

## **DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT STUDIES**

University of Ladakh, Leh Campus

### **About the Department**

The Department of International Conflict Studies at the University of Ladakh is dedicated to the interdisciplinary study of global politics, conflict, strategic affairs, peace building and international relations. Located in the geopolitically significant Trans-Himalayan region, the Department offers students a unique intellectual environment to engage with contemporary global and regional challenges from the vantage point of Ladakh- a region where issues of borders, connectivity, security, environment and culture intersect in meaningful ways.

The Department aims to nurture critical thinking, policy-oriented research, interdisciplinary learning and global perspectives, while preparing students for careers in academia, diplomacy, public policy, strategic analysis, international organisations, media and civil services. Inspired by the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the UGC framework on university–industry linkages, we maintain a careful balance between conceptual depth, research engagement and professional exposure.

### **Our Programmes**

#### **MA in International Relations (MA IR) *Admissions Open · 2026–28***

A newly launched independent programme for the study of global politics, diplomacy, regional studies and international cooperation. Offered from the current academic session, this programme reflects the University's commitment to creating a dynamic and future-oriented space for engagement with world affairs.

- Duration: 2 Years. 4 Semesters
- Intake: 30 Seats
- Eligibility: Bachelor's degree in any discipline from a recognised university (10+2+3 pattern)
- Registration Fee: ₹100 only
- Last Date to Apply: 7 June 2026

## **MA in International Conflict Studies (MA ICS) *In collaboration with the United Service Institution of India · 2026–28***

An industry-integrated 80-credit programme jointly administered with the USI–CMHCS, New Delhi. Students earn credits both through in-class learning at the Leh campus and through immersive, industry-linked sessions with defence veterans, military historians and policy experts in New Delhi.

- Duration: 2 Years · 4 Semesters
- Credits: 80 total (48 credits of core courses + 32 credits under university-industry linkage component)
- Eligibility: Bachelor's degree from any UGC-recognised university (10+2+3 pattern). Serving officers of the Indian Defence Forces are encouraged to apply on Study Leave.
- Registration Fee: ₹100 only
- Mode: Self-financed

### **Why Study Here**

**Strategic Trans-Himalayan Location-** Study international relations at the crossroads of South Asia, Central Asia and the Indo-Pacific, with direct exposure to issues of borders, geopolitics, connectivity, environment and security.

**Industry-Linked Learning-** Internship support with think tanks, research institutions, media organisations, NGOs and government bodies enhances practical and professional exposure.

**Foreign Language Opportunities-** Learn a foreign language alongside core courses to strengthen your global outlook and career prospects.

**Contemporary Interdisciplinary Curriculum-** Engage with themes such as geopolitics, climate change, migration, Himalayan security, global governance and emerging technologies.

**Strategic and Regional Focus-** Special emphasis on India's neighbourhood, the Indo-Pacific, Eurasia and Himalayan studies.

**Research-Oriented Learning-** Develop skills in critical thinking, policy analysis, academic writing and independent research.

**Diverse Career Opportunities-** Prepare for careers in academia, diplomacy, civil services, journalism, public policy, international organisations such as the United Nations, research institutions and think tanks.

## **Contact and Admissions**

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*Applications for the 2026–28 academic year are open. Last date to apply: 7 June 2026.*