (2) Semester I or Semester II courses of Year One may be asked to re-register for the semester or semesters in which they are offered.

WITHDRAWAL

- A student may be asked to withdraw from the Programme after the third unsuccessful attempt at any one examination or at any time earlier if his/her performance is considered to be unsatisfactory.
- A student failing more than 50% of the courses in any one semester may be asked to withdraw from the program.
AWARD OF DEGREE

1. Subject to the approval of Senate, candidates who have passed all courses and the research paper shall be awarded the Master of Science in Global Studies.

2. The M.Sc. Degree shall be awarded in two categories: Pass and Distinction.

3. The requirement for a degree in the Pass category is an overall average ranging from 50% to 69%.

4. A candidate must obtain an average of 70% in the examinations and a minimum of 70% in the Research Paper in order to be awarded the Degree with Distinction.

5. Candidates who repeat the examination in any course shall not be eligible for the award of the degree with Distinction.
**GRADUATE STUDENT HANDBOOKS, REGULATIONS AND GENERAL INFORMATION FOR POST GRADUATE STUDENTS AT UWI**

The Institute of International Relations MSC Global Studies Regulations should be read together with the following (available at the Office of Graduate Studies and Research page (http://sta.uwi.edu/postgrad/downloads.asp):

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<td>Includes information on how to get your student ID, how to finance your education, how to find a place of residence, how to find student support, life at UWI, how to complete academic requirements, how to access academic facilities, university regulations on registration, lifelines while on campus, important dates at UWI etc.</td>
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INRL 6001 ADVANCED THEORY AND METHODOLOGY: GLOBALIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The objectives of this course are: to develop an analytical framework that critically examines the socio-political, cultural and ideational working of globalization and its relationship to demands of global development; to introduce students to a range of issues such as growth of the world economy, global governance, media and global culture, new non-state actors and social movements and to examine the Caribbean within the context of globalization.

The focus would be on Globalization, Development, Global Governance, Global Economic Restructuring, Global Culture, Global Diasporas, Global Gender Issues, Global Ecological Issues and Global Caribbean.

INRL 6002 SELECTED POLICY ISSUES IN INTERNATIONAL MONEY AND FINANCE

This course will be a seminar format with class presentations and discussion as the main instruments for dissecting and analysing ideas and issues, as well as gaining an understanding of current concerns in the field of international money and finance. The course will focus on selected issues which have gained salience because of their systemic or policy significance in the context of liberalisation and globalisation trends currently sweeping the world economy. The challenge to long accepted premises and structures, forged in a controlled environment, has accelerated the pace of reform and led to new forms of operations largely driven by market forces which are playing a critical role in shaping the international financial and monetary architecture.

The course will cover four broad areas: International Financial Crises; Crisis and Reform in the International Monetary System; Aid and Development Finance and Globalisation and Capital Markets.
The course seeks: to identify and analyse critical issues in the area of international money and finance; to examine how liberalisation and globalisation of trade and financial markets affect the functioning and management of the International Monetary System; to analyse the implications of these developments for developing countries and specifically the Caribbean; and to provide a policy-oriented approach to address these issues.

**INRL 6003 SMALL STATES IN THE GLOBAL SYSTEM**

The purpose of this course is to familiarise students with the distinctive political economy of 'small states'. The early classes focus on the conceptual debates surrounding smallness as a distinct 'category' within IR, and the difficulties faced by the multitude of small states in the world. Then, using these theoretical tools, the course moves on to take a comparative approach to the different regions in which many small states are located, namely: Europe, the Caribbean and Asia-Pacific. Case studies are utilised to highlight the broader debates in the subject, which pertain to issues of trade and liberalisation, migration and the 'brain drain', vulnerability and dependence, regional integration and development.

**INRL 6004 INTERNATIONAL TRADE, DEVELOPMENT AND GLOBAL INTEGRATION**

The objectives of the course are to assist the student: To understand the basic factors determining international trade; to better perceive the links between trade, growth and development; to provide insights into the design and implementation of trade policies and trade strategies; and to grasp the trade issues facing small economies.

The Course offers an advanced perspective on the links between modern international trade theory, growth and development. It starts by giving an overview of trade theories as well as the state of growth theory and development economics. The links between trade, growth and development are then explored both at the theoretical and empirical levels. This is followed by an examination of trade policies and trade strategies both at the national, regional and international levels paying due attention to the new economics of information and the trade issues facing small economies.
The following areas are covered: International trade and economic development, special reference to small economies; International trade theories: classical, modern new; Terms of trade and development; Trade policy for development: Free trade, protection, import substitution, export orientation; Commercial policy: tariffs, quotas, subsidies; Commodity exports and development: commodity markets. Export stability; import substitution; export orientation; International action of commodities (ICAS. ICF. STABEX); Theory and practice of economic integration.; Technology transfer and development; Trade in services; Trade-related investment issues; International Trading system; Structure: MTN, GSP, STSP, regional preferential schemes; Protectionism and structural adjustment; State trading and trade between socialist countries and developing countries; and Developing countries and the world economy: NIEO

INRL 6005 INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW

The course intends to: provide students with an understanding of the process of international law making in the area of international economic relations; to introduce students to the main legal principles which regulate these relations; to sensitise students to the changing structure of International Economic Law.

The main focus of the course will be on the regime regulating international trade. This includes an analysis of the decided cases and the role, which they play in the development of the law. The course comprises a series of lectures and group presentations. In view of the central role played by the World Trade Organisation part of the course will be devoted to a study of its principal organs and their relationship to one another.

Topics to be covered include: the Legal Structure of the World Trade Organisation; Non-discrimination and the Most-favoured-nation (MFN) Standard; Dispute Settlement; Trade in Services; GATT and the Environment; and Caribbean Integration and the WTO.
INRL 6006 MULTILATERALISM AND GLOBAL GOVERNANCE

The objectives of this course are: to expose students to an examination of, and debate on the key issues involved in global governance; to provide a forum for the exploration of the policy-making processes of key multi-lateral organisations and to examine the role and functioning of the identified organisations in the GPE; to examine the place and involvement of developing and Caribbean countries in the multilateral institutional process and the latter’s impact on their policy autonomy; and to expose students to the major source of challenges to existing global governance frameworks.

The course would be structured on: the examination of the three broad branches of international organisations: the UN system, the Bretton Woods institutions (including the WTO) and regional organisations within the context of multilateralism being a major defining dimension of contemporary Global Political Economy (GPE); the analysis of the impact of globalisation and the emergence of global problems which are forcing global institutional management of the GPE; the examination of the changing roles, expanding responsibilities and the opening up of participatory bases of these international organisations and the emergence of regionalism and regional organisations as central facets of the structures of GPE as strategic responses to globalisation and building blocks of multilateralism.

INRL 6007 - ISSUES IN LATIN AMERICAN POLITICS

This course is centred around the major political and socio-economic issues in contemporary Latin America. It combines theoretical approaches to the understanding of the political dynamics of the region with in-depth study of the major issues.

At the end of the course students will acquire the capacity to critically analyze theoretical frameworks and their application in the Latin American context identify the major institutions and practices of government in Latin America and apply comparative methods to assess current political issues in the region.
INRL 6008 - CONTEMPORARY INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY

The objectives of this course include providing students with an appreciation of the complexities, problems, anomalies, and challenges of diplomacy and understand its nature and significance as a global activity in a dynamic international system. Students will also be encouraged to develop the capacity to think critically, creatively and independently to assess diplomatic relations among different groups of international actors within both bilateral and multilateral contexts, through critical analysis of a wide range of resources, including documents, monographs, periodicals, news-reports and relevant sources on the Internet.

INRL 6009 - THEMES & ISSUES IN CONTEMPORARY UNITED STATES/CARIBBEAN RELATIONS

This course is intended to explore the evolution of relations between the United States of America and the states of the Caribbean, within the context of shifting patterns of US hegemony. The course will be divided into three parts: historical, conceptual and empirical. The first of these will look at the historical rise and decline of US power, globally, beginning with the initial expansion of US imperialism and consolidation of the Americas in the 19th Century. It will then look at the Cold War, followed by the post-1989 period of globalisation and waning US hegemony. Part Two of the course will focus conceptually upon the notion of ‘hegemony’ and the ways in which US power can be understood through this particular prism. Then, in Part Three we shall use these theoretical tools to assess how US power has waxed and waned in the Caribbean across seven interrelated issue-areas which we separate in the course for the purpose of analysis: politics; economics and trade; security; migration; culture; development; and the environment.

INRL 6011 DIASPORIC AND DEVELOPMENTAL DIMENSION OF MIGRATION

This elective exposes students to the phenomenon of transnationalism and the growing salience of Diaspora to the field of IR since the 1990s. Critical issues resulting from migratory flows of Caribbean people to the North Atlantic include brain drain and brain gain, social and financial remittances, migration and climate change, irregular migration and the mass return of criminal deportees to the region. Comparisons will be made between Anglophone and francophone Caribbean diasporic communities, as well as Caribbean-Latino diasporic communities (Puerto
Rico, Cuba and the Dominican Republic), for a fuller appreciation of the diverse Caribbean diasporic dynamic.

**INRL 6012 GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE**

This course is one of the electives offered at the Masters in Global Science Program at the Institute of International Relations.

Environmental Governance is truly a global studies and interdisciplinary area, straddling as it does law, science, theory, academia, policy and (inter alia) ethics. Its range of actors—states, transnational companies, non-governmental organisations, civil society groups, regional and international policy makers etc.- reflects the globalised world in which we live and the solutions which are equally global in scope.

Environmental governance has rapidly widened and deepened since the Stockholm Declaration of 1972, and covers areas ranging from climate change, integrated maritime governance, and biodiversity, to security, poverty, development and human rights as they relate to the environment. There are hundreds of environmental treaties and several international and regional intergovernmental agencies responsible for the implementing of these agreements.

Global Environmental Governance is an area of particular relevance to Small Island Developing States (SIDS) which are particularly vulnerable to environmental degradation where both sources of such degradation and the solutions to these problems often lie beyond the borders of these small states.

Students will be given the tools to participate and critically contribute to the global debates on environmental governance. In addition to being aware of the existing international environmental law and regulations, students will become very familiar with the mediums (organizations, regimes etc.) that continue to implement and shape international law and policy on the environment. Furthermore, students will be aware of and be able to take personal positions on the ethical issues and the theoretical debates regarding trends in global environmental governance which will enable them to be valuable point persons for the Region’s environmental foreign policy formulation and implementation.
INRL 6020 - RESEARCH METHODS AND REPORT WRITING

This course addresses research methods focusing on the different stages that are essential in the process of generating knowledge for decision-making purposes. In particular, these methods and related tools are examined in the context of research problems and questions that arise in the field of international relations. At the end of the course, students will be expected to write and present a proposal outlining their intentions to undertake a systematic research initiative that embraces scientific principles.

13th August, 2015