



## **SYMBIOSIS SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES**

**Symbiosis International University**

(Established under section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 vide notification No. F.9-12/2001-U3 Govt. of India)

Re-accredited by NAAC with 'A' grade

### **PROSPECTUS M.A. International Studies 2017-19**



**NURTURING  
GLOBAL  
LEADERS  
FOR CHANGE**

### Vision

Promoting international understanding through quality education

### Mission

To inculcate spirit of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' (the world is one family)

To contribute towards knowledge generation and dissemination

To promote ethical and value-based learning

To foster the spirit of national development

To inculcate cross cultural sensitization

To develop global competencies amongst students

To nurture creativity and encourage entrepreneurship

To enhance employability and contribute to human resource development

To promote health and wellness amongst students, staff & community

To instill sensitivity amongst the youth towards the community and environment

To produce thought provoking leaders for the society

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## Significance of International Studies

The process of globalization, particularly in the 21st century, has ushered in an unprecedented inter-connectivity of countries around the world through the movement of people, goods, capital, and through linkages of ideas and cultures. Contrary to popular belief, this global connectivity is not restricted to the realm of trade and economics alone, it encompasses and deeply influences the cultural, environmental, legal, political and social dimensions of societies all over the world, thus, bringing forth opportunities and challenges alike. The discipline of International Studies (IS) positions itself at the cross-roads where the dominant cultural, economic, political and social issues that exercise an influence on the national, regional and international agenda converge. A Master's programme in International Studies encourages students to relate theoretical concepts to specific, relevant world issues and challenges in international affairs today.

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## Director's Message



**Ms. Shivali Lawale**

For the country the size of India, there are a very few quality private institutions which allow for independent creative thinking on how foreign policy needs to be conducted. SSIS is a new addition to the Symbiosis family and is poised to be at the forefront of research and education. With its area study focus, the school will provide widespread opportunity for research, consultancy, policy framing as well as post graduate teaching.

Through innovative high-quality work, SSIS may not only seek to inform the populous and the policy making agencies, but with its ambition to assemble a critical mass of experts with their methodological skills, the school promises to shape well trained scholar-analysts in their ambition to study, understand, discuss, debate and relate to the contemporary global scenario. At the heart of contemporary international politics are new challenges to enduring problems. Increasing concerns such as poverty, terrorism, conflict, human rights, economic development, health and the global environment, make the study of global affairs a unique and exciting challenge. The SSIS unfolds the opportunity to examine and critically evaluate such issues of the contemporary world. I welcome you to an institute which is constantly preparing for the new and unfolding realities of international life.

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## Overview of the M.A. (International Studies) programme

The M.A. (International Studies) programme offered by SSIS seeks to equip students with knowledge and skills pertinent to address the 21st century global challenges. While engaging with topics on peace, conflict, justice, rights, development, global commons, environment, cooperation, governance, diplomacy and so on, the emphasis is on developing critical thinking to come up with tangible alternatives to address the unresolved issues. The holistic nature of courses offered under the M.A. (International Studies) programme provides students with the lens to critically examine analyse and understand contemporary issues based on a multi-disciplinary approach.

The specialization offered under the course on Area Studies fosters scholarship of the region informed by a deeper understanding of an interconnected and interdependent world. The choice of regions offered includes -Europe/North America and Asia. The students are also offered a choice of foreign language as part of Area Studies course (Arabic/ French/ Spanish/ Chinese). For the choice of both the region and the foreign language to take off, there has to be a minimum enrolment ratio.

The curriculum includes mandatory internship in the third semester that prepares students for careers with CSOs, NGOs, international organizations, think tanks, civil services, media, academia, consultancies and financial institutions.

Our faculty members are a good blend of prominent academicians, active researchers and practitioners, attesting to the belief that the best pedagogy comes from a mix of theory and praxis. The students benefit from the contributions of different types of practitioners of international relations, whether they are from diplomacy, the corporates, the think-tanks or international organisations.

The diverse background of both the faculty and the postgraduate students makes for a cosmopolitan and enriching environment.

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## Application Guide for entry in academic year 2017 - 19

**Online Registration Link:** <http://ezapp.ishinfo.com/SSIS/Register/Index.aspx>

Please read this Application Guide to entry in 2017-19 carefully to ensure that you provide the correct documents and information.

For any further queries do write in to - [admissions@ssispune.edu.in](mailto:admissions@ssispune.edu.in) with the subject line Admission 2017-19 Query.

Kindly also note the Admission related contact numbers -

Telephone: 020 - 66861231, 66861230, 66861229

Mobile No.: 09075022773

Office Hours- 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (except on Sundays and Holidays)

### **Who can apply**

Under Graduates in any discipline who have scored a minimum of 50% aggregate marks at final qualifying examination (45% for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe) at graduation level are eligible to apply for this course.

Students appearing for final year examinations can apply but their admission will be subject to obtaining a minimum of 50% marks (45% for SC / ST categories) at qualifying examination.

The University policy reserves the following seats per programme within the sanctioned intake:

- a. SC: 15%
- b. ST: 7.5%
- c. Physically Handicapped: 3%

### ***Over and above the sanctioned intake:***

Kashmiri Migrants: 2 seats per programme; International Students: 15%

Further details pertaining to eligibility, refund rules, educational loans, etc. can be accessed from <http://www.ssispune.edu.in/admissions>

## When to apply

The Symbiosis School of International Studies uses application deadlines and you need to ensure that your application and all supporting documents (if required), are received by 12 noon Indian Standard Time on the deadline date for your application to be considered.

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## After you apply

Symbiosis School of International Studies (SSIS) will authenticate the payment details and will send you an email confirming the payment for SSISPG 2017.

If you have submitted a complete application in time for the deadline, comprising all required supporting materials (if required) and payment of the application fee, the school will assess your application and notify you of the outcome of this assessment.

If you are shortlisted you will be required to appear for an entrance test – PI/WAT.

**The standard application deadlines for entry in academic programme of 2017 – 19 are as follows:**

	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>
1	February 8, 2017 – Wednesday	Online Registration starts
2	May 28, 2017 – Sunday	Last date for Online Registration
3	May 31, 2017 – Wednesday	Last date for receiving registration fee
4	June 02, 2017 – Friday	List of students for PI-WAT
5	June 12, 2017 – June 16, 2017, Monday – Friday	Date for PI-WAT
6	June 23, 2017 – Friday	First Merit List
7	July 03, 2017 – Monday	Last Date for 1st Merit list payments
8	July 05, 2017 – Tuesday	Second Merit List
9	July 10, 2017 – Monday	Last Date for 2nd Merit list payments
10	July 12, 2017 – Wednesday	Commencement of the M.A. Programme

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## International Students

**Symbiosis Centre for International Education (SCIE)** handles all subject matters relating to admissions of International Students to the constituent institutes of Symbiosis International University. Categories listed under International Students Admissions are as follows:

### Foreign National (FN):

A student is eligible to apply as a Foreign National (FN) if he/she holds a foreign passport.

### Person of Indian Origin (PIO):

A student is eligible to apply as a Person of Indian Origin (PIO) if he/she has a PIO card and is a citizen of a country other than India.

### Non Resident Indian (NRI):

- **(At Postgraduate Level)**

A student is eligible to apply as a Non Resident Indian (NRI) if he/she has appeared either for the 10+2 examination (equivalent to the Indian 12th) or Graduation outside India. It is mandatory for one of the two qualifying examinations to be given outside India.

International students are able to apply online and need only come to India when his/her application is shortlisted for the chosen programme. The application procedure consists of 15 simple steps; it begins with a basic eligibility check of important documents to be submitted and concludes with the final payment confirming admission.

For detailed information and online registration, please visit [www.scie.ac.in](http://www.scie.ac.in)

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## Programme Structure

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| <b>1. OBJECTIVE</b>           | <p>To acquire a sound understanding of new challenges, problems, threats, and opportunities in a wide range of domains that falls under the remit of International Relations. This includes international economics (trade, investment, finance), international law, defence and security (traditional and non-traditional), and regional and global governance.</p> <p>To inculcate knowledge and skills that will allow students to link theory with praxis</p> <p>To develop analytical and critical-thinking skills for academic research.</p> |
| <b>2. DURATION</b>            | 2 years full-time  |
| <b>3. INTAKE</b>              | 30 students  |
| <b>4. RESERVATION</b>         | <p><b>Within the sanctioned intake:</b><br/>Scheduled Castes: 15%<br/>Scheduled Tribes: 7.5%<br/>Differently abled: 3%</p> <p><b>Over and above the sanctioned intake:</b><br/>Kashmiri Migrants: 2 seats per programme<br/>International Students: 15%</p>  |
| <b>5. ELIGIBILITY</b>         | Candidate should be a graduate from any statutory university with a minimum of 50% marks (45% for SC/ ST) at graduation level.   |
| <b>6. SELECTION PROCEDURE</b> | <p>Indian Students</p> <p>Writing Ability Test/ Personal Interview.</p> <p>Good academic record and previous work experience will be given a preference.</p>   |



International Students: As per procedure prescribed by Symbiosis Centre for International Education (SCIE)

7. MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION English

8. PROGRAM PATTERN 4 Semesters

9. COURSES & SPECIALIZATION Detailed below

10 FEE **Applicable for programme 2016-2018**

**Indian students**

Academic fee per annum

INR 2,50,000.00

Institute deposit – INR 10,000.00

Total: **INR 2,60,000.00**

**International students**

Academic fee per annum:

INR 3,75,000.00

Institute deposit- INR 10,000.00

Total: **INR 3,85,000.00**

11. ASSESSMENT All internal courses will have 100% component as internal evaluation at the institute level. All external courses will have 60% internal component and 40% component as external [University] examination.

12. STANDARD OF PASSING The assessment of the student for each examination is done, based on relative performance. Maximum Grade Point (GP) is 10 corresponding to O (Outstanding). For all

courses, a student is required to pass both internal and external examination separately with a minimum Grade Point of 4 corresponding to Grade P. Students securing less than 40% absolute marks in each head of passing will be declared FAIL. The University awards a degree to the student who has achieved a minimum CGPA of 4 out of maximum of 10 CGPA for the programme.

**13. AWARD OF CERTIFICATE**

**Master of Arts (International Studies)**

will be awarded at the end of semester IV examination by taking into consideration the performance of all semester examinations after obtaining minimum 4.00 CGPA out of 10 CGPA.

**Examination and Evaluation Pattern of the University  
Choice Based Credit System (CBCS)**

**Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) System for Academic Programs:**

All Programs of University shall follow the total credits as recommended by Board of Studies and approved by the Academic Council and will adhere to the distribution of continuous evaluation and term end examination prescribed in the approved Programme structure.

Over & above, mandatory 1 credit is allotted to Integrated Disaster Management course which is evaluated but not included in calculation of GPA.

**Calculation of Grade point**

The grade points corresponding to nine grades will be as follows:

LETTER GRADE	PROPORTION	GRADE POINT
O (Outstanding)	Top 3%	10
A+ (Excellent)	12%	9
A (Very Good)	21%	8
B+ (Good)	28%	7
B (Above Average)	21%	6
C (Average)	12%	5
P (Pass)	Bottom 3%	4
F (Fail)		0
AB (Absent)		0

**Relative grading:** The grading of students will be done based on the relative performance of the students compared to the class.

- Continuous Assessment, Term-end examination and Practical (if any) will be separate heads of passing.
- Passing in a course means securing 40% of absolute marks in each of the heads.
- Separate grade points will be calculated for continuous and term-end examinations and the weighted average of both will be the grade point for the course.

**Re-evaluation:** In case of re-evaluation, the scores obtained will be fitted as per original range of marks of the grades.

**Standard of passing:** A student has to pass both internal and external examination separately i.e., obtains minimum GP of 4.00. A GP less than 4.00 will be treated as grade F (fail).

A student will be awarded the degree only if he/she has a CGPA of minimum 4.00 on the completion of Programme and has cleared Integrated Disaster Management Programme.

Further details can be accessed on: <http://www.ssispune.edu.in/academics>

## Programme Structure

### M.A. (Master of Arts)-International Studies 2017- 19

Semester I						
Catalog Course Code	Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Internal Marks	External Marks	Total Marks
T6466	060441101	International Relations: an Overview	4	120	80	200
T6462	060441102	Diplomacy and International Governance	4	120	80	200
T6463	060441103	Global Political Economy	4	120	80	200
T6465	060441104	International Organizations	4	120	80	200
T6464	060441105	International Communication	4	120	80	200
T2225	060441106	Research Methodology	2	60	40	100
		<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>1100</b>

Semester II						
Catalog Course Code	Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Internal Marks	External Marks	Total Marks
T6472	060441201	International Security	4	120	80	200
T6469	060441202	Human Rights and Peace Studies	4	120	80	200
T6471	060441203	International Negotiations and Conflict Resolution	4	120	80	200
T6470	060441204	International Law	4	120	80	200
<b>Choose any one from 060441205 and 060441206</b>						
T6605	060441205	Area Studies - Europe & North America- I	4	120	80	200
T6606	060441206	Area Studies Asia -I	4	120	80	200
<b>Choose any one</b>						
T6594	060441207	French I	4	120	80	200
T6595	060441208	Spanish I	4	120	80	200
T6592	060441209	Arabic I	4	120	80	200
T6593	060441210	Chinese I	4	120	80	200
T4005	060441211	* Integrated Disaster Management	-	-	-	Letter Grade
		<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>1200</b>
<p><b>**Note:</b>  For the course “Area Studies” available regional electives are “Europe &amp; North America-I” and “Asia- I”.  The available foreign language electives are “Foreign Language -French I” and “Foreign Language -Spanish I” for region “Europe &amp; North America -I”;  “Foreign Language -Chinese I” and “Foreign Language -Arabic I” are offered for the region “Asia- I”.  Students will have to choose any one combination of region and the respective foreign language.  Electives chosen in semester I are to be continued in semester II.</p>						

Semester III						
Catalog Course Code	Course Code	Course title	Credits	Internal Marks	External Marks	Total marks
T2920	060441301	Internship	12	360	240	600
T2790	060441302	Advanced Research Methods	2	60	40	100
T6468	060441303	Global Common Goods	4	120	80	200
<b>Choose any one from 060441304 and 060441305</b>						
T6607	060441304	Area Studies - Europe & North America- II	4	120	80	200
T6608	060441305	Area Studies Asia -II	4	120	80	200
<b>Choose any one</b>						
T6598	060441306	French II	4	120	80	200
T6599	060441307	Spanish II	4	120	80	200
T6596	060441308	Arabic II	4	120	80	200
T6597	060441309	Chinese II	4	120	80	200
		<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>1300</b>
<b>**Note:</b>						
For the course “Area Studies” available regional electives are “Europe & North America -II” and “Asia- II”.						
The available foreign language electives are “Foreign Language -French II” and “Foreign Language -Spanish II” for region “Europe & North America- I”;						
“Foreign Language -Chinese II” and “Foreign Language -Arabic II” are offered for the region “Asia -II”.						
Electives chosen in semester I are to be continued in semester II , for both the region and foreign languages electives.						
Semester IV						
Catalog Course Code	Course Code	Course title	Credits	Internal Marks	External Marks	Total marks
	060441401	Dissertation	8	400	-	400
		<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>400</b>
Summary						
Semester	Internal Credits	External Credits	Total credits	Total Marks		
Semester I	-	22	22	1100		
Semester II*	-	24	24	1200		
Semester III	-	26	26	1300		
Semester IV	8	-	8	400		
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>4000</b>		

\* Integrated Disaster Management is mandatory for the award of degree.

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## Pedagogy

Faculty is encouraged to employ a number of methods of instruction. Consistent with the University's quality assurance and enhancement practices, each method is designed to ensure that the students derive maximum benefit from the lectures and seminars, and that they use the self - study time to its full advantage.

Given the diversity of the subject, the programme is taught through a mixed pedagogical approach, combining exposure to both IR theory and praxis. Emphasis is laid on hands-on training in the workings of contemporary diplomacy and international negotiations through simulations, case studies and audio visuals. The courses are designed to nurture critical analysis skills (written and oral), soft skills, intercultural skills and e- competencies in the students to enable them to play professional, constructive or leadership roles at the national, regional and international level.

The pedagogy is by lecture/seminar format, small group work, and simulations as appropriate. For each course, the formal lectures are intended to provide students with – right from an introduction to a particular theme or topic, to making them aware of main issues through a structured summary of the current state of debate on a topic, and to provide them with navigation points through the main literature. The seminar format is intended to provide students with the opportunity to engage in discussion with other students and with the course convenor for a structured discussion of substantive issues.

Students are encouraged to work both independently, and as part of a group. Independent study is vital to develop research skills: for the preparation of essays, book reviews and the final year dissertation. All of this written work is designed to help hone the skills necessary to filter complex arguments and issues to their essential elements, and to express your own critical ideas succinctly, clearly, and in an organised manner. Students are also encouraged to work independently on presentations to develop oral communication skills. This helps to develop the ability to organise and to think quickly about complex issues, and to develop skills necessary for reasoned argumentation. Students are also encouraged to work in groups for simulation projects to develop skills necessary for cooperation in group project work, as well as to develop leadership qualities.

The programme also allows students to manage an online research portal, Indian Review of Global Affairs, which will become a base of mid-to-long range policy- relevant issues and challenges. This will further hone skills and encourage the participation of youth in new age research via the use of new media such as podcasts, photo-essays/ photo- journalism, interviews and video- series.

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## Prospects

The programme through its interdisciplinary flavour will provide students with the knowledge and expertise they need to pursue careers with international organizations, regional organizations, corporate houses, corporate foundations, private organizations, government, NGOs, or media. It also facilitates career progression into research roles in policy think tanks, risk analysis organizations or doctoral programmes.

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## Internships: 2016-18 batch

Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi

Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi

Centre for Air Power Studies, New Delhi

Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry, New Delhi

Delhi Policy Group, New Delhi

UNESCO- Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development, New Delhi

Asian Confluence, Shillong

Centre for Environment Education, Pune

Kirloskar Brothers Ltd., Pune

Indian-Ocean Rim Association, Mauritius

Persistent Foundation, Pune

Shyama Prasad Mookerjee Foundation (BJP Think Tank), Delhi

Centre for Science and Environment , Delhi

WISCOMP, Delhi

Global Nomadic, Bali

Pitney Bowes, Pune

Grant Thornton India, Pune

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## Accommodation

The Symbiosis School of International Studies will provide hostel facility to the students. However, the seats are limited in number and hostel seats are allotted on first come- first serve basis. In case you are unable to reserve a seat in the hostel, the SSIS office can also help you with accommodation choices around the Viman Nagar Campus.

Further information is available on - <http://www.ssispune.edu.in/infrastructure>

# Event Snapshots from 2016-17



International Relations Conference (IRC) 2016- India and the Indian Ocean: Sustainability, Security and Development



H.E. Mr. Cho Hyun, Ambassador of Republic of Korea to India, addressing the students of SSIS



## Round Table Discussion INDIA AND IRAN: PARTNERS IN REGIONAL STABILITY

Keynote speaker  
**H.E. Mr. Gholamreza Ansari**  
Ambassador of the Islamic  
Republic of Iran to India

Chief guest  
**Amb. (Retd.) Dinkar Srivastava**  
Former Ambassador of India to  
the Islamic Republic of Iran

Venue: Room 301, 3rd Floor, SSIS  
Date: Saturday, 24 September 2016  
Time: 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM



**SSIS & UNESCO-MGIEP**  
Campus Ambassadors 2016- 18  
at TAGE, New Delhi



## SSIS Study Tour



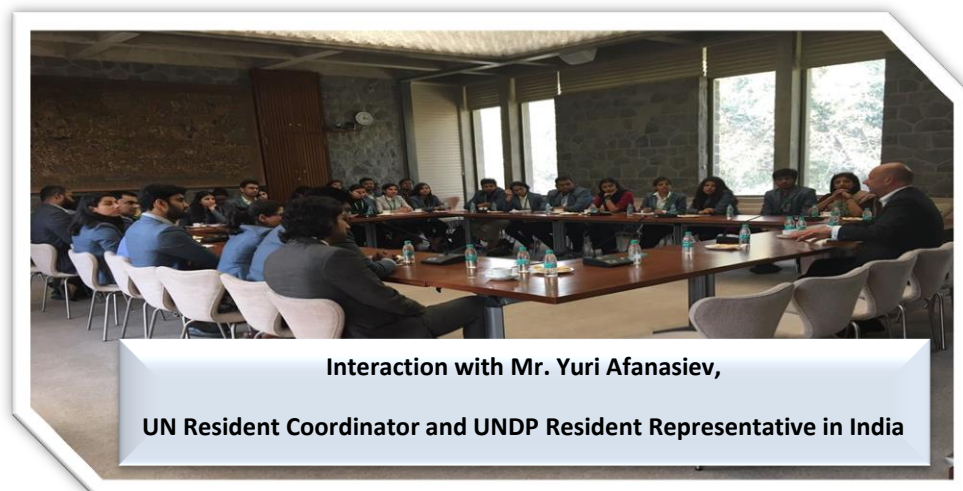
**Interaction with Mr. Siddharth Birla, (Former-President, FICCI)**



**Interaction with Brig. (Retd.) Arun Sehgal,  
Delhi Policy Group**



**Interaction with Mr. Abel Caine, Senior  
Project Officer, UNESCO- MGIEP**



**Interaction with Mr. Yuri Afanasiev,  
UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in India**



**Mastering the art of chopsticks**

**- Chinese Language Group**

**Know Your University Tour**

**-visit to Afro Asian Cultural Museum**



**Students' Ethnic Day**



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