

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

FIRST YEAR

First Semester

Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
BIRS 110	Introduction to International Relations	3
BIRS 111	Communication Skills	3
BIRS 111	Christian Beliefs	3
BIRS 111	Introduction to Diplomacy	3
BIRS 112	French 1	3
BIRS 113	Introduction to Political Science	3
	Total	18

Second Semester

Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
MISC 116	Introduction to Management Information System	3
BIRS 120	Introduction to Economics	3
BIRS 121	Politics and Government in Africa	3
BIRS 122	World History and Transformation	3
BIRS 125	French 11	3
MATH 130	Basic Statistics	3
	Total	18

SECOND YEAR

First Semester

Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
ENVI 201	Environmental Science	3
BIRS 210	Conflict Management and Resolution	3
BIRS 211	Politics and Government in Kenya	3
BIRS 212	Comparative Politics	3
BIRS 213	International Law	3
BIRS 214	Comparative Foreign Policy	3
	Total	18

Second Semester

Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
BIRS 221	Regional Cooperation and Integration	3
BIRS 222	Ethics in International Relations	3
BIRS 224	International Organizations	3
BIRS 225	Kenya's Foreign Policy	3
HSCI 225	HIV/AIDS	3
BIRS 310	Strategic and National Security Studies	3
	Total	18

THIRD YEAR

CORE COURSES		
Course Code	Course Title	Credit
SEMESTER I		
BIRS 320	Research Methods in International Relations	3
BIRS 311	Issues in International Relations	3
BIRS 312	Theories of International Relations	3
BIRS 313	International Environmental Politics	3
BIRS 323	International Political Economy	3
BIRS 326	Diplomatic and Consular Law	3
	Total	18
SEMESTER II		
BIRS 331	Practice of International Peacekeeping Operations	3
BIRS 433	South –South Relations	3
	ELECTIVE I	3

	ELECTIVE II	3
	ELECTIVE III	3
	ELECTIVE IV	3
	Total	18
ELECTIVES (SELECT ANY FOUR)		
BIRS 314	The Politics and Military of a Selected Developing Region	3
BIRS 315	Techniques in International Diplomacy	3
BIRS 321	Refugees Studies	3
BIRS 322	International Humanitarian Law	3
BIRS 325	Negotiation and Mediation	3
BIRS 327	International relations of Europe	3
BIRS 328	Global political systems	3
BIRS 329	Political Philosophy	3

FOURTH YEAR

SEMESTER I

Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
CORE COURSES		
BIRS 412	International Relations Seminar	33
BIRS 413	Africa in International Relations	3
BIRS 420	Foreign Policy Analysis	3
BIRS 444	North-South Relations	3
BIRS 451	International Security	3
BIRS 453	Humanitarian Intervention	3
	ELECTIVE (ONE UNIT)	3
	Total	21
ELECTIVES (CHOOSE ONE)		
BIRS 411	Diplomatic Protocol, Etiquette and Ceremony	3
BIRS 421	International Terrorism	3
BIRS 425	Intercultural Communication	3
BIRS 432	Documents of Diplomacy	3
BIRS 452	Post-Conflict Peace Building	3

SEMESTER II

BIRS 422	International Relations Internship	3
BIRS 410	Research Project in International Relations	4
	Total	7

SUMMARY

Departmental Core Courses	103 Credit Hours (34 Courses)
Electives	15 Credit Hours (5 Courses)
University Common Courses	18 Credit Hours (6 Courses)
TOTAL	136 Credit Hours