



SYMBIOSIS SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Symbiosis International (Deemed University)

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Founder: Prof. Dr. S. B. Mujumdar, M. Sc., Ph. D. (Awarded Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri by President of India)

Name of the Institute: Symbiosis School of International Studies		
Name of the Program: M.A.(International Studies)		
Students Feedback for design and review of syllabus		
Academic Year: 2017-2018		
Course Feedback was collected from students through the Open House discussions. Based on the feedback received Director discussed the concerns in Faculty Meeting and if any major change is required it is placed before the Board of Studies (BOS) for approval. Action taken report is made from Minutes of Open House.		
No. of Respondents : 66		
Feedback key point/s: 1. Proposal to reduce tenure of internship – students (Sem III)shared that organizations were not happy with such extended duration of internship and that it is difficult to get two internships aligned back to back to cover the semester. 2. Proposal for conduct of workshop on CV writing and Soft Skills – students (Sem III) expressed the need for holding workshops to aid them in CV writing and soft skills. 3. Additional Tutorial sessions for facilitating better grasp of the introductory unit on Global Political Economy (GPE) – students (Sem I) 4. Shifting of courses among the semesters for better coherence – students (Sem I) 5. Students (Sem IV) expressed their desire for conduct of additional workshops/ seminars to cover most recent developments in the fields that is not covered in detail by the curriculum. 6. Students (Sem II) recommended introduction of new courses in keeping with emerging trends.		
Summary of Feedback Analysis and Action Taken:		
Sr. No	Particulars / Action Point	Action Taken
1	Proposal to reduce tenure of internship	Proposal to reduce tenure of internship accepted and sent to BOS for approval and ratified. The revision is reflected in the programme structure.
2	Proposal for conduct of workshop on CV writing and Soft Skills	Proposal for conduct of workshop on CV writing and Soft Skills -approved and workshop was organized
3	Additional Tutorial sessions for GPE	Proposal accepted and visiting faculty identified and additional sessions were carried out
4	Shifting of courses among the semesters for better coherence	Proposal accepted and revision was carried out and the revised version shared with PRC and BOS for approval. Upon approval the changes were reflected in the next Programme structure.



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5	Proposal for conduct of additional workshops/ seminars to cover most recent development s	Proposal accepted- SSIS dialogues will be covering these aspects. Students will work closely with assigned faculty coordinator for planning, conduct and communication of the Dialogues.
6	Introduction of new courses in keeping with emerging trends.	Proposal for introduction of new course was shared with faculty members. Dr. Sukalpa Chakrabarti created new course on Geopolitics and Risk Analysis. The new course was approved and the course structure shared with PRC, BOS IR subcommittee and BOS for approval. Upon ratification, new course has been added to the Programme structure for next batch.

Dr. Sukalpa Chakrabarti

Name and Signature of Faculty in Charge / Coordinator

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Name of the Institute: Symbiosis School of International Studies		
Name of the Program: M.A.(International Studies)		
Teachers Feedback for design and review of syllabus		
Academic Year: 2017-2018		
Course Feedback was collected from teachers through discussions in faculty meetings. Based on the feedback received, if any major change is required it is placed before the Board of Studies (BOS) for approval. Action taken report is made from Minutes of Faculty meeting.		
No. of Respondents : 4		
Feedback key point/s: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research workshops to facilitate Dissertation – students (Sem III) requested for conduct of additional research sessions in Sem IV. This was approved by faculty as it would act as a refresher for research methodology and aid in dissertation research and writing process. 2. Proposal by faculty for semester shifts for existing courses – it was observed by faculty members that the current PS needs revision for achieving better coherence and in keeping with difficulty levels. 3. Faculty members discussed the prospect of embedding Career Counselling workshops under cocurricular activities to facilitate future placements (Sem IV) 4. Faculty shared that revision of course content for International Law is required. 		
Summary of Feedback Analysis and Action Taken:		
Sr. No	Particulars / Action Point	Action Taken
1	Research workshops to facilitate Dissertation	Proposal accepted and faculty identified for conduct of workshop
2	Proposal for semester shifts for existing courses	Proposal approved and ratified by BOS for incorporation in the next Programme structure.
3	Career Counselling workshops to be incorporated	Proposal accepted and the format for conduct designed and approved. Faculty has liaised with resource persons and planned for the workshops.
4	Revision of course content for International Law	Nomenclature change and revision of syllabus for course on International Law – revised course structure vetted through PRC, BOS IR Subcommittee, BOS and incorporated into Programme Structure.

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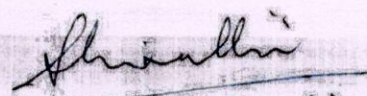
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Name of the Institute: Symbiosis School of International Studies		
Name of the programme: Master of Arts (International Studies)		
Alumni Feedback for design and review of syllabus		
Academic Year- 2016-18 batch		
SSIS has received feedback through emails, conversations and testimonials on various aspects of their overall experience. This includes relevance of the syllabus to the world of work, skill sets, international exposure, exposure to various stakeholder groups, global issues, and 21 st century learning skills-problem-solving, collaboration, communication and confidence.		
Sr. no	Aspects of syllabus	Student feedback
1.	Relevance of the syllabus to the world of work	Very good
2.	Skills necessary for the world of work	Good
3.	International Exposure	Good
4.	Exposure to various stakeholder groups	Excellent
5.	Global Issues	Excellent
6.	21 st century learning skills	Very good


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Name of the programme: Master of Arts (International Studies)		
Employers Feedback for design and review of syllabus		
(Batch 2016-18)		
Academic Year- 2017-18		
<p>As part of the programme, SSIS invites a number of experts from think tanks, diplomats, international civil servants from international organisations, academics from other universities and media professionals, to deliver guest lectures. The organisations that the experts belonged to are the most likely to recruit students from SSIS.</p> <p>To this end, the syllabus as well programme and course objectives were discussed with them by the Director. Informal feedback was collected from the experts from the aforesaid institutions. Discussions on which aspects of the courses could be improved upon and what could be incorporated into the programme structure to better the employability opportunities were discussed.</p>		
Sr. no	Particulars/Action points	Action Taken
1.	Experts, particularly scholars from think tanks and research institutes opined that students needed more formal training in different styles of writing; they also stressed on more training for qualitative research.	Writing workshops were conducted to respond to this observation. Qualitative research workshop was organised to help students better understand the nuances of research methods.
2.	Experts shared the importance of experiential learning; they believed that simulations could help bridge the theory-praxis gap.	Simulations under courses like Diplomacy and International Governance were duly organised to respond to the recommendation.

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