

Governance and Public Policy



Vision

To empower the next generation of leaders with the knowledge, skills, and values necessary to create positive change by providing a transformative educational experience that fosters excellence in public policy and leadership education. Through rigorous academic programs, innovative research, and a commitment to public service, the goal is to develop visionary leaders capable of addressing society's most pressing challenges, promoting civic responsibility, and transforming communities to shape a more just, equitable, and well-governed future.

Mission

The College of Law & International Relations is dedicated to achieving excellence in legal education, advancing scholarships, and providing comprehensive training. The goal of the program is to be a premier program that expertly combines legal education with governance and public policy expertise, developing a new generation of professionals skilled in crafting and implementing policies that promote positive social change and uphold justice and equity.



Program Overview

This program aims to develop future leaders equipped with the knowledge, skills, and values to drive meaningful change in society. Through a transformative educational experience grounded in academic excellence, research innovation, and public service, students are prepared to lead in the fields of public policy and governance. The program cultivates a deep sense of civic responsibility and leadership, empowering graduates to address complex societal challenges and contribute to building more just, equitable, and well-governed communities.

Competitive Edge

As the first program of its kind in Saudi Arabia, the Governance and Public Policy track offers a distinctive advantage by combining rigorous legal education with advanced policy and governance training. This unique integration equips students with the critical skills and ethical leadership necessary to effectively address complex societal challenges. Graduates emerge ready to lead transformative change within public institutions and government agencies, positioning themselves at the forefront of Saudi Arabia's evolving public sector landscape.

Career Options:

- Public Policy Analyst
- Government Affairs Specialist
- Regulatory Affairs Manager
- Public Administration Officer
- Legislative Advisor
- Strategic Planner
- Public Sector Consultant
- Nonprofit Program Manager
- Policy Researcher
- Governance Advisor
- Civil Service Leader

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Fall (First Year)		
Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
LAW 122	Arabic Legal Writing	3
LAW 130	Introduction to Law	3
INR 101	Public Speaking and Communications	3
LAW 135	Constitutional & Administrative Law	3
LAW 102	Introduction to Islamic Law & Jurisprudence	3
Total Credit Hours		15

Spring (First Year)		
Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
INR 102	Theoretical Foundation of International Relations and Public Policy	3
INR 103	Writing for Policy and Politics: Mastering Daily Communications	3
ECO 101	Microeconomics	3
INR 104	Qualitative Research Methods for Social Sciences	3
INR 105	Global Governance & International Organizations	3
***	Elective 1	3
Total Credit Hours		15

Fall (Second Year)		
Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
LAW 137	Saudi Arabia Legal System	3
LAW 232	Company Law	3
GPP 205	Introduction to Public Policy & Policy Design	3
GPP 208	Policy Analysis	3
ECO 102	Macroeconomics	3
***	Elective	3
Total Credit Hours		18

Spring (Second Year)		
Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
GPP 221	International Political Economy	3
GPP 451	Health & Environment Policy: A Global Perspective	3
GPP 450	Policy Making Process	3
GPP 457	Judicial Governance	3
INR 240	Environmental Politics & Global Sustainability	3
***	Elective	3
Total Credit Hours		18

Fall (Third Year)		
Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
GPP 301	Policy Design and Delivery	3
LAW 242	Public International Law	3
GPP 302	Global Governance	3
GPP 303	Equity & Trust	3
GPP 304	Managing the Nonprofit Organization	3
***	Elective	3
Total Credit Hours		18

Spring (Third Year)		
Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
GPP 311	Introduction to Global Politics & International Relations	3
GPP 312	Policy Analysis & Program Evaluation	3
LAW 335	International Business Transactions Law	3
GPP 313	Ethics in Public Policy and Governance	3
***	Elective	3
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Total Credit Hours		18

Fall (Fourth Year)		
Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
GPP 401	Nonprofit Organization: INGOs & Globalization	3
GPP 402	Governance & Public Institutions	3
GPP 454	Corporate Governance and Regulations	3
GPP 452	Managing Government Organizations	3
GPP 403	Social Policy and Welfare State Governance	3
Total Credit Hours		15

Spring (Fourth Year)		
Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
GPP 440	Internship (6 Months)	9
Total Credit Hours		9

1. Courses from the College of Law and International Relations 12 (36 credit hours)
2. College of Business 2 (6 credit hours)
3. Electives 6 (18 credit hours)
4. Major required 20 (60 credit hours)
5. 6 months internship (9 credit hours)
6. Total 129 credit hours



Electives

Law Electives (2 courses required, 6 CR)		
Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
LAW 135	Conflict Resolutions & Peacebuilding	3 CR
LAW 330	Muslims Family Law	3 CR
LAW 336	Economic Crimes	3 CR
LAW 140	Law of Tort	3 CR
LAW 134	Contract Law	3 CR
LAW 291	Land Law	3 CR

Social Sciences (1 course required, 3 CR)		
Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
ANT 105	Introduction to Globalization Studies	3 CR
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	3 CR
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	3 CR
ANT 101	Introduction to Socio-Cultural Anthropology	3 CR

Business Electives (3 courses required, 9 CR)		
Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
FIN 330	Financial Planning	3 CR
MGT 373	Negotiations	3 CR
ECO 310	International Economics	3 CR
MGT 383	Organizational Leadership	3 CR
BAN 410	People Analytics and Strategy	3 CR
MGT 374	Real Estate	3 CR
OPM 315	ECommerce	3 CR
OPM 450	Management of Innovation	3 CR
BAN 370	Big Data Analytics	3 CR

Disclaimer: The availability of courses is subject to the presence and scheduling of faculty members, including adjunct faculty.





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Vision

We aspire to become the leader in legal research in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Mission

Is to provide quality education, legal research, and fostering partnerships with international universities, as well as local and international law firms.

1. Providing students with the necessary knowledge and skills to work with local and international law firms.
2. Providing students with the necessary knowledge and skills to work in international service and diplomacy.
3. Connecting the Kingdom's with the legal changes taking place in the international community.
4. Promoting legal research to be at the service of the Saudi government.
5. Help in making legal reforms in different areas of law for the benefit of the Saudi Arabian government and its agencies.



Program Overview

The College of Law and International Relations offers a rigorous legal program delivered in English, designed to adapt to the rapidly evolving landscape of Saudi Arabia's legal sector and broader work environment. The curriculum encompasses a diverse range of English-based legal courses that equip students with a solid foundation in core legal principles, complemented by local legal subjects to broaden and enrich their expertise. In their penultimate semester, students will specialize in one of three tracks: Governance and Public Policy, Diplomacy and International Relations, or International Law, allowing them to tailor their education to their career goals.

Competitive Edge

The program offers a distinct advantage by combining quality legal education with a strong emphasis on global engagement, legal reform, and practical readiness. It equips students with the skills and knowledge needed to work effectively with both local and international law firms, as well as in international service and diplomacy. By aligning legal education with the evolving dynamics of the global legal landscape, the program strengthens the Kingdom's connection to international legal developments. With a strong focus on research that serves national priorities, it also supports legal reforms and policy advancement in collaboration with Saudi government institutions and agencies. Through strategic partnerships with global universities and legal organizations, students gain invaluable exposure and experience that positions them for impactful legal and diplomatic careers.

The following tracks are available in the first semester of the final years:

- Diplomacy & International Relations
- Governance and Public Policy
- International Law

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