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(MAPIR)**

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Introduction and Philosophical Foundation

The Department of PAS houses two distinct but inter-related disciplines, namely Political Science and Public Administration. A Master's Degree programme in Public Administration was introduced in August 1990, with a sizeable Political Science component. That program has been reviewed at least three times since then. Throughout this period, the Department of PAS has been steadily building its capacity to introduce an independent Master's Degree Programme in Political Science. It is noteworthy to point out that Political Science is among a relatively few major disciplines that are not yet offered at a Master's level at this university. The PAS Department feels strongly that the time is ripe to mount a Master of Arts in Politics combined with its sub-discipline of International Relations (MAPIR). The two fields of Politics and International Relations constitute the hub of the long established discipline of Political Science.

Rationale

Botswana is the headquarters of some regional and international organisations such as SADC that is presently expanding its scope and functions; USAID; and more recently the EU. The reorganisation of SADC has led to tremendous expansion of its secretariat and functions that were coordinated by some member states, and these will now be managed from the enlarged headquarters. More or less the same can be said about the SADC cooperate (donor) partners, with regional support programmes such as the GTZ, and USAID. With Botswana's history of political stability and sustainable democracy, there is a good chance that a Master's degree in political science would provide a foundation or at least complement the envisaged Regional Centre of Excellence for Culture Peace and Security studies at the University of Botswana. There is also a large and growing pool of individuals who might seek to further develop and enhance their intellectual and professional knowledge in Politics and International Relations. The Department of PAS has over the years produced graduates with a major in Political Science, the majority of which have not had the opportunity for further studies in the field inside Botswana. The PAS department is therefore convinced that the Master of Arts in Politics and International Relations (MAPIR) will be a significant contribution to the educational development of Botswana.

The MAPIR seeks to provide an excellent academic and relevant programme of study that would contribute significantly to capacity building in the relevant Ministries and Departments in Botswana, in international organisations in the region, and in large corporations locally. The foundation of the programme is particularly strong as demonstrated by the diversity of the courses as well as the calibre of the staff who will be teaching in the programme.

The programme is intended to give the Department of Political and Administrative Studies a leading position among graduate studies in this field in the region and internationally. It is an innovative programme that blends key themes and trends in Politics and International Relations into a solid and comprehensive programme of study that also prepares students for Doctoral studies should they choose to pursue an academic career.

Main Aims and Specific objectives of the Programme

The programme intends to offer a sound intellectual foundation and practical knowledge to students who may choose to further an academic or/and applied career in the discipline of Political Science (i.e., either in Politics and/or International Relations). The main objective is to thrive for excellence and to supply highly trained graduates in politics and international relations. By the end of the programme the students will have gained the necessary intellectual knowledge and tools for academic and applied/practical work in the public and private sectors as well as non-governmental and international organizations. Thus, in terms of specific objectives, the programme will provide graduate students with avenue to:

- (i) Analyse and critique the utility of various theories in the Political Science field;
- (ii) Deal with theoretical and applied/practical work in the public and private sectors as well as non-governmental and international organizations;
- (iii) Grasp the relationship between politics, the state and development and the role of the state in politics and international relations;
- (iv) Discuss to appreciate the meaning and importance of ethics in public life as well as open and accountable government in contemporary societies.
- (v) Evaluate the conduct and content of foreign relations, statecraft and diplomacy to practitioners in the fields of international relations, negotiations, and organizations.
- (vi) Discuss the post-war (i.e., 1939-45) international politics and the capitalist world economy on which it rests;
- (vii) Critically engage and reflect on major policy and international administrative/management options related to global issues as well as being able to analyse and explain major international political trends, especially in the field of socio-economic and political cooperation, conflict prevention, management and resolution.

Management/Administrative Staff

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Academic Staff & Areas of Specialization/Research Interest

The department is made up of a vibrant group of academic staff active in research and publications that cover a wide variety of fields and subjects. Published works consist of books, monographs, journal articles, book reviews and conference proceedings. And these comprise of individual and collaborative efforts that reflect core disciplinary as well as inter and multi-disciplinary perspectives. The following is a list of staff and their areas of interest as at the beginning of the second semester of 2006-2007 academic year.

Professors

K. C. Sharma (Ph.D., Amsterdam) – Local Government; Public Enterprise Management; Public Sector Reforms and Capacity-Building for Policy Change and Sustainability; Comparative Public Administration; Development Management; Managerial Behaviour and Organizational Dynamics

Associate Professors

B. Tsie, (Ph.D., Leeds) – International Relations; The State and Regional Integration; Southern Africa in World Economy; Democratic Governance - **Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences**

M. G. Molomo (Ph.D., Boston) – State and Land Development; Southern African Politics; Democratization in Southern Africa; The Military; Political Parties and Electoral Systems; Ethnicity and Politics

G. S. Maipose (Ph.D., Manchester) – Public Financial Administration and Management; Foreign Aid and Debt Management in Africa; Public Sector Reforms; Structural Adjustment and Economic Diversification in Southern Africa; Administrative Capacities for Rural Development; Public Enterprises

Prof. R. Tangri (Ph.D., Edinburgh) – Governance; Corruption; Black Economic Empowerment in South Africa, Privatization and Politics of Economic Reforms in Africa

B. Z. Osei-Hwedie (Ph.D., Brandeis) – Foreign Policy of African States; Southern African Politics with Reference to Regional Groupings and Refugees; Food and Population Policy in Africa; Women and Development; Foreign Aid; International Organizations; Elections and Politics in Zambia

Senior Lecturers

M. H. Lekorwe (Ph.D., Birmingham) – Local Government; Development Administration; Public Administration in Botswana; Administration of Public Enterprises; Democracy and Governance

I. N. Obasi (Ph.D., Univ. of Nigeria, Nsukka) – Public Sector Industrial Relations; Public Policy Analysis; Research Methodology; Higher Education Policy and Management; Human Resource Management.

L. B. Dzimbiri (Ph.D) Keele Univ. UK) - Industrial Relations Theory and Practice; Human Resource Management and Development; Organisation Theory and Management; Organisation Development; Public Policy and Administration; Development Management; Poverty Alleviation.

Z. Maundeni (Ph.D., York) – Political Philosophy, State and Development; Democracy and Democratization; Human Rights

D. Sebudubudu (Ph.D., Leeds) – Corruption, Ethics and Accountability; African Politics; International Relations.

Lecturers

E. Bwalya (Ph.D., Bradford) – International Relations; Regional Integration; Southern African Politics; Conflict Management and Conflict Resolution; Democratic Governance.

D. Mpabanga (Ph.D., Strathclyde) – Human Resource Management; Project Appraisal and Management; Organization Behaviour

A. Mfundisi (MA, Manchester) – Local Government Administration; Management of Public Enterprises; Public Policy Analysis.

D. Molaodi (MA, Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison) – Project Planning and Management; Local Government Administration; Public Policy; Management of Public Services

E.K. Botlhale (Ph.D., Cleveland State University) – Public Sector Management, Financial Management; Development Administration.

T. Seleke, (MPA, University of Botswana) Development Management, Human Resource Management, Public Enterprise Management and Privatization

B. Mothusi (M.Sc., University College, London) – Local Government; Development

Administration and Planning (On Study Leave).

B. Motshegwa (M.Sc., Manchester) – Human Resources Management; Organization Development; Organization Theories (On Study Leave).

G. Mokhawa (MPA, University of Botswana) – Local government; Local Government Finance; Government Budgeting; Public administration in Botswana. (On Study Leave)

K. Molefhe, (MA, Monash) Human Resource Development; Leadership Development; Organization Theory and Development (On Study Leave).

Regulations

1.0 Preamble

Subject to Academic General Regulations, and the Faculty of Social Sciences Special Regulations, the following **special regulations** shall apply.

2.0 Degree Programme

The programme of study shall be offered for the award of the Master's Degree in Politics and International Relations (MAPIR).

3.0 Entrance Qualifications

3.1 The minimum entrance requirements shall be a Bachelor's degree in the Social Sciences with at least a second class second division or equivalent. Preference shall be given to majors in Political Science or an associated discipline.

3.2 Applicants who hold a university degree other than in the Social Sciences, may be admitted if they passed with at least second class, second division, or its equivalent and with at least two years relevant work experience. Such applicants may be required to attend an interview and/or take a qualifying examination.

3.3 Work experience in areas covered by the programme will be taken into account, but will not outweigh formal academic qualifications.

4.0 Programme Structure

4.1 The Master's degree shall be offered as follows: option one (course work and dissertation); option two (course work and research essay); option three (course work only).

4.2 To successfully complete the programme a student shall be required to obtain a total of 48 credits.

4.3 There shall be a total of eight core courses of 3 credits each.

4.4 A student pursuing course work and dissertation (option one) shall be required to

complete 24 credits of core courses and successfully complete POL 719 Dissertation, which is equivalent to 24 credits. In addition, a student shall be required to demonstrate a capacity for independent research and obtain an average of at least 60 per cent in core course work in order to take the dissertation option.

- 4.5 A student who chooses to do course work and research essay shall in addition to the 24 credits of core courses and 12 credits of options, take POL 718 Research Essay, which shall be equivalent to 12 credits.
- 4.6 A student pursuing course work only (option three) shall be required to complete 24 credits of core courses and 24 credits of optional courses.
- 4.7 A student shall complete the core courses before embarking on the dissertation or research essay.

4.8 The following shall be the required Core Courses:

POL 610	Theories of International Relations
MPA 718	Ethics and Accountability in Public Administration*
POL 611	Africa and the International System
MPA 603	Research methods and Computer Application*
POL 612	World Politics Since 1945
POL 613	Globalisation: Theories and Practice (co-coded/ DVS 605)
MPA 610	State and Development Policy in the developing countries*
POL 614	Democratisation: Potentials and Constraints

4.9 Optional Courses shall be selected from the following:

POL 710	Human Rights in World Politics
POL 711	Security, Conflict and War
MPA 615	Environmental and Natural Resources Management* (co-coded with
ENV 610	Integrated Environmental Analysis and Management 1*; or with
ENV 629	National Resource Use Policies*
MPA 716	International Organisations*
POL 712	Foreign Policy Analysis
POL 713	Diplomacy and State Craft
POL 714	Selected Issues in International Politics
POL 715	Select Topics in Political Thought
POL 716	Select Issues in Politics
MPA 715	Southern Africa in the World Economy*
DVS 606:	Gender and Development*
POL 717	Government and Politics in the North: the US and the EU
ECO 701:	Development Economics*
ECO 713:	International Trade Theory and Policy*
ECO 706:	Resources and Environmental Economics*
LAW 608:	International Criminal Law*

LAW 609:	International Human Rights Law*
LAW 610:	World Trade Law and Developing Countries*
LAW 613:	International Environment Law*
LAW 615:	Alternative Dispute Resolution*
POP 702:	Population, Environment and Development*
POP 703:	Gender, Population and Development*
DVS 610:	NGOs and Development*
DVS 703:	Social Impact of Structural Adjustment Policies in Africa*
DVS 704:	Dynamics of Poverty in the Third World*
ENV 621:	Economic Aspects of Resource Utilization and Management*
ENV 634:	Waste Management and Pollution Control*.

* indicates already existing courses. The presentation of specific Options in a particular semester will be determined by staff availability and student enrolment: a minimum of three students will influence course presentation.

Research Courses

POL 718	Research Essay
POL 719	Dissertation

5.0 Duration of the Programme

5.1 The normal length of the programme shall be four semesters by full-time study and six semesters for part-time study.

6.0 Dissertation and Research Essay

6.1 A student shall be required to submit a research topic to the head of the PAS Department before the completion of course work and a dissertation proposal shall be presented to the Departmental Board for consideration and approval.

6.2 Only once a proposal has been approved by the Department Board can a student be considered to be formally pursuing this option.

6.3 Supervision and examination of dissertation and research essays shall be governed by Academic General Regulations 40.7 to 40.73.10.

6.4 The dissertation will be graded in order to promote excellence in students' research.

7.0 Assessment and Examinations

7.1 The assessment of a student shall be based upon participation in class discussion, one or more written pieces of work, and a final examination at the end of the semester in which the course is taken, except Dissertation (POL 719) and Research Essay (POL 718), which will be governed by Academic General

Regulations 40.73.

- 7.2 The Department reserves the right to review the mode of assessment from time to time, and shall specify mode of assessment prior to any intake or at the start of the semester in which the course is taken.
- 7.3 All examination question papers and examination scripts shall be moderated.
- 7.4 The ratio between assessed written work and final examination shall be 1:1.
- 7.5 Passing a course and calculation of cumulative GPA shall be in accordance with Academic General Regulations 40.533 and 40.532.

8.0 Progression from Semester to Semester

- 8.1 Progression shall be governed by Academic General Regulations 40.61 to 40.63.

9.0 Award of the Degree

- 9.1 The MAPIR degree shall be awarded to the student on successful completion of all programme requirements

10.0 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

POL 610 THEORIES OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

This course provides an overview of an array of theories of international relations, from the major debate of realism vs. neo-liberalism to "radical" challengers such as Marxism, dependencia, critical theory, postmodernism, and feminism to approaches that look inside political actors such as foreign policy analysis and leadership.

POL 611 AFRICA AND THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

The course covers Africa's international linkages, cross-border regional ties, and conflicts in Africa with an international aspect to them. The concentration is on Africa north of southern Africa.

POL 612 WORLD POLITICS SINCE 1945

This course will cover the main international issues in global politics since 1945. It considers the Cold War and its demise, the rise and decline of Communism, decolonisation in Africa and Asia, conflict in the Middle East, the quest for European economic and political integration as well as serious global environmental problems.

POL 613 GLOBALISATION: THEORIES AND PRACTICE

The course traces the origin of globalisation and its impact on both developing and developed countries in the post Cold War international arena.

POL 614 DEMOCRATISATION: POTENTIALS AND CONSTRAINTS

This course will engage the students in recognising that democratisation represents an unending struggle and that it takes on different forms. Students will learn that democracy is not simply a political system, but is also an idea or aspiration upheld by large numbers of people at different places and times.

POL 710 HUMAN RIGHTS IN WORLD POLITICS

This course explores the current state of the international human rights regime and its evolution since World War II. With the emergence of the United Nations human rights became firmly established in the international relations of states. Subsequently, monitoring and reporting capabilities of international governmental and non-governmental organizations increased markedly and a new set of human rights actors such as Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch emerged on the international scene. At the same time, gross human rights violations continue to occur in many regions of the world. What are the sources of such violations and why does repression occur?

POL 711 SECURITY, CONFLICT AND WAR

This course studies various contemporary conflicts configuring the world, with reference to Africa and other conflict areas in the world. The role, origins, and costs of, and possible policy responses to, violence and conflict are examined.

POL 712 FOREIGN POLICY ANALYSIS

This course is about the making and implementation of foreign policy in theory and practice. It covers the theoretical literature on foreign policymaking as well as case studies. Specifically, the course aims to generate familiarity with the origins and development of foreign policy analysis, and contending approaches to the analysis of the foreign policies of various actors at multiple levels.

POL 713 DIPLOMACY AND STATECRAFT

The topics to be covered include the evolution of modern diplomacy, the modes of diplomacy, the negotiation process, tactics of negotiation, and negotiating styles. A Model United Nations simulation as well as other simulations will be used in this regard in order to help students strengthen their negotiating skills. Students will gain first-hand knowledge of and valuable insights into diplomacy and negotiation through simulation.

POL 714 SELECTED ISSUES IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

This course will engage the students in seminars after undergoing through a process of directed readings in topics of their choice and will promote interactive learning and help them to specialise.

POL 715 SELECTED TOPICS IN POLITICAL THOUGHT

This course provides guided reading in chosen fundamental values. Creating a philosophical mind that is able to inquire into fundamental values is the expected product of this course.

POL 716 SELECTED ISSUES IN POLITICS

Topics in this course range from poverty and poverty alleviation, to debt and underdevelopment, to ways in which modern societies are dealing with issues of ethnicity, gender and identity. Its coverage is diverse and allows appreciation of the diversity of the kind of socio-political issues that confront the modern world.

POL 717 GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS IN THE NORTH: US AND EU

This course will study the political economies of selected countries in the North. Students will examine the strengths and weaknesses of key states in the global economy, discuss the United States and the European Union and the dynamics and processes that drive these important areas of the world.

POL 718 RESEARCH ESSAY

This shall be a desk-based supervised research paper, including critical appraisal of literature on the selected topic.

POL 719 DISSERTATION

The dissertation, supervised by a member of staff and aimed at producing new or critical knowledge, shall involve a verbal presentation of a written research proposal, an elaborate field work, analysis, and write-up of the findings that will be examined.

Information and Application Forms

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