



**L.D. ARTS  
COLLEGE**  
(AUTONOMOUS)



# MASTER OF ARTS (M. A.)

POLITICAL SCIENCE & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
2 YEARS PROGRAMME

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## UNDERSTANDING AUTONOMY:

- Autonomy is the prestigious status conferred by the UGC to reputable colleges with outstanding performance and a history of excellence. The Autonomy status grants institutions the authority to independently design and implement their academic programs and curriculum.
- At L.D. Arts College, we are proud to be recognized as an autonomous institution, conferred with the esteemed status by the UGC. This distinction signifies our commitment to academic excellence and innovation in education. As an autonomous college affiliated with Gujarat University, we hold the reins to design our own programs and curricula, ensuring that our students receive a dynamic and industry-relevant education.

## WHAT AUTONOMY MEANS FOR THE STUDENTS:

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**Curricular Freedom:** Autonomous colleges have the authority to craft their own programs and curriculum. This means that we can tailor our courses to meet the evolving needs of the industry, incorporate cutting-edge technology, and address societal demands.

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**Degree Affiliation:** While we have the autonomy to design our curriculum, it's important to note that the college continues to be affiliated with Gujarat University, and the degree is conferred by Gujarat University, ensuring that our qualifications maintain their credibility and recognition.

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**Industry-Relevant Education:** With the freedom to decide our curriculum, we prioritize staying abreast of industry trends, integrating state-of-the-art technology, and incorporating timely updates. This ensures that our courses remain relevant and aligned with the demands of the modern workforce.

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**Flexibility and Adaptability:** As an Autonomous college, we have the flexibility to update our courses as needed, ensuring that our students are equipped with the most up-to-date knowledge and skills. This means that you won't be learning outdated concepts but rather staying ahead of the curve in your field of study.

## MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.) POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The Master of Arts (M.A.) – Political Science and International Relations programme is an advanced postgraduate programme designed to develop high-level analytical, theoretical, and research competence in the study of politics and international relations. The programme is designed to deepen learners' understanding of political theories, state institutions, governance processes, public policy, international systems, and global power structures through rigorous academic engagement and research-oriented learning. The programme places strong emphasis on advanced theoretical inquiry, comparative analysis, empirical research, policy evaluation, and interdisciplinary perspectives. It equips learners with the intellectual tools required to critically examine complex political and international phenomena such as global governance, security challenges, diplomacy, development, environmental politics, and international political economy.

## PROGRAM LEARNING OBJECTIVES



**Advanced Theoretical and Analytical Competence** Graduates of the M.A. programme will develop an advanced understanding of political science and international relations theories and apply them critically to analyse complex political, governance, and global issues.

**Research and Methodological Proficiency** Graduates will acquire strong research capabilities, including the use of qualitative and quantitative methods, enabling them to design, conduct, and present independent scholarly research in political science and international relations.



**Policy Analysis and Professional Application** Graduates will demonstrate the ability to critically evaluate public policies, governance frameworks, and international agreements, and apply their knowledge in professional contexts such as policy research, administration, diplomacy, and advisory roles

**Ethical Scholarship and Global Citizenship** Graduates will uphold ethical standards, constitutional values, academic integrity, and social responsibility while engaging with national and global political challenges, contributing meaningfully to democratic governance and international cooperation.



## PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

**Advanced Disciplinary Knowledge** Demonstrate in-depth and critical understanding of advanced political theories, international relations frameworks, governance models, public policy processes, and global political structures.

**Research Design and Methodological Competence** Design and conduct independent research using appropriate qualitative, quantitative, and mixed research methods, including data analysis, interpretation, and scholarly writing at postgraduate standards.

**Critical and Analytical Thinking** Critically analyse contemporary political, administrative, and international issues by engaging with theoretical debates, empirical evidence, and comparative perspectives.

**Policy Analysis and Evaluation** Evaluate public policies, governance mechanisms, international treaties, and global institutions using analytical frameworks, and propose evidence-based, context-sensitive policy recommendations.

**Scholarly Communication** Communicate complex political and international arguments effectively through research papers, policy briefs, seminars, presentations, and academic discussions using appropriate academic conventions.

**Professional and Academic Application** Apply advanced disciplinary knowledge and research skills in professional contexts such as public administration, diplomacy, policy research, civil society organisations, think tanks, media, and academia.

**Ethics, Constitutional Values, and Global Responsibility** Demonstrate ethical reasoning, academic integrity, constitutional morality, and commitment to democratic values, human rights, and global justice in research and professional practice.

**Interdisciplinary and Global Perspective** Integrate interdisciplinary insights from economics, sociology, law, and history to understand complex national and global political challenges within a globalised environment.

**Lifelong Learning and Doctoral Readiness:** Exhibit readiness for doctoral research, continuous learning, and professional development by adapting to evolving theoretical, methodological, and global political contexts

## CAREER PROSPECTUS

The M.A. – Political Science and International Relations programme equips graduates with advanced knowledge, research competence, and analytical skills, enabling them to pursue diverse academic, professional, and policy-oriented careers.

### Career Pathways include:

#### Higher Education & Research

- PhD programmes in Political Science, International Relations, Public Policy, and allied disciplines
- Research Assistant / Project Associate roles in universities and research institutions

#### Policy and Think Tank Sector

- Policy Analyst
- Research Associate in national and international think tanks
- Public policy consulting organisations

#### Media, Civil Society, and Advocacy

- Political analysis and commentary
- Civil society organisations and advocacy groups
- Development and governance-focused NGOs

#### Civil Services and Government Sector

- Civil Services and Allied Services
- State and Central Government departments
- Public administration and governance institutions

#### International Organisations

- United Nations and affiliated agencies
- International NGOs and development organisations
- Global governance and diplomacy-related institutions

#### Academia and Teaching

- Teaching positions (as per regulatory norms)
- Academic content development and curriculum design

## JOIN US TODAY

Join us today and step into the dynamic world of politics, governance, and global affairs. At L.D. Arts College (Autonomous), our Master of Arts in Political Science and International Relations blends in-depth academic insight with real-world perspectives, preparing you for impactful careers in public policy, diplomacy, research, media, and beyond. Expand your horizons—study with us and shape the future of nations.



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