Updates to these Academic Regulations will be posted as needed on the IDC Herzliya website. It is the responsibility of the student to be aware of all changes.

1. Regulations

   a. The following regulations govern the academic framework of the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya and are intended to clarify students' rights and obligations in all matters pertaining to their studies at IDC Herzliya.

   b. These regulations were approved by IDC Herzliya's decision-making bodies and may be changed occasionally at their discretion. Announcements detailing such changes will be publicized and brought to the students' attention. The qualified Director of the Program has the authority, in special cases, to approve deviations from these regulations.

2. Required Periods of Study

   a. The planned period of study for a Masters Degree in Government, without a thesis, extends over one calendar year, which consists of two semesters and a summer session.

   b. In exceptional cases, the MA program without thesis can be extended for two more semesters, with the approval of the MA program committee.

   c. The planned period of study for the Masters Degree in Government, with a thesis, extends over two years, which consists of four semesters.

   d. The maximum time-frame for completing all the requirements related to the writing of the thesis paper is up to three years from the first study day of the program. In exceptional cases, the program can be extended for one more year, with the approval of the thesis program committee. In the event that deferring or termination of studies was also required, there will be an option to extend studies for an additional year (a total of five years).

   e. Each student in the thesis program is required to submit his/her proposal within one year from the first day of studies. If the thesis proposal is not submitted on time, the student will be transferred to one of the specializations that does not require a thesis.

   f. The completed thesis must be submitted no later than three years from the beginning of the student's MA studies.

   g. Courses are held mainly on Monday and Tuesday afternoons and evenings for the diplomacy specialization, and Thursday afternoons and evenings and on Friday for all other specializations. Electives course will be offered on Wednesdays for all tracks. During the summer semester, courses will also be offered four afternoons per week (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) plus Friday morning for all the specializations.

   h. The period of study and curriculum are subject to the approval of the various bodies which approve academic programs at the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya and may change in response to their instructions.
3. Academic Tracks

a. During the course of studies, students in the non-thesis program specializing in Diplomacy and Conflict Studies, or Counter Terrorism and Homeland Security Studies must accumulate 41 semester hours: 7 semester hours of "Core Courses," 8 semester hours of "Basic Courses," 16 semester hours of "Specialization Courses," and 10 semester hours of "Elective Courses" or "Cluster in Negotiation".
- Students in the specializing in Counter Terrorism and Homeland Security Studies program with cluster in Cyber Terrorism must accumulate 45 semester hours: 7 semester hours of "Core Courses," 8 semester hours of "Basic Courses," 16 semester hours of "Specialization Courses," 10 semester hours of "Cluster Cyber Terrorism" and 4 semester hours of "Elective Courses".

Students in the non-thesis program, specializing in Political Marketing must accumulate 39 semester hours: 9 semester hours of "Core Courses," 8 semester hours of "Basic Courses," 12 semester hours of "Specialization Courses," 6 semester hours of "Extended Courses in Communication and Marketing" and 4 semester hours of "Elective Courses".

Students in the non-thesis program, specializing in Public Policy and Administration must accumulate 39 semester hours: 7 semester hours of "Core Courses," 8 semester hours of "Basic Courses," 14 semester hours of "Specialization Courses," and 10 semester hours of "Elective Courses" or 6 hours of "Cluster in Sustainability" and 4 hours of "Elective Courses".

All the students in the non-thesis program, in all the specializations are, required to take a final exam or submit a final paper in order to complete the degree. The grade (pass/fail) will not be calculated in the GPA.

b. During the course of studies, students in the thesis program must accumulate 40 semester hours: 24 semester hours of "Core Courses," 6 semester hours of "Basic Courses," 6 semester hours of "Directed Studies," and 4 semester hours of "Elective Courses."
- Students in the thesis program with cluster in Political Psychology must accumulate 44 semester hours: 24 semester hours of "Core Courses," 6 semester hours of "Basic Courses," 6 semester hours of "Directed Studies," and 10 semester hours of "Cluster in Political Psychology Courses."

3.1 Thesis Program

a. Students must select a thesis supervisor, with the approval of the Director of the M.A. program, no later then the end of the first semester of their studies.

b. M.A. Thesis advisors must be permanent faculty members of the Lauder School of Government holding the rank of senior lecturer or professor. If the advisor is not from IDC, the student must select an additional advisor from the Lauder School of Government's permanent faculty holding the rank of senior lecturer or professor, with the approval of the Director of the MA program.

c. Students in the thesis program must decide on their thesis topic, in coordination with their advisor, no later than the beginning of the second semester of their first year of studies.
d. Thesis proposals (outlines) once approved by the advisor, should be submitted to the M.A. Administration Office no later than the beginning of the second year of studies. The completed thesis must be submitted by the end of the fourth semester of studies.

e. Students thesis will be evaluated by at least three lecturers, including the thesis advisor, all of whom must be at the rank of senior lecturer or professor. Two of the evaluators must be from other educational institutions of higher learning, and at least one of them must be a university faculty member.

f. Students will defend the thesis in an oral examination.

g. The final grade will be composed of 10% for the oral examination, 40% for the thesis and 50% for the courses work.

h. Students who wish to withdraw from the thesis program or do not meet its requirements may transfer to one of the non-thesis specializations provided they meet the requirements for that specialization.

3.2 Minimum Requirements to Transfer to the Thesis Program:

a. Students must have a GPA. of 88 or above at the end of the first two semesters of the M.A. Program.

b. Students must choose a thesis topic and an advisor in keeping with the regulations above for thesis advisors.

Please note: Transfer to the M.A. with thesis program is not automatic. The student must submit the required information to the Head of the M.A. Admissions Committee which will then review the student's request.

4. Fields of Study

a. Under no circumstances may a student register for a course which overlaps (even partially) in time with another course. Students are expected to meet the dates assigned for papers and examinations in all courses, even if these deadlines are in close proximity to one another.

b. Registration for a course depends on compliance with prior requirements. The registration of a student who registers in contradiction to this rule will be considered invalid and his/her grade will not be taken into account under any circumstances, unless prior approval has been obtained from the Director of the Program via the Program Administration.

c. Registration for a course may be cancelled during the first week of each semester.

d. IDC Herzliya is at liberty to cancel an elective course in the event of insufficient registration (fewer than 30 students), and may also cancel a seminar selected by fewer than 10 students. Students for whom registration was cancelled will be given the opportunity to select another optional course or seminar held the same semester.

5. Preparatory Studies

a. Some students in the program will be required to pass preparatory courses, in accordance with the decisions of the MA Admissions Committee.
b. The Director of the MA Program has the authority to terminate the studies of students who do not fulfill the requirements of the preparatory courses they were required to take.

c. A passing grade in a preparatory course is 60 or above.

d. The grades in preparatory courses are not included in the final GPA of the student.

6. Procedure for Transferring Information to Students

Notifications to students will be published via email, or SMS messages to cellular telephones, as well as on the virtual bulletin board of the Program on the IDC Herzliya website. It is the responsibility of each student to obtain current updates via notifications by checking the e-mail box provided by the IDC Herzliya and to provide the Program Administration with his/her valid cellular telephone number. Any message distributed via e-mail is an official and binding message of the IDC Herzliya.

Student Attendance Regulations for Classes, Recitations and Seminars

7. Student Attendance

a. (1) Students must attend every session of a class, recitation or seminar as specified in their course requirements. This clause also applies to study sessions that are scheduled outside of regular study days.

(2) In addition to their physical presence, students are expected to read the appropriate bibliographic material in preparation for each class, to pass oral quizzes and written exams, and to prepare and submit homework assignments, as determined by the course lecturer.

b. Course lecturers may take attendance in whatever manner they see fit.

c. A student who, for justifiable reasons, cannot attend a session of a course in which individual attendance is taken, must inform the lecturer, verbally or in writing (through the Program Administration) as far in advance as possible (and as circumstances allow), and submit the appropriate documentation. Students are responsible for completing courses and assignments.

d. The Director of the MA Program has the authority to terminate the studies of a student who misses a large number of class sessions for unjustified reasons.

8. Written Assignments

a. The lecturer may require submission of written homework assignments or exercises (henceforth “assignments”) as part of the course requirements. The lecturer will inform the students of these assignments – and of their respective weight in the grade – at the beginning of the course.

b. A lecturer may determine that the submission of some or all assignments is a prerequisite for taking the course’s final exam and will inform the class of this requirement.

c. Students must submit assignments at their given due date and in accordance with the submission regulations posted by the Program Administration. Students must retain an exact copy of each assignment submitted. If a student submits a paper on time...
and the paper does not reach the lecturer for reasons that are beyond the student’s control, the student must submit another copy of the paper within seven days.

d. An assignment that was not submitted on time (except for justifiable reasons, as described below) will receive a grade of 0 (zero), unless the lecturer in the course decides otherwise.

Papers are kept on file in the Tests and Assignments Distribution Room for only one semester.

e. All homework and seminar assignments submitted by a student must be the student’s own original work. Any quotation or quote made by others must be marked as such, indicating the source. It is hereby clarified that a completed assignment that is transferred to another student prior to the submission thereof, and which is used for the writing of another assignment or for the plagiarism thereof – will be disqualified.

f. The lecturer may choose to limit the length of an assignment to a certain number of pages. Such limits will apply to printed and handwritten assignments alike, unless otherwise indicated by the lecturer. Should an assignment exceed the prescribed length, the lecturer is entitled to grade the assignment based only on those pages that fall within the page limit.

g. Students who, at the time an assignment is due, experience one of the following extenuating circumstances, will not be required to submit the assignment on schedule and must follow the procedures enumerated in subsection “h” below:

(1) Active military reserve duty on the due date;
(2) Active military reserve duty of at least seven consecutive days which is completed four days or less before the assignment is due;
(3) A student who has given birth up to 14 days before the assignment is due and a student whose wife has given birth seven days or less before the assignment is due;
(4) Hospitalization on the due date; or hospitalization for three consecutive days, four days or less before the assignment is due;
(5) The due date falls during one of the seven days of mourning (shiva) following the death of a first-degree relative.

h. In the cases enumerated in subsection “g” above, the student must present an explanation and relevant documentation to the Program Administration as soon as circumstances permit and no more than seven days after the circumstances preventing timely submission of an assignment have abated. The Program Administration will issue an authorization and refer it to the relevant lecturers. It will then be left to the discretion of the course lecturer to decide whether: (1) to permit the student to submit the assignment at a date to be determined by the lecturer; (2) to permit the student to submit an alternative assignment at a date to be determined by the lecturer; or (3) not to count the assignment that has not been submitted toward the student’s course grade and to base the grade only on the assignments that were submitted on time. The lecturer will inform the Program Administration of his/her decision in writing.

i. In courses with regular homework assignments: If a student has served over 14 days of military reserve duty and, as a result, missed three or more consecutive classes, the number of assignments required of him/her for the course will be reduced relative to the class-time missed.
Exam and Final Exam Procedures

9. General

a. The lecturer is entitled to give exams, quizzes or in-class assignments during the course in order to assess the students’ mastery of course material. The lecturer will inform the students of this in advance in the syllabus; likewise, the lecturer will announce in advance the relative weight of the students’ scores on the above components in their course grades.

b. The relative weight of the various components in the course grade will be announced to the students at the beginning of the course or listed in the course syllabus.

c. The dates of examinations will be published on the website. Changes in the dates of the examinations dates as published on the site will be approved by the Director of the Program, and will be published on the IDC Herzliya website, through e-mail no later than two weeks prior to the date of the examination.

10. Learning Disabled Students

a. Students with learning disabilities who are interested in being granted appropriate conditions must submit an appropriate diagnosis to the Dean of Students. Detailed rules with respect to the procedure for the submission of these diagnoses are detailed in the chapter “Psychological Consultation Services” under the clause “Student with a Learning Disability”.

b. In anomalous circumstances, learning disabled students will be authorized to dictate their examinations to a neutral transcriber. Students who were authorized by the Dean of Students to dictate the examination to a neutral transcriber will be charged payment to cover the transcriber’s costs.

c. Learning disabled students who are entitled to conditions of hearing the exams in English via the computer will be obligated to undergo a short training session in the use of the computer program, in a special one and a half hour workshop. Participation in this workshop is mandatory for all those who wish to be granted this adjusted condition. A student who does not participate in the workshop will not be entitled to this adjusted condition in the examination.

d. Students with learning disabilities are not obligated to answer snap quizzes which award bonus points. A student who is interested in obtaining bonus points in a manner compatible with his/her limitations will approach the office of the Dean, which will examine the matter in conjunction with the lecturer.

11. Concurrent Examination Dates (Date and Time)

A student who elects to register for courses where the examination dates are concurrent will be alerted to this fact at the time of the electronic registration for the course. If the student chooses to register for the courses despite the conflict in timing (of examination dates), this means that the student agrees that he/she is entitled to only one examination date for each course.

12. Return of Examinations
a. Examinations will be returned to the Program Students Administration within 14 days of the exam date.

b. Multiple Choice exams will be marked and returned to the Program Students Administration within 14 days of the exam date.

c. Exam booklets will be filed and published on the student's personal center on the IDC Herzliya website for perusal.

13. Exam Results

a. Results of final exams will be sent to students’ cellular phones and posted on the website within 4 weeks of the date of the examination

b. Students are to clarify their examinations results themselves. The Program Administration will not hand over results personally.

14. Explanation of Final Exam Results

A student who wishes explanations for the exam solutions may set a meeting with the lecturer or teaching assistant.

15. Appealing Final Exam Results

a. A student who submits an appeal is obliged to maintain anonymity throughout the entire process. The appeal will be submitted to the Program Administration only. An appeal that will be submitted directly to the lecturer, will not be accepted.

b. Appealing a grade that the student obtained in a transition examination, in quizzes or in seminar assignments, including a positive grade, will be justified based on comments written in the examination booklet or on the seminar assignment only, and will be done in writing, on the appropriate form which appears on the IDC Herzliya website and dispatched to the Program Administration. An appeal based on a practical or technical reason must be submitted within 7 days from the date of the grade's publication or from the date of the returning of the seminar assignment as appropriate. Under special and justified circumstances, the Director of the Program is entitled to grant the student an extension in submitting the appeal, for seven additional days. Appeals are not to be submitted directly to the lecturer, nor discussed personally with the lecturer. Personal circumstances of the student are not to be detailed in the appeal, but rather only allegations related to the examination itself and to the marking thereof.

c. Within the appeal process, the chief lecturer in the subject will verify whether an error occurred in the grading of the exam. The appeal does not constitute a re-evaluation of the examination booklet, or of the seminar assignment. The lecturer is also at liberty, under appropriate circumstances, to determine whether the grade will be reduced. A response to the appeal will be given within 7 days of the date of its submission.

d. Should the lecturer decide to accept or reject the appeal, s/he will justify this decision in writing on the appeal form. The lecturer's decision will be considered final.

16. Waiving a Passing Grade

a. Students who receive passing grades on final exams held on the first exam date and who wish to improve their scores on the second exam date during the same semester may waive the grade via the IDC Herzliya website. Students can do so up to 72 hours before
the second exam date. Students who have waived their passing grade as described above may retract their waiver via the IDC Herzliya website up to 24 hours before the exam. Students who waive their grade and do not retract their waiver but fail to appear for the second exam will receive a grade of "0".

b. The later grade will replace the former grade, even if the later grade is a lower or failing grade.

c. Students may only waive a passing grade in a course once and may only do so during the exam period immediately after the course, i.e. the second (make-up) exam period or, for those eligible, the third (make-up) exam period.

d. A student may also improve a course grade by deciding to take another course instead (with the dean's approval). Before completing his/her studies, a student may improve a course grade if he/she meets the following conditions.

   (1) The student reenrolls in the course, meets all of its requirements and takes its final exam.
   (2) The student reenrolls in the course in one of the two semesters immediately after the semester he/she originally took the course.
   (3) In the course of his/her studies, each student only can retake one course in order to improve a passing grade.

17. Special Exam Period

a. A special exam date will be scheduled only if a student was unable to take an exam for one of the following reasons and failed the exam on the other exam date or if the student was unable to take an exam on both exam dates for one of the following reasons. In order to prevent misunderstanding, please note that a student who chooses not to take an exam during the first or the second exam period for a reason that is not listed below will not be eligible to have a special exam date scheduled for him/her.

b. The reasons that merit a special exam date (as described above) are:

   1. A student who has active reserve military duty at the time of the exam: Only a student who submits an official reserve duty call-up order and active reserve duty authorization form (Form 3010) will be considered eligible under this category. The request will be denied if official forms are not submitted.
   2. A student who has active reserve military duty of at least seven consecutive days, ending less than four days before the exam date. (see clause b1)
   3. A student who gave birth to a baby up to 14 days before the exam or a student whose spouse gave birth to a baby up to 7 days before the exam.
   4. The hospitalization of a student.
   5. Sudden hospitalization of a first-degree relative of a student.
   6. The exam takes place during the seven days of mourning (shiva) for the death of a first-degree relative of a student.
   7. The exam takes place three days before or after a student’s wedding.
   8. If a student is seriously ill but does not require hospitalization, the student must obtain a detailed note from his or her doctor, explicitly stating that the student was
examined on the date of the course examination and was found to be physically incapable of taking an exam together with an explanation of why the student could not take an exam.

All documents that meet these conditions will be duly considered, in accordance with the academic regulations.

c. A student who is eligible for a special exam date must submit a request to the Program Administration as soon as possible, and no later than two weeks after the end of the reason that entitles the student to the special exam date, along with the appropriate documents demonstrating this eligibility. A student who does not submit this request on time will risk having the exam set for a special date without his or her having registered for it. Requests for a special date must be submitted only to the Program Administration and not to the lecturer.

18. Failing a Course

A student who obtained a final grade of less than 60 and / or “incomplete” will be considered as having failed the course. A course that a student did not complete will be graded “0”.

19. Failing a Required Course

a. The final grade of a student, who fails a course, will be entered into the grade transcript and will be weighted into the average. If the student improves the grade or completes another subject instead, the grade will be moved to the excess category on the grade transcript and will be deleted at the student's behest upon completion of the degree and all academic obligations.

b. A student who fails a required course / seminar must repeat the course.

20. Elective Courses

a. Students may take two elective courses more than the number of semester hours of elective courses their academic program requires (henceforth "extra elective courses"), at no extra charge of tuition fees. The grades for extra elective courses will be included in the students' GPA unless the student submits a written notification to the Program Administration requesting otherwise.

b. Students who fail elective courses can take extra elective courses in order to fulfill their programs' academic requirements. However, the failing grades students received in elective courses will be included in their GPA for that year and only can be waived when they complete their studies.

c. Students who fail elective courses or seminars will not be allowed to retake the course unless they receive permission from the lecturer in advance and there is room in the course at the end of the week in which students may switch courses.

21. Seminars

a. During a seminar assignment, the student will conduct independent and up to date research on the research topic through examining relevant bibliographic sources followed by integrative and original processing thereof into a review, summation and
critical editing. The paper may be presented under the guidance of the lecturer in front of the seminar group in an overall discussion.

b. The seminar grade will be determined based on the assignment and on the lecturer's assessment of the oral presentation (if such is required) and the student's participation in class discussions during the course of the seminar. The lecturer will announce the grade distribution at the beginning of the seminar.

c. The sequence of the students' presentations will be determined by the lecturer.

d. Seminar assignments may be submitted in a typed format only and the lecturer will outline its scope and requirements in advance. Each assignment must be submitted in two copies to the workroom. After the assignment has been graded, one copy will be returned to the student with comments and a final grade. **The student must keep one copy of the assignment as it was submitted.**

e. Assignments for a seminar held in the 1st semester will be submitted no later than the first day of studies after the Passover holiday, unless the lecturer stipulated otherwise and informed the class thereof.

f. Assignments for seminars held in the 2nd semester or in an annual course must be submitted no later than September 1 of that same year, unless the lecturer stipulated otherwise and informed the class thereof.

g. A student must obtain authorization for the late submission of his/her assignment. The return of a seminar assignment submitted late and with approval, will be as stipulated in Clause j (see below) and with the addition of the time of the delay. The time of the delay in the submission of the assignment will be stated on the assignment for the information of the lecturer.

h. A student who did not submit a seminar assignment and did not obtain approval for late submission and/or did not fulfill assignments in the seminar will receive a failing grade in the seminar.

i. Grades of seminar assignments will be released no later than 45 days from the last date for the submission of the seminar assignments.

j. From the time that the student submitted an assignment, the assumption is that this is its final version. No claims on the part of the student that the version he/she submitted was not a final copy, but rather a draft, will be entertained.

22. Exemptions

a. Students must take all the courses included in their curriculum and will not be given exemptions, except as stipulated in the Academic Regulations.

b. Requests for exemptions will be considered only in special cases, based on previous studies at an accredited institution of higher education. The decision to give an exemption is left entirely to IDC Herzliya's discretion. It may take the following factors into consideration, among others: the grade received in the course for which the exemption has been requested ("the previous course"); differences between the previous course and the equivalent course offered at IDC Herzliya; the scope of the previous course; the material covered in it; the previous course's assignments or reading list; and the time elapsed since the previous course was taken. (As a rule, exemptions will not be
given for courses taken five or more years before the course from which the student wishes to be exempted would be taken).

c. Exemption requests can be submitted to the Program Administration at any time prior to commencement of the course in question. Students may submit exemption requests for courses they are required to take in different years of the program together, even before commencing their studies at IDC Herzliya. Exemption requests submitted more than two weeks after beginning of the course will not be considered. Requests must be submitted on the appropriate form and accompanied by the relevant documentation. Exemption requests should not be submitted directly to course instructors.

d. As long as an exemption request has not been approved in writing, the student must complete all the course requirements, including attendance and the submission of exercises and assignments.

e. Students for whom an exemption has been approved will not receive a tuition discount because of the exemption.

f. In order to prevent confusion, please note that a student who has requested and received an exemption from a particular course may not take the final exam for that course.

g. A student cannot receive exemptions for more than 40% of the course hours required to earn his/her degree. In order to receive a degree from IDC Herzliya, one must have studied at IDC Herzliya for 60% of the course hours required for one’s degree.

h. An exemption may be obtained for a course studied in a recognized MA program elsewhere. If the previous MA program was completed, the exemption may be accorded but no credit will be given. The student must fill the required credits (hours) with other courses at IDC Herzliya. If the previous program was not completed, the student will be treated as a transfer student and any exemptions will be counted for credit. Students holding advanced academic degrees, in relevant disciplines, who do not receive specific exemptions and are not exempted from other courses may be exempted from several hours of elective courses. Students with a master's degree will receive exemptions up to four semester hours; students with a doctorate, up to six semester hours. The number of hours, if any, will be determined at the discretion of IDC Herzliya.

i. Please note that exemptions are given only for previous studies, meaning courses that were completed before the student commenced studies at IDC Herzliya. Exemptions will not be given for courses taken at other academic institutions at the same time that the student was or is registered at IDC Herzliya.

23 Suspension of Studies

A student will be suspended from studies if he/she accumulates uncorrected failing grades in three courses (including seminars)

24. Length of Studies

a. Students in a non-thesis track must complete their studies within an overall period that may not exceed two years. Students in the thesis track must complete their studies within an overall period that does not exceed three years.

b. A student is entitled to suspend his/her studies only once for a period that may not exceed one year of study. Any suspension that exceeds one year obligates the re-registration for studies, re-compliance with the terms of admission to IDC Herzliya, and the commencement of studies once again from the beginning.
The rules specified in the Study Fee Regulations of IDC Herzliya will apply to the suspension of studies.

25. Resumption of Studies

Students who have terminated or withdrawn from their studies and wish to resume must submit a request to do so to the Program Administration no later than one month prior to the beginning of the year or the semester in which they wish to resume their studies. In addition, these students must pay a resumption of studies fee equal to the registration fee required at the time.

26. Final Grade

a. The final grade in the non-thesis track will be composed of the average of all the grades in all the courses and seminars based on the number of credit hours.

b. For the thesis track, the final grade will be composed of 10% for the oral examination, 40% for the thesis and 50% for course work.

c. Upon completion of the degree, a student who has completed all academic degree requirements and studied additional "extra" courses over and above the required hours may request to delete these courses from his/her final grade transcript. Extra courses for which the student registered but did not complete, will be automatically deleted from the grade transcript upon the completion of the degree.

d. It will not be possible to improve a grade after the determination of the final GPA, the receipt of authorization of entitlement and completion of academic obligations.

27. Eligibility for a Graduate Degree

a. Students who have successfully passed all the requirements for all the courses required are eligible for a graduate degree.

b. Clause “27a” above notwithstanding, IDC Herzliya reserves the right to withhold a graduate degree until all financial obligations related to studies at IDC Herzliya are fulfilled, including the return of library books and all equipment borrowed from IDC Herzliya.

28. Conferring of Degrees

Conferral of Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude and Summa Cum Laude Degrees

a. The minimum grade requirement for the entitlement of a student to obtain a Cum Laude Graduate Degree is a final grade of 90.

b. The minimum grade requirement for the entitlement of a student to obtain a Magna Cum Laude Graduate Degree is a final grade of 93-94.

c. The minimum grade requirement for the entitlement of a student to obtain a Summa Cum Laude Graduate Degree is a final grade of 95.

d. Disciplinary transgressions related to fraud or suspension from studies for one semester will disqualify the student from eligibility to a Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude or Summa Cum Laude Degree.
29. Authorizations for Graduates

Authorizations of any kind for graduates will be awarded 10 days after the date of request.

30. Graduation Ceremony

As a rule, a graduation ceremony for graduates will be held in the subsequent academic year to that in which the students completed their studies (usually in May-June).

Students, who fulfill their entire academic obligations by April 15 of the subsequent year will be awarded a diploma at the ceremony.

31. The Extended Academic Regulations applicable to the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, Undergraduate Degree will apply with obligatory changes to Graduate Studies students.