



MA in Contemporary Iranian Studies – MACIS 2008 – 2009 Tehran – Iran

About MACIS

The School of International Relations (SIR) is pleased to announce the beginning of the 4th round of the MA degree program in Iranian Studies for international students in the coming September. This unique degree is especially designed to meet the increasing global demand for an accredited academic program focusing on contemporary Iran.

MACIS is a one-year program requiring 28 credits for coursework and 4 credits for the research essay in fulfillment of the official requirements of graduate studies in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

While the general orientation of the program is to concentrate on the politics and foreign relations of Iran, the courses offered are interdisciplinary and examine, among others, the Iranian political history, geography, and economy; Iranian culture and society; Iranian foreign policy; Iranian relations with international organizations; Iran and the Middle East; and, Iran and regional / international security.

Visit to the historical cities of Isfahan and Shiraz will be arranged to provide the students with realities about Iran's glorious past and attractive present.

Admission Requirement

Prospective applicants must hold a qualified BA or BSC, preferably in the humanities, to be approved by the Ministry of Science, Research and Technology of the Islamic Republic of Iran. They must also submit the Application for Admission (download from the Website); detailed Resumé (CV); Official Transcript (two copies); Proof of Proficiency in the English Language; Personal Statement (outlining how the program fits in with academic / professional needs and objectives); Samples of Essay; Letters of Recommendation (two sealed academic / professional reference letters); Six Recent Passport-sized Photographs; and, Copy of the Main Pages of Passport.



Language Requirement

The working language of the program is English. Applicants must provide proof of their proficiency in English along with the application for admission.

The School will provide optional Persian language courses to the students throughout the program.

MA Graduation Requirement

The MA degree will be awarded by the School of International Relations in accordance with the official national rules and regulations.

Tuition and Expenses

Tuition for the academic program is €4,700, payable at once or in three installments, which also includes the fee for the scientific and cultural trips around the country.

The students who require housing accommodation and meals would pay €3,000 extra.

Dates and Deadlines

The academic year is scheduled to begin on September 1, 2008. The deadline for submitting admission forms along with all pertinent documents is May 1, 2008. Qualified applicants will be notified by July 1, 2008.

Student Support Center

The Student Support Center of the School of International Relations will assist the applicants admitted to the MA in Contemporary Iranian Studies in obtaining visas through the Embassies and Consulates General of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Center would provide facilities for the arrival, housing accommodation, health insurance, and other needs of the students of



the School of International Relations. It makes the necessary housing arrangements for married couples as well.

Forwarding Address

The admission form is available at the Website of the School of International Relations. All materials and correspondences must be forwarded to:

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