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School of
**Arts, Humanities
and Social Sciences**

B.A. (Hons.)

Political Science and International Relations



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Dean

Professor of Business Economics,
Indian Economy

Trainer & Consultant



‘The Science of Society is the foundation for understanding the pursuit of truth through various domains of knowledge, expression and experience.’

The School of Arts, Humanities and Social Science comprises of programmes in Economics, Political Science and International Relations, Psychology and Social Work chosen to drive the collective vision of the University, as a monument of collective philanthropy for social aspiration and global commitment for well being. The Programmes guided by some of the finest academicians of contemporary world seeks to integrate a Multi and Transdisciplinary approach in applying Ethics, Compassion, Critical aptitude and digital perspectives in learning the various domains for seeking solutions to global concerns and curating a new age profession for the knowledge era.

We at Chanakya, welcome you to experience the power of humanizing education and research through Technology to create a career as unique as your own Attitude, Aptitude and Aspiration.

Faculty Members



Dr. Saurav Sarmah

Specialist in Sinology, Geopolitics,
Political Philosophy and Religion
PhD, MPhil, MA from SIS, JNU



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Taiwan MoFA Fellow (2024) and Shastri Indo-
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PhD, MPhil from SIS, JNU
MA, BA from BHU



Sri Deepak Raj Pandaya

Marie Curie Fellow (2015-17) and Konrad
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Accomplished Civil Servant
Indian Postal Service (1991)
Former Chief Postmaster General, Bihar
Former Director, Fiscal Policy Institute



Prof. (Dr.) J. S. Sadananda

Distinguished Political Scientist
South Asian Visiting Fellow, Oxford (1992)
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35 Years of Teaching Experience



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Professor, Southern New Hampshire University (USA)
Adjunct Professor, Sun Yat-sen University (China)
Fulbright Scholar (2016)
PhD, Boston University



Dr. Sarita Seshagiri

Expert in qualitative research and Indic
methodologies
Ex-Researcher at Motorola, Nokia and
Samsung
PhD from NUS (Singapore)



Dr. Koenraad Elst

Oriental Philologist and Historian
Author of 100+ Articles and 30+ Books in English and Dutch
PhD, 3 MA, 3 BA in Chinese Studies
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Dr. Vinayak Rajat Bhat

Sanskrit Grammarian and
Multilingual Scholar
Author of textbooks on Kautilya's
Arthashastra and Indian Knowledge
Systems



Dr. Vanishri Bhat

Expert in Indian Mathematics and Astronomy
Postdoctoral Fellow, Poorna Prajna Samshodhana
Mandiram (2014-15)
PhD from IIT Bombay

Redefining the Discipline and Forging Tomorrow's Strategic Leaders

In an era of geopolitical flux and strategic realignment, Chanakya University's Political Science and International Relations (PSIR) faculty stands as a formidable academic powerhouse – an intensive crucible forging tomorrow's strategic thinkers, policy architects, and national leaders.

Our Distinction

- Merging millennia of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) with cutting-edge global standards.
- Building leaders, policymakers, bureaucrats, strategists, analysts, and observers for an emerging superpower.
- Seamlessly integrating Civil Services Examination Preparation (CSEP) into the academic architecture.
- A robust Interdisciplinary School Core, ensuring students gain holistic and contextual knowledge to address global and national challenges.

Unique Advantage

- **World-Class Faculty:** A blend of seasoned academicians, thought leaders, and practitioners with expertise in international academia, national policy corridors, and strategic advisory roles.
- **Smart Collaborations:** Partnerships with think tanks, government agencies, and research institutions for hands-on learning and impactful internships.
- **IKS Integration:** Bringing ancient wisdom into modern frameworks of governance and statecraft, creating a unique lens for analysing contemporary issues.
- **Where Theory Meets Praxis:** Combining traditional insights and innovative strategies to navigate modern geopolitical realities.

Programme Covers

1. School Core: Foundational courses like Globalisation, Indian Logic, and Nationalism.
2. Discipline Core: Advanced topics like Political Ideas Across Civilisations, Geopolitics, and Indian Political Systems.
3. Research Core: Internships, dissertations, and advanced seminars on topics like Great Power Competition and Post-Colonial Democratisation.



This modern, well-equipped classroom is perfectly designed for Political Science and International Relations. The space features LED lighting, wall-mounted display screen, and whiteboards, complemented by strategically placed world and India maps along with a globe – essential tools for understanding geopolitical dynamics and political geography. The climate-controlled environment with air conditioning creates a comfortable setting for engaging in political discourse and policy discussions. The overall setup combines contemporary digital capabilities with traditional teaching aids, creating an ideal atmosphere for analysing global affairs and domestic political phenomena.

Why Choose Chanakya University?

- **Global Education:** Join a diverse community of learners and teachers from around the world and gain a global perspective on public policy issues.
- **Research-Driven:** Our program emphasizes research-informed teaching, allowing you to develop critical analytical skills and contribute to cutting-edge policy solutions.

The Imperative

For those who aspire to lead, influence, and transform – the choice is clear.

The time is now. The place is here.

Welcome to power, purpose, and transformation.

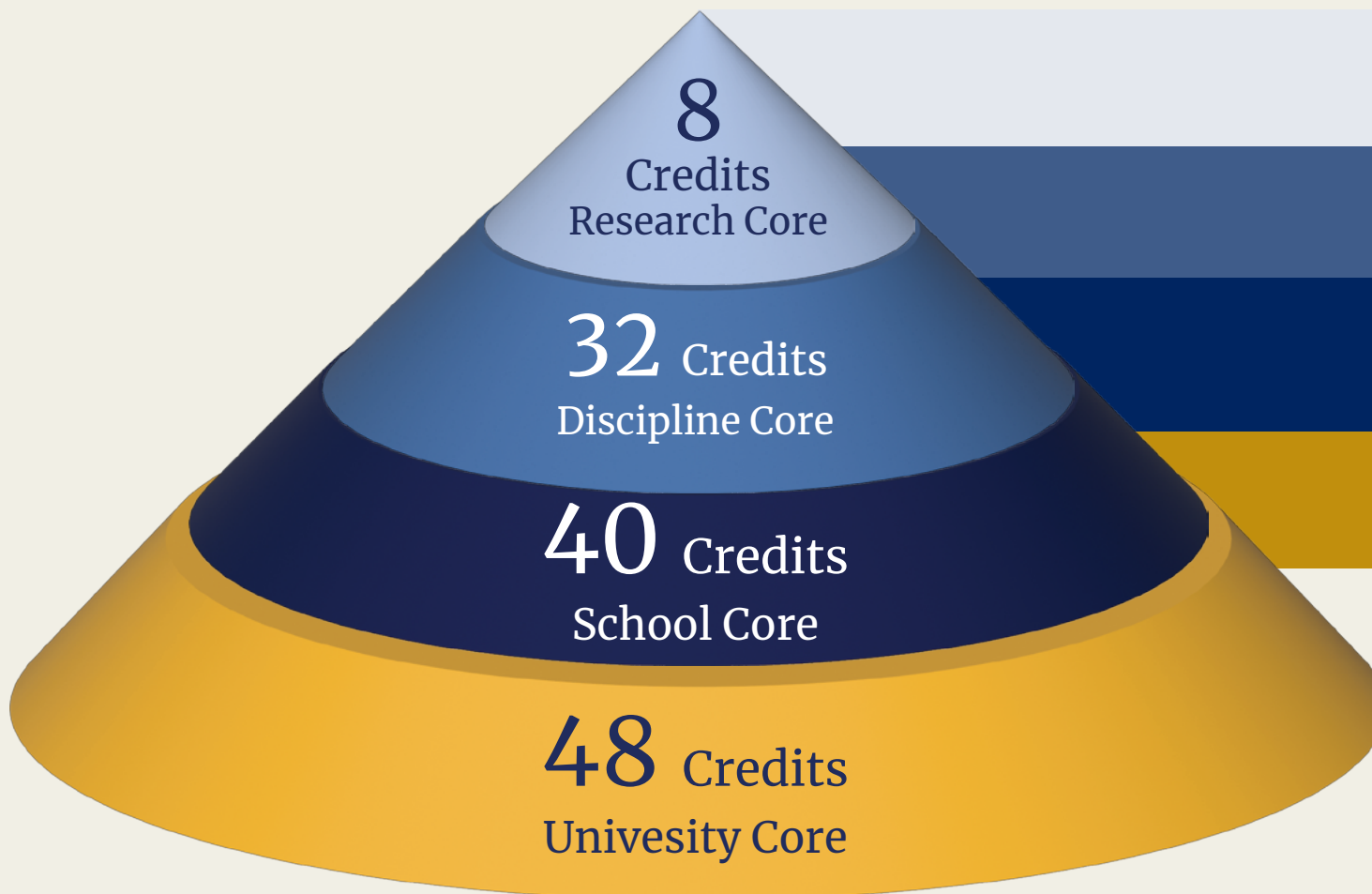
Academic Architecture

Bachelor of Arts (Hons)

1. Major in Political Science and International Relations

Student Engagement – Political Science Club

1. Samvaad on political, cultural and constitutional issues
2. VideshNeeti – Newsletter for IR enthusiasts



Discipline Core – PSIR

1. Political Ideas Across Civilisations
2. India in Global Politics
3. Concepts and Theories in Political Science
4. Geopolitics and Modern World History
5. Modern Western Political Thought
6. Framework and Working of the Indian Political System
7. Reflections on Indian Political Thought
8. Contemporary Issues in International Relations

Internship, Dissertation and/
or Advance Seminar – PSIR

Political Science and
International Relations (PSIR)

School of Arts, Humanities
and Social Sciences (SAHSS)

80
Credits

Chanakya Foundation

Internship, Dissertation and/or Advance Seminar – PSIR

1. America at a Crossroads
2. Supranational Integration and Common Market Politics
3. Great Power Competition and Strategic Regional Order
4. Post-Colonial Democratisation and Economic Transformation

School Core – PSIR Faculty

1. Globalisation and Contemporary Debates
2. Fundamentals of Indian Logic
3. Nationalism
4. Introduction to Kautilya's Arthashastra
5. Justice – Myth and Reality
6. History of Indian Science and Technology
7. Ancient Indian Research Tools and Modern Qualitative Methods

Key features

1. Integration of **Civil Services Examination Preparation (CSEP)**.
2. Courses taught by **world-class faculty** with international exposure.
3. **Interdisciplinary approach**, combining modern methodologies and ancient Indian knowledge.
4. Practical exposure through **internships**, case studies, and research projects.
5. Platforms like **Samvaad** (debates) and **VideshNeeti** (newsletter) for skill development.

This program is designed to equip aspirants with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to excel in the Civil Services Examination.

Job Opportunities

- **Civil Services and Governance:** IAS, IFS and Allied Services, State Civil Services, Public Policy and Administration roles
- **Diplomacy and International Organisations:** Positions in embassies, UN bodies, World Bank, IMF and international NGOs
- **Think Tanks and Strategic Analysis:** Policy research, defence analysis, political risk consulting and strategic advisory
- **Corporate and Public Affairs:** Government relations, international business development, political consulting and campaign management
- **Consultancy Services:** Political risk consulting, public policy advisory, strategic consulting, management consulting and government advisory
- **Media and Communication:** Political journalism, international affairs analysis, strategic communication and public relations
- **Research and Academia:** Universities, research institutions, policy institutes and strategic studies centres
- **Development Sector:** International development agencies, NGOs, social impact organisations and advocacy groups
- **Defence and Security:** Strategic analysis, intelligence research, security consulting and defence policy roles

Chanakya University's BA (Hons) in PSIR programme equips students with the tools to lead, influence and innovate in the fields of governance and global affairs, making them invaluable contributors to society and the nation.

Student Engagement



- **Samvaad:** Engaging lectures and debates on political, cultural and constitutional issues. Where Ideas Meet Action. Samvaad is an intellectually charged forum for the exchange of ideas on critical societal issues. Through engaging lectures and spirited debates, students gain invaluable insights, sharpen their critical thinking, and build confidence in public speaking. Samvaad empowers future leaders to address challenges with informed perspectives and decisive action.



- **VideshNeeti:** 5 issues are in circulation (January, March, May, August & October). Your Voice in Global Affairs. VideshNeeti offers students an unparalleled opportunity to engage in international relations discourse through scholarly publications. This platform hones their research and writing skills while fostering critical perspectives on global diplomacy. Each issue is a testament to the institution's commitment to shaping informed and articulate leaders for tomorrow.



The Art of Learning and Heart of Becoming

At Chanakya University, we equip students with the knowledge, skills, and competencies to achieve their aspirations through a distinctive 3-level approach:



Foundation Courses

Our Foundation Courses lay a strong academic base and provide transformative experiences, helping students:

- Master languages and communication skills.
- Explore India Orientation through Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) and connect Indian wisdom to global solutions.
- Engage in Beyond Classroom Learning through experiential programmes that build practical skills and personal growth

Learning and Mentoring

Students learn from accomplished faculty across our six Schools of Academic Excellence, bringing decades of experience

- Academic Mentors for guidance toward academic success.
- Industry Mentors to shape career pathways and professional growth.



Career Progression

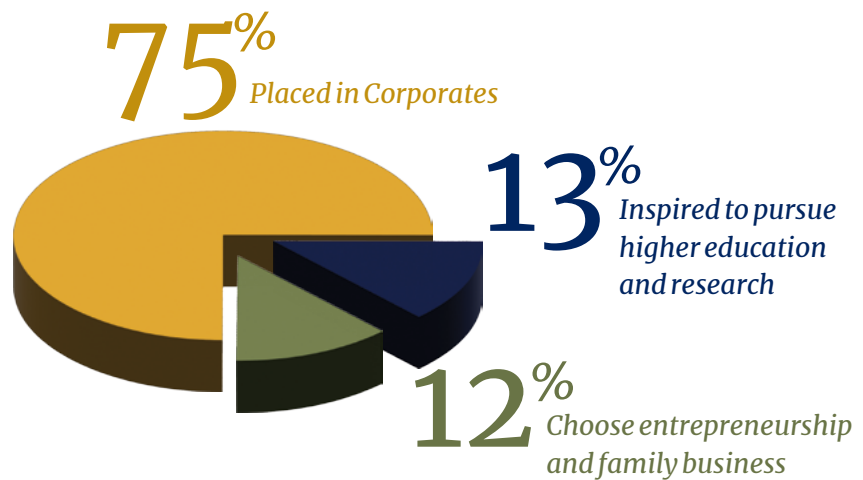
We prepare students for successful careers by aligning their passion, competence, and personality through:

- Personalized career guidance.
- Training for placements and corporate skills.
- Support to build strong professional profiles.
- At Chanakya University, every student's journey is one of transformation and achievement, emerging as confident leaders and global citizens.

Our Placement and Internship Partners

13 LPA
Highest Package

7 LPA
Average Package



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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

1. What is the undergraduate program offered by Chanakya University in PSIR?

Ans) Chanakya University offers a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Political Science and International Relations. The program combines Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) with modern political theory, international diplomacy, and strategic studies to prepare students as leaders, policymakers, and global thinkers.

2. What are the unique features of this program?

Ans) Key features include:

- i. Integration of **Civil Services Examination Preparation (CSEP)**.
- ii. Courses taught by **world-class faculty** with international exposure.
- iii. **Interdisciplinary approach**, combining modern methodologies and ancient Indian knowledge.
- iv. Practical exposure through **internships**, case studies, and research projects.
- v. Platforms like **Samvaad** (debates) and **VideshNeeti** (newsletter) for skill development.

3. What will I study in this course?

Ans) The program covers:

- i. **School Core:** Foundational courses like Globalisation, Indian Logic, and Nationalism.
- ii. **Discipline Core:** Advanced topics like Political Ideas Across Civilisations, Geopolitics, and Indian Political Systems.
- iii. **Research Core:** Internships, dissertations, and advanced seminars on topics like Great Power Competition and Post-Colonial Democratisation.

4. Are there any specializations available?

Ans) Yes, the program offers a Minor in Social Sciences tailored for Civil Services Examination Preparation. This includes courses on Indian polity, history, geography, and international relations, combined with test preparation and practical training. Also, credits can be earned from other schools based on interest of students.

5. Who are the notable faculty members for the program?

Ans) The faculty includes renowned academicians and practitioners such as:

- i. Dr. Saurav Sarmah (expert in Sinology and political philosophy).
- ii. Dr. Charu Ratna Dubey (specialist in foreign policy and diplomacy).
- iii. Mr Deepak Raj Pandaya (Expert in European affairs and International political advisory)
- iv. Dr. Vinayak Rajat Bhat (authority on Kautilya's Arthashastra and IKS).
- v. Prof. Paul A. Barresi (American Professor and Fulbright scholar in environmental law and politics).
- vi. Dr. Koenraad Elst (Flemish Historian and Oriental Philologist)

6. What career opportunities does this program offer?

Ans) Graduates are prepared for roles in:

- i. Civil Services (IAS, IFS, and allied services).
- ii. Diplomacy and International Organizations (UN, World Bank, etc.).
- iii. Policy Research and Strategic Analysis (think tanks, NGOs).

- iv. Media and Communication (political journalism, public relations).
- v. Academia and Development Sector (universities, research institutions).
- vi. Industry/ Corporate sector (socio political risk advisory/ assessment, policy consultation)

7. Does the program provide practical exposure?

Ans) Yes, students gain real-world experience through:

- i. Internships with government agencies, think tanks, and NGOs.
- ii. Fieldwork and case studies in policy analysis and governance.
- iii. Research projects and advanced seminars on global challenges.

8. How does the program prepare students for civil services?

Ans) There is an option of Minor in Social Sciences (CSEP) which covers comprehensive subjects aligned with UPSC General Studies and CSAT. It includes training in ethics, governance, and current affairs, combined with workshops and mock tests conducted by experts.

9. What student engagement activities are available?

Ans) Students participate in:

- i. **Samvaad**: Debates and discussions on political and constitutional issues.
- ii. **Videsh Neeti**: Publishing research on international relations.
- iii. Guest lectures by diplomats and policymakers.
- iv. Also, multiple student clubs and societies
- v. Freedom to start their own society or any multidisciplinary initiative

10. How does the university integrate ancient Indian knowledge into modern studies?

Ans) Courses like Kautilya's Arthashastra, and Ancient Indian Research Tools, Indic perspectives and political thoughts provide insights into governance, statecraft, and research methodologies rooted in Indian traditions, bridging them with contemporary political science.

11. Are there notable things that of PSIR graduates do upon completion?

Ans) Yes, alumni have excelled in diverse careers, including:

- i. **Policy advisory roles** (e.g., as advisors to cabinet ministers, ministries & govt departments).
- ii. **Political consulting** (e.g., leading election campaigns, campaign management).
- iii. **Journalism** (e.g., correspondents for national & international media,).
- iv. **Think tanks and research institutes** focusing on governance and policy development.
- v. **NGO's and INGO's** focusing on national and international arenas
- vi. **Policy and Risk analyst** for international and national business
- vii. **Civil Services**

12. How do I apply for this program?

Ans) Admissions details are available on the university's official website. Candidates are typically evaluated based on academic performance and interest in the field. For additional information, refer to the official Chanakya University PSIR brochure or contact the admissions team.

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Your pathway
to Chanakya Admission

Apply
Online

CUPP
(Chanakya University
Pravesha Pareeksha)

Personal
Interviews

Enroll

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Learner's Inclusivity



28 States
Students

1300+ Students

Academic Diversity



25 Programmes
Offered

200 Courses
to choose from

Infrastructure Development



116 Acres
of Campus

10 Lakh+ Sq.Ft
BUA Constructed

Knowledge Leadership



100+ Faculty
Members

65+ Domains
Experts

Transdisciplinary Initiatives



6 Schools
of Academics



5 Centres
of Excellence

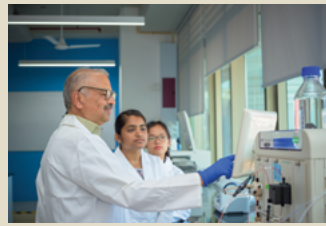


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