

BS STRATEGIC STUDIES DEGREE PROGRAMME

**Department of Strategic Studies (DSS)
Air University, Islamabad.**

Introduction

A Bachelor's degree in Strategic Studies (BS SS) is an interdisciplinary program that covers topics such as national and international security issues, military strategy, global politics, conflict resolution, leadership and decision-making, defense and security policy, and regional studies. Students may also have the opportunity to participate in simulations and case studies that simulate real-world strategic scenarios. Throughout the program, students are encouraged to develop their research, writing, and oral communication skills, as well as their ability to work collaboratively and think critically.

At DSS, students will be afforded extensive opportunities to interact with national/ international thinkers and policy practitioners to help them learn the intricacies of policy making processes. The students are encouraged to develop the art of independent and objective thinking, in order to help prepare them for engaging in debates with confidence at various conferences, seminars and webinars that DSS arranges on issues related to global, regional and national significance.

The skills and the practical knowledge that DSS students shall receive will provide them a strong foundation for their professional careers and in their pursuit of higher studies at well reputed international universities. Graduates of the program may pursue careers in government agencies, international organizations, consulting firms, research institutions, or pursue advanced degrees in related fields such as law, public policy, or international affairs. Additionally, they may pursue further education in related fields

Degree Title: BS in Strategic Studies

Planned Date of Commencement: Fall 2023 (Evening)

Scope and Employment Prospects

DSS graduates could explore career options in both the public and private sectors, serving as analysts, strategic planners, forecasters, researchers, consultants, anchorpersons, commentators, educators, etc. Potential workplaces include the Foreign Service and other government ministries, the security establishment, the corporate sector, NGOs, international organizations, the media, as well as academic institutions such as universities and think tanks.

Permanent Faculty and Support Staff

- Dr Adil Sultan, Dean FASS and Acting Chair DSS
- Dr Afsah Qazi, Faculty Member
- Dr Amanullah Khan, Faculty Member
- Dr Zahid Mehmood Zahid, Faculty Member

- Ms Aiza Azam, Faculty Member
- Ms Ayesha Malik, Faculty Member
- Mr Syed Sabir Muhammad, Faculty Member
- Ms Ayesha Jamil, Faculty Member
- Ms Iqra Bibi, Program Coordinator
- Ms Warisha Rashid, PA to Dean

Scheme of Studies

Semester	Course Code	Name of Subject	Cat	Pre Req	Credits
First	EL-100	English I: Reading and Writing Skills	C-1		3-0-3
	HU-124	Islamic Studies and Ethics	C-2		2-0-2
	MA-114	Foundational Mathematics	C-3		3-0-3
	SS-130	Introduction to Strategic Studies	F-1		3-0-3
	SS-131	State, Power, and World Politics	F-2		3-0-3
	HU-126	Introduction to Environmental Studies	G-1		3-0-3
	TU-001	Advisory Class			0-0-0
			Total Courses 06		
Second	EL-200	English III: Communication and Presentation Skills	C-4		3-0-3
	HU-125	Pakistan Studies and Global Perceptive	C-5		2-0-2
	MA-115	Foundation Statistics	C-6		3-0-3
	IR-101	International Relations Since 1945	F-3		3-0-3
	IR-102	Geo-political Structure of the World	F-4	SS-131	3-0-3
	CS-101	Introduction to Information and Communication Technologies	G-2		2-0-2
	CS-101 L	Introduction to Information and Communication Technologies Lab			0-1-1
	TU-001	Advisory Class			0-0-0
			Total Courses 06		

Third	EL-201	English IV: Academic Reading and Writing	C-7		3-0-3
	SS-232	Post-Cold War Global Security Order	M-1	IR-102	3-0-3
	SS-233	Introduction to Strategic Thought	F-5		3-0-3
	SS-234	Theories of War and Conflict	F-6	SS-130	3-0-3
	BA-202	Logic and Critical Thinking	C-8		3-0-3
	HU-400	Introduction to Philosophy and Iqbaliyat	G-3		3-0-3
	TU-001	Advisory Class			0-0-0
		Total Courses 06			18
Fourth	SS-235	Comprehensive Security	F-7		3-0-3
	IR-221	Evolution of State	C-9		3-0-3
	IR-205	Regional and International Organizations	M-2		3-0-3
	SS-236	Foreign and Security Policy of Pakistan	F-8	SS-234	3-0-3
	SS-237	Strategic Culture and National Security	F-9		3-0-3
	BA-235	Principles of Economics	G-4		3-0-3
	TU-001	Advisory Class			0-0-0
		Total Courses 06			18
Fifth	IR-315	Research Methods in Social Science	F-10		3-0-3
	IR-307	International Law and Human Rights	M-3		3-0-3
	SS-338	Evolution of Nuclear Strategy	F-11		3-0-3
	SS-351	Climate Security	M-4	HU-126	3-0-3
	SS-339	Leadership and Strategic Decision Making	M-5		3-0-3
	IR-XXX/ SS-XXX	Elective-I	E-1		3-0-3
	TU-001	Advisory Class			0-0-0
		Total Courses 06			18

Sixth	IR-334	Emerging Technologies and Global Security	M-6		3-0-3
	IR-335	Nuclearization of South Asia	M-7	SS-338	3-0-3
	SS-340	Strategic Communication	M-8		3-0-3
	PH-311	Nuclear Physics	G-5		3-0-3
	IR-XXX/ SS-XXX	Elective-II	E-2		3-0-3
	TU-001	Advisory Class			0-0-0
		Total Courses 05			15
Seventh	SS-453	Economic Security	M-9		3-0-3
	IR-411	Cyber Warfare and International Security	M-10	IR-334	3-0-3
	IR-XXX/ SS-XXX	Elective-III	E-3		3-0-3
	IR-XXX/ SS-XXX	Elective-IV	E-4		3-0-3
	SS-498 / IR-413	Research Thesis-I OR Regional Security Dynamics	M-11	IR-315	3-0-3 or 3-0-3
	TU-001	Advisory Class			0-0-0
		Total Courses 05			15
Eighth	SS-499 / SS-497	Research Thesis-II OR Research Paper	M-12	SS-498 or/ IR- 413	3-0-3 or 3-0-3
	SS-442	Strategic Stability in South Asia	M-13	IR-335	3-0-3
	IR-439	Arms Control, Disarmament and Nuclear Non- Proliferation Regime	M-14		3-0-3
	SS-443	War in the 21 st Century	M-15		3-0-3
	IR-XXX/ SS-XXX	Elective-V	E-5		3-0-3

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