

Asian Institute of Diplomacy and International Affairs (AIDIA)
in Academic Partnership with
Kathmandu University (KU)
Master in International Affairs, Economy and Diplomacy (MIAED)

Semester I
Academic and Professional Foundations

Code	Course Title	Category	Credits
MIAED 501	Theories and Discourses of International Affairs	Core	3
MIAED 502	Civilizational Thought and Diplomatic Traditions	Core	3
MIAED 503	International Political Economy	Core	3
MIAED 504	Research Design, Data Analysis and Policy Communication	Core	3
MIAED 505	Public Diplomacy & Soft Power	Core	3
	Semester I Total		15

Integrated non-credit components

Component	Status
Strategic Language Studies I	Compulsory, non-credit
Himalayan Policy and Diplomacy Bootcamp	Compulsory, non-credit
Policy Writing and Professional Communication Workshop	Embedded in MIAED 505
Research Design Workshop	

Semester II
Power, Economy and Regional Transformation

Code	Course Title	Category	Credits
MIAED 511	Power, Economy and Global Transformation	Core	3
MIAED 512	Geoeconomics and Economic Statecraft	Core	3
MIAED 513	Foreign Policy Analysis and Strategic Decision-Making	Core	3
MIAED 514	International Law, Institutions and Global Governance	Core	3
MIAED 515	Nepal, South Asia and Himalayan Geopolitics	Core	3
	Semester II Total		15

Integrated non-credit components

Component	Status
Strategic Language Studies II	Compulsory, non-credit
Negotiation Skills and Simulation Intensive	Compulsory, non-credit
Country and Regional Desk Assignment	Compulsory professional component

Semester III

Diplomacy, Policy Practice and Professional Immersion

Code	Course Title	Category	Credits
MIAED 601	Economic Diplomacy and International Negotiation	Core	3
MIAED 602	Policy Analysis, Data and Strategic Foresight	Core	3
MIAED 603	Specialization Elective I	Elective	3
MIAED 604	Internship	Internship	6
	Semester III Total		15

Integrated non-credit components

Component	Status
Strategic Language Studies III	Compulsory, non-credit
Regional Crisis Management Exercise	Compulsory, non-credit
Internship Preparation and Professional Ethics Workshop	Compulsory, non-credit

Semester IV
Specialization, Communication and Capstone

Code	Course Title	Category	Credits
MIAED 611	Diplomatic Communication, Protocol and Policy Writing	Core	3
MIAED 612	Specialization Elective II	Elective	3
MIAED 613	Specialization Elective III	Elective	3
MIAED 614	Dissertation	Dissertation	6
	Semester IV Total		15

Integrated non-credit components

Component	Status
Leadership and Strategic Decision-Making Simulation	Compulsory, non-credit
Capstone Policy Defense	Compulsory
Graduate Professional Portfolio	Compulsory
Strategic Language Proficiency Assessment	Compulsory

Credit Structure

Curriculum Component	Number Courses/Components	of Credits
Core Courses	13	36
Electives	3	6
Internship	1	6
Dissertation	1	6
Total	18 credit-bearing components	60

Semester-Wise Credit Distribution

Semester	Taught Courses	Internship/Dissertation	Total Credits
Semester I	15	—	15
Semester II	15	—	15
Semester III	6	6	15
Semester IV	6	6	15
Programme Total	48	12	60

Specialization Elective Structure

Students complete three electives, totaling nine credits, from the following streams identified in the draft framework.

Stream	Specialization Area	Required Selection
Stream I	International Affairs and Strategic Studies	At least one elective may be selected
Stream II	International Political Economy and Geoeconomics	At least one elective may be selected
Stream III	Diplomacy, Negotiation and Statecraft	At least one elective may be selected

Recommended selection rule

Students should select:

- Two electives from their principal specialization stream; and
- One elective from either of the remaining two streams.

Specialization Bank

Stream I: International Affairs and Strategic Studies

Code	Elective Course	Credits
MIAED E701	Changing Geopolitics and Strategic Competition	3
MIAED E702	Intelligence and Security Studies	3
MIAED E703	Terrorism, Insurgency and Counterinsurgency	3
MIAED E704	Peacekeeping, Peacebuilding and Post-Conflict Governance	3
MIAED E705	Migration, Refugees and Human Security	3
MIAED E706	Gender, Conflict and Global Politics	3
MIAED E707	Disinformation, Cybersecurity and Information Warfare	3
MIAED E708	Nuclear Strategy, Deterrence and Arms Control	3
MIAED E70G	Emerging Technologies and the Future of Warfare	3
MIAED E710	Space Politics and Strategic Competition	3

Stream II: International Political Economy and Geoeconomics

Code	Elective Course	Credits
MIAED E721	Global Trade Regimes and Economic Statecraft	3
MIAED E722	International Finance, Debt and Development	3
MIAED E723	Development and Structural Transformation in the Global South	3
MIAED E724	Regional Economic Integration and Connectivity in Asia	3
MIAED E725	Digital Economy, AI and Data Governance	3
MIAED E726	Energy Security and the Political Economy of Transition	3
MIAED E727	Food Security, Climate Risk and Resilient Development	3
MIAED E728	Climate Political Economy and Global Environmental Justice	3
MIAED E72G	Infrastructure, Investment and Development Diplomacy	3
MIAED E730	Technology Competition and Semiconductor Geopolitics	3

Stream III: Diplomacy, Negotiation and Statecraft

Code	Elective Course	Credits
MIAED E741	AI, Digital Diplomacy and Cyber Negotiation	3
MIAED E742	Multistakeholder, Track II and Network Diplomacy	3
MIAED E743	Preventive Diplomacy, Mediation and Peace-Making	3
MIAED E744	Treaty Practice and International Legal Negotiation	3
MIAED E745	Technology Diplomacy, Standards and Global Governance	3
MIAED E746	Crisis Diplomacy and Complex Emergencies	3
MIAED E747	Psychology of Negotiation	3
MIAED E748	Restorative Dialogue and Conflict Transformation	3
MIAED E74G	Humanitarian and Disaster Diplomacy	3
MIAED E750	Diplomatic Protocol and Consular Practice	3