


# COURSE STRUCTURE



M.A African Studies (Goeconomics and Foreign Policy) is a multidisciplinary programme of study that provides a holistic understanding of the African continent and its relation with major countries in the world. The course elaborates on the political, economic and socio-cultural environment of the continent and its impact on global affairs. Abundant natural resources, a young population and an emerging market are some of the reasons many global actors are attracted to the region in the past few decades.

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

The MA in African Studies (Goeconomics and Foreign Policy) is a full-time programme with four academic terms or semesters. Course modules for each semester and the respective course highlights are provided below:


## SEMESTER 1: GENERIC COURSES

Course Title	Course Highlights	
<p>Historical Perspective of Africa</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Historical perspectives of the pre-colonial, colonial and post-colonial eras in the different African regions</li> <li>• Historical underpinnings of contemporary foreign policy issues and their co-relation with contemporary global affairs</li> </ul>	 <p>The image is a historical map of Africa, likely from a 15th-century portolan chart. It shows the continent's coastline and internal regions with various place names. In the foreground, there is a ruler sitting on a throne, wearing a crown and holding a scepter, and a rider on a horse. The map is detailed with a grid of lines and various symbols.</p>


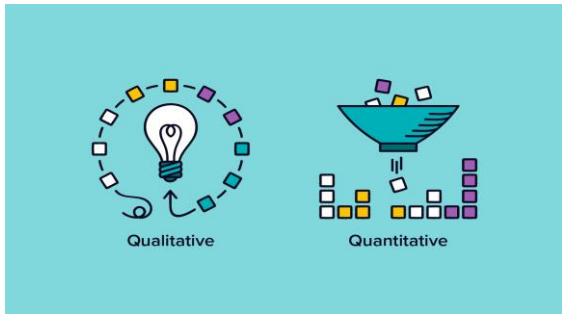
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<p>International Relations from an African perspective</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concepts and leading schools of thought and theory of International Relations from an African perspective</li> <li>• Role and behaviour of state and non-state actors</li> <li>• Influence on decision making and foreign policy formulation</li> </ul>	
<p>Introduction to Geoeconomics in Africa</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intersection of economics and politics in the African context</li> <li>• Key aspects of economic globalization and South-South cooperation and its impact on the African economy</li> <li>• Impact of international organizations on the economic governance of the African countries</li> </ul>	
<p>International Organizations – An African Perspective</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Structures/institutions of governance of the contemporary international system from the African perspective</li> <li>• Role and activities of the United Nations in Africa</li> <li>• Role of regional organizations and</li> </ul>	

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	NGOs in addressing Africa's challenges	
Research Methodology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction to research methods, research design, data analysis and interpretation</li> </ul>	


## SEMESTER 2: GENERIC CORE COURSES

Course Title	Course Highlights	
Africa: Culture, Ethnicity and Shifting Identities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction to important aspects of ethnicity-affiliations to tribes and clans and their impact on politics; socio-cultural practices, religious affiliations and colonial influences</li> <li>Interplay between the state and individual identities in contemporary scenarios</li> <li>Introduction to</li> </ul>	

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	<p>key concepts- Global Black Identity, Africanization and its impact on international relations</p>	
<p>Contemporary Geoeconomics of Africa</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contemporary geo-economic opportunities and challenges in Africa</li> <li>Contemporary economic and political opportunities and challenges for Africa</li> </ul>	
<p>Security Paradigm in the African region</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Causes of war and changing nature of warfare, key aspects of national security</li> <li>Changing role of actors (in states and international organizations)</li> <li>Emergence of new actors (including non-governmental organizations and transnational non-state armed groups) in Africa.</li> </ul>	

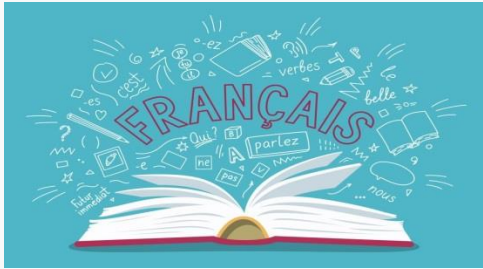

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Risk Analysis of Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to key drivers of risks</li> <li>• Analysis of the interplay between key drivers of risks</li> <li>• Analysis of the impact of risks at the national, regional and global levels</li> </ul>	
Advanced Research Methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced course in social science research: descriptive statistics, data sources, data analysis and presentation</li> </ul>	

## SEMESTER 3: GENERIC ELECTIVE COURSES GROUP- AREA SPECIALIZATION

Course Title	Course Highlights	
North, West and Central Africa -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Critical examination of political processes and structures, political economy, culture and identity, foreign policy, security and global commons related issues in the North, West and Central African region and the impact</li> </ul>	

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Eastern, Southern Africa and Island Nations - I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Critical examination of political processes and structures, political economy, culture and identity, foreign policy, security and global commons related issues in Eastern, Southern Africa and Island Nations and the impact they have on the international system</li> </ul>	


## GENERIC ELECTIVE COURSES GROUP- LANGUAGE SPECIALIZATION

Course Title	Course Highlights	
French I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basic written and communication skills</li> </ul>	
Arabic I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basic written and communication skills</li> </ul>	

## SEMESTER 4: GENERIC CORE COURSE

Course Title	Course Highlights	
Internship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6-8 weeks of internship experience at international organizations, government agencies, the corporate sector, the non-profit sector and research institutes</li> </ul>	

## GENERIC ELECTIVE COURSES GROUP

Course Title	Course Highlights	
North, West and Central Africa - II	<p>Critical examination of political processes and structures, political economy, culture and identity, foreign policy, security and global commons related issues in the North, West and Central African region and the impact they have on the international system</p>	
Eastern, Southern Africa and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Critical examination of political processes and structures, political economy, culture and</li> </ul>	

Course Title	Course Highlights	
Island Nations - II	identity, foreign policy, security and global commons related issues in Eastern, Southern Africa and Island Nations and the impact they have on the international system	

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French II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic written and communication skills</li> </ul>
Arabic II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic written and communication skills</li> </ul>

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Course Title	Course Highlights	
Dissertation/Project	Master's Dissertation/Project of 12000 words on a selected topic of global/regional relevance	