

Kurdistan Regional Government
Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research

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Faculty of Administrative Sciences and Economics
International Relations and Diplomacy Department

MA in International Relations

Proposed Course Units for Qualification Exams

The Department proposes the following Course Units for the qualification examination, along with the proposed relevant books for the exam preparation:

Course Unit One: Theories of International Relations

- Realism
- Liberalism
- Critical Theory
- Constructivism
- Feminism

Proposed Relevant Book:

- Theories of International Relations / Scott Burchill, Andrew Linklater, Richard Devetak, Jack Donnelly, Matthew Paterson, Christian Reus-Smit and Jacqui True

Course Unit Two: The Middle East in International Relations

- Concepts, Regions and States
- Military Conflict: War, Revolt, Strategic Rivalry

Proposed Relevant Book:

- The Middle East in International Relations / Fred Halliday

Course Unit Three: International Security

- Security studies within IR
- War
- Terrorism
- Human Security
- Ethnic Conflicts
- Environmental Change
- Poverty
- Alliances: NATO
- UN's Role in International Security

Proposed Relevant Book:

- Security Studies: An Introduction / Edited by Paul D. Williams

Course Unit Four: Great Power Politics

- Anarchy and the Struggle for Power
 - Strategies for Survival
 - Great Powers in Action
 - Balancing versus Buck-Passing
 - The Causes of Great-Power War
 - Great Power Politics in the 21st Century
- **Proposed Relevant Book:** The Tragedy of Great Power Politics / John Mearsheimer

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