**QUALIFICATION: Bachelor of Arts in International Relations (99302)**

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| **Qualification Title** | Bachelor of Arts in International Relations |
| **Qualification title abbreviation** | BA (International Relations) |
| **Mode of delivery** | Distance |
| **NQF Exit Level** | Level 7 |
| **Total credits** | 360 |
| **Minimum duration full** | 3 |
| **Minimum duration part** | 3 |
| **Qualification type** | Bachelors degree 360-credit |
| **Qualification designator** | Arts |
| **CESM** | 20 Social Sciences |
| **Professional class** | Non-Professional |
| **Research credits** | 0 |
| **Structured or with electives** | Electives |
| **Major field of study** | 2006 Political Science and Government |
| **Minimum admission requirements** | A National Senior Certificate (NSC) (Degree endorsement) with at least 50% in the language of teaching and learning,  or  A Senior Certificate (SC) with matriculation exemption or qualify for the exemption from the Matriculation Board with at least a D symbol on HG or a C symbol on SG in the language of teaching and learning.  Candidates, who do not comply with the above requirements, should consider applying for a lower level qualification for which they meet the statutory and additional requirements. |
| **Qualification reference number** | 99302 |
| **SAQA qualification ID** | 15936 |
| **Replacing which qualifications** | Bachelor of Arts in Human and Social Studies with specialisation in International Relations and Diplomacy (99302) |

**Review comments**

In terms of the HEQSF at least 50% of the curriculum should be in fields related to the qualifier. Currently it appears that a candidate may complete the qualification with 168 credits in the broad field of the qualifier given the nature of the compulsory modules. This does not amount to 50%. In addition it appears that only 24 credits relate explicitly to diplomacy. Hence the institution should also review the title of the qualification or motivate why 'diplomacy' should be included in the title, or review the structure of the curriculum to reflect an appropriate balance between the two components of the qualifier.

**Defferal comments:**

The institution's response to the reviewer's comments is inadequate. An adequate justification for why 'diplomacy' should form part of the qualifier is not provided. The institution's response to the need for at least 50% of the curriculum to be related to the fields of the qualifier is not convincing.

**Institutions response:**

In taking the evaluator’s comments into consideration Unisa approached and received approval from the Executive Committee of Senate as well as the Management Committee of the university to rename the qualification to Bachelor of Arts in International Relations.

The institution has further addressed the recommendation by the CHE by ensuring that more than 50% of the modules are in the field related to the qualifier; CESM category 2006 to ensure compliance to the HEQSF

The revised curriculum is presented for consideration.

**Programme design details**

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| **Modules** | **NQF Level** | **Credits** | **Year Level** | **Compulsory** | **Elective** | **CESM category** | **Module status: Removed / Added / Modified / Unchanged** |
| **FIRST LEVEL** | | | | | | | |
| **Group A. Compulsory** | | | | | | | |
| APC1502 - The Politics of Contemporary Africa | 5 | 12 | 1 | Yes | No | 2006 | Unchanged |
| ECS1501 - Economics IA | 5 | 12 | 1 | Yes | No | 0404 | Unchanged |
| ECS1601 - Economics IB | 5 | 12 | 1 | Yes | No | 0404 | Unchanged |
| ENN103F - English for Academic Purposes | 5 | 12 | 1 | Yes | No | 1102 | Unchanged |
| IPC1501 - Fundamentals of International Politics | 5 | 12 | 1 | Yes | No | 2006 | Unchanged |
| IPC1502 - South Africa in International Politics | 5 | 12 | 1 | Yes | No | 2006 | Unchanged |
| APC1501 - Political Evolution of the African State | 5 | 12 | 1 | Yes | No | 2006 | Unchanged |
| **GROUP B. Select 1 of the following** | | | | | | | |
| ARB1501 - Elementary Arabic | 5 | 12 | 1 | No | Yes | 1117 | Unchanged |
| FRC1501 - French Language and Culture: Beginners | 5 | 12 | 1 | No | Yes | 1115 | Unchanged |
| FRC1502 - French Language and Culture: Lower Intermediate | 5 | 12 | 1 | No | Yes | 1115 | Unchanged |
| MAN1501 - Rumen Hanyu: Introduction to Mandarin Chinese | 5 | 12 | 1 | No | Yes | 1116 | Unchanged |
| MAN1502 - Shiyong Hanyu: Practical Mandarin Chinese | 5 | 12 | 1 | No | Yes | 1116 | Unchanged |
| PTU1501 - Portuguese Language and Culture: Beginners | 5 | 12 | 1 | No | Yes | 1115 | Unchanged |
| PTU1502 - Portuguese Language and Culture: Lower Intermediate | 5 | 12 | 1 | No | Yes | 1115 | Unchanged |
| **GROUP C. Select 2 of the following** | | | | | | | |
| COM1502 - Communication Contexts and Applications | 5 | 12 | 1 | No | Yes | 0501 | Unchanged |
| EUP1501 - Ethical Information and Communication Technologies for Development Solutions | 5 | 12 | 1 | No | Yes | 0605 | Unchanged |
| GGH1502 - World Issues: A Geographical Perspective | 5 | 12 | 1 | No | Yes | 1405 | Unchanged |
| ICS1501 - An Introduction to Islam | 5 | 12 | 1 | No | Yes | 1702 | Unchanged |
| INF1505 - Introduction to Business Information Systems | 5 | 12 | 1 | No | Yes | 0604 | Unchanged |
| PLC1502 - Understanding the State | 5 | 12 | 1 | No | Yes | 2006 | Unchanged |
| RST1501 - Introduction to History of Religions | 5 | 12 | 1 | No | Yes | 1702 | Unchanged |
| STA1510 - Basic Statistics | 5 | 12 | 1 | No | Yes | 1503 | Unchanged |
| FUR2601 - Fundamental Rights | 5 | 12 | 1 | No | Yes | 1205 | Unchanged |
| **Total credits at level 1 = 120** | | | | **Total Compulsory Credits: 84** | **Total Elective Credits: 36** |  | |
| **SECOND LEVEL** | | | | | | | |
| **GROUP A. Compulsory** | | | | | | | |
| APC2601 - Political Change in Contemporary Africa | 6 | 12 | 2 | Yes | No | 2006 | Unchanged |
| APC2602 - Political Economy of Africa | 6 | 12 | 2 | Yes | No | 2006 | Unchanged |
| COM2602 - Integrated Organisational Communication | 6 | 12 | 2 | Yes | No | 0501 | Unchanged |
| ECS2603 - South African Economic Indicators | 6 | 12 | 2 | Yes | No | 0404 | Unchanged |
| IPC2601 - International Organisations | 6 | 12 | 2 | Yes | No | 2006 | Unchanged |
| IPC2602 - International Political Dynamics | 6 | 12 | 2 | Yes | No | 2006 | Unchanged |
| PSC2601 - South African Politics | 6 | 12 | 2 | Yes | No | 2006 | Unchanged |
| **GROUP B. Select 1 to 3 of the following** | | | | | | | |
| ECS2601 - Microeconomics | 6 | 12 | 2 | No | Yes | 0404 | Unchanged |
| ECS2602 - Macroeconomics | 6 | 12 | 2 | No | Yes | 0404 | Unchanged |
| ECS2608 - Economic History of the World | 6 | 12 | 2 | No | Yes | 0404 | Unchanged |
| PLC2601 - Understanding Political Behaviour and Participation | 6 | 12 | 2 | No | Yes | 2006 | Unchanged |
| PLC2602 - Politics and Public Policy | 6 | 12 | 2 | No | Yes | 2006 | Unchanged |
| RSC2601 - Research in Social Sciences | 6 | 12 | 2 | No | Yes | 2099 | Unchanged |
| SOC2602 - Globalisation and Social Change in South Africa | 6 | 12 | 2 | No | Yes | 2007 | Unchanged |
| **GROUP C. Select 1 or 2 from the following if you have selected fewer than 3 from Group B** | | | | | | | |
| ARB2602 - Pre-Intermediate Arabic | 6 | 12 | 2 | No | Yes | 1117 | Unchanged |
| ARB2603 - Intermediate Arabic | 6 | 12 | 2 | No | Yes | 1117 | Unchanged |
| FRC2601 - French Language and Culture: Intermediate | 6 | 12 | 2 | No | Yes | 1115 | Unchanged |
| FRC2602 - French for Professional Purposes: Introduction | 6 | 12 | 2 | No | Yes | 1115 | Unchanged |
| FRC2603 - French Literature: Introduction | 6 | 12 | 2 | No | Yes | 1115 | Unchanged |
| MAN2601 - Shenghuo Hanyu: Living Mandarin Chinese | 6 | 12 | 2 | No | Yes | 1116 | Unchanged |
| MAN2602 - Huoyong Hanyu: Applied Mandarin Chinese | 6 | 12 | 2 | No | Yes | 1116 | Unchanged |
| PTU2601 - Portuguese Language and Culture: Intermediate Level | 6 | 12 | 2 | No | Yes | 1115 | Unchanged |
| PTU2602 - Modern Portuguese Literature and Society | 6 | 12 | 2 | No | Yes | 1115 | Unchanged |
| **Total credits at level 2 = 120** | | | | **Total Compulsory Credits: 84** | **Total Elective Credits: 36** |  | |
| **THIRD LEVEL** | | | | | | | |
| **GROUP A. Compulsory** | | | | | | | |
| APC3701 - The Politics of Southern Africa | 7 | 12 | 3 | Yes | No | 2006 | Unchanged |
| IPC3701 - International Political Theory | 7 | 12 | 3 | Yes | No | 2006 | Unchanged |
| IPC3702 - International Political Economy | 7 | 12 | 3 | Yes | No | 2006 | Unchanged |
| IPC3703 - Diplomacy | 7 | 12 | 3 | Yes | No | 2006 | Unchanged |
| PLC3702 - Democracy and Other Forms of Regime | 7 | 12 | 3 | Yes | No | 2006 | Unchanged |
| PRI3701 - Principles of International Law | 7 | 12 | 3 | Yes | No | 1201 | Unchanged |
| PSC3702 - Political Conflict and Conflict Resolution | 7 | 12 | 3 | Yes | No | 2006 | Unchanged |
| APC3702 - The Politics of East Africa | 7 | 12 | 3 | Yes | No | 2006 | Unchanged |
| **GROUP B. Select 2 of the following** | | | | | | | |
| APC3703 - The Politics of West and North Africa | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 2006 | Unchanged |
| ARB3704 - Advanced Arabic | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 1117 | Unchanged |
| ARB3705 - Basic Arabic Literary Texts | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 1117 | Unchanged |
| ARB3706 - Specialist Arabic Literary Text | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 1117 | Unchanged |
| ARB3707 - Advanced Arabic Literary Texts | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 1117 | Unchanged |
| COM3702 - Media Studies: Institutions, Theories and issues | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 0501 | Unchanged |
| COM3705 - International Communication | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 0502 | Unchanged |
| ECS3702 - International Trade | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 0404 | Unchanged |
| ECS3703 - International Finance | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 0404 | Unchanged |
| FRC3701 - French Language and Culture: Advanced Oral | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 1115 | Unchanged |
| FRC3702 - French for Professional Purposes: Hotel and Tourism | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 1115 | Unchanged |
| FRC3703 - French Literature: France (Advanced) | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 1115 | Unchanged |
| FRC3704 - French Literature: Francophone Countries (Advanced) | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 1115 | Unchanged |
| FRC3705 - Practical Translation From and Into French | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 1115 | Unchanged |
| HSY3701 - Decolonisation, Independence and Social Change in Modern Africa | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 2003 | Unchanged |
| HSY3702 - Themes in 20th Century World History: Towards Globalisation | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 2003 | Unchanged |
| HSY3703 - Globalisation | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 2003 | Unchanged |
| ICS3705 - Islamic Politics and Economics | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 1702 | Unchanged |
| MAN3701 - Introduction to Chinese Culture, Customs and Traditions | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 1116 | Unchanged |
| MAN3702 - Zhongguo Chengyu: Chinese Wisdom Tales, Idioms and Proverbs | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 1116 | Added |
| MAN3703 - Gaoji Hanyu: Advanced Mandarin Chinese | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 1116 | Unchanged |
| MAN3704 - Zongguo Wenxuan: Selected Readings of Modern Chinese Literature | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 1116 | Unchanged |
| MAN3705 - Shangyong Zhongwen: Business Chinese | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 1116 | Unchanged |
| MNI3701 - Global Business Environment | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 0409 | Unchanged |
| PSC3701 - Contemporary Issues in Politics: Capita Selecta | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 2006 | Unchanged |
| PTU3701 - Portuguese Language for Specific Purposes: Advanced | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 1115 | Unchanged |
| PTU3702 - Portuguese Translation Practice | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 1115 | Unchanged |
| PTU3703 - Advanced Language Skills in Portuguese (Oral and Written) | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 1115 | Unchanged |
| PTU3704 - Modern Brazilian Literature and Society |  | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 1115 | Unchanged |
| PTU3705 - Lusophone African Literature | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 1115 | Unchanged |
| **Total credits at level 3 = 120** | | | | **Total Compulsory Credits: 96** | **Total Electives Credits: 24** |  | |
| **Total Credits: 360** | | | | | | | |