

REFERENCE POINTS FOR THE DESIGN AND DELIVERY OF DEGREE PROGRAMMES IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Definition of the subject area

International relations is an interdisciplinary science which focuses on the study of state and non-state relations, actors, structures, and processes interconnected on the local, regional and global level.

Description of the academic and professional field and the educational programmes offered in the subject area

Bachelor Level

- Introductory courses giving basic knowledge in social sciences, e.g. political science, history and theory of international relations, law, philosophy, sociology etc.
- Introduction to international relations and core fields of IR
- Languages – 1-2 foreign languages at medium level (B2) or equivalent certificate
- Dissertation and/or internship

Bachelor courses

Compulsory		Elective
Political relations	Foreign Policy	Civilization
International Law	International relations	cultural Religion and IR Media
International Economy	Diplomacy	Human Rights
Peace and War studies	International organizations	Foreign Policy
History of International Relations	Regional studies (focus on specific regions)	Strategic studies
Regional studies (e.g. European studies)		

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Master Level

- Compulsory courses
 - Theory of international relations
 - Qualitative and quantitative research methods
- Elective courses for the purpose of specialization
- Examples of possible specializations:
 - Contemporary diplomacy
 - International trade
 - Security and strategic studies
 - Legal system of European Union
 - Social rights in a comparative perspective
 - International organizations and Human rights
 - Migration
 - Peace and conflict
 - Regional studies (Asiatic, African, American etc.)
- Etc.
- Internship and/or dissertation

Description of the academic and professional field and the educational programmes offered in the subject area

PhD level

- Research methodology with a special focus on the subject of thesis of PhD candidate
- Seminars and lectures
- Tutoring, supervision
- Publication activity
- Research and field work
- Optional teaching activities
- PhD thesis based on own original research with option of internship
- Defending thesis

Overview of typical degrees

- Bachelor
- Bachelor Honours
- Master
- Doctor of Philosophy

Overview of typical occupations related to the Subject Area

- Government bodies
- European Union and regional bodies
- International institutions
- NGO's
- Private companies

- Higher education
- Think tanks, research institutes
- Media

Competencies – Level 6

Generic COMPETENCES	Specific COMPETENCES
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ability to communicate in one's and foreign language using the appropriate terminology in the subject area;• Ability to identify, utilize, interpret, be critical, and forecast sources of information in all relevant areas;• Ability to work in a multicultural team and have an awareness to sensitivity to differences in culture, gender and ethnicity;• Ability to draft, prepare, and present reports, proposal, and briefings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Knowledge of the present global forces shaping the world• Knowledge of the relationship of dependencies and interdependencies in the world.• Knowledge of development in the world from a comparative perspective.• Awareness of the history and the complexity of global politics.• Awareness of the original integration process within a local, regional, and global context.

Competencies – Level 7

Generic COMPETENCES	Specific COMPETENCES
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ability to undertake field research and survey using appropriately sensitive methodologies and applying ethical foundations;• Awareness of and ability to use different disciplinary methodologies in an integrated way;• Ability to organize and analyze complex research results in a coherent form;• Ability to draft, prepare, and present reports, proposals, and briefings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Knowledge of the present global forces shaping the world.• Knowledge of the relationship of dependencies and interdependencies in the world.• Knowledge of development in the world from a comparative perspective.• Awareness of the history and the complexity of global politics.• Awareness of the original integration process within a local, regional, and global context.

Competencies – Level 8

GENERIC COMPETENCES	Specific COMPETENCES
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ability to be creative and resourceful in theory and practice.• Ability to theorize on facts and data and question concepts, ideas and theories.• Ability to organize and analyze complex research results in a coherent form.• Ability to reflect critically on ones own value system.• Ability to draft, prepare, and present reports, proposal, and briefings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Knowledge of the present global forces shaping the world.• Knowledge of the relationship of dependencies and interdependencies in the world.• Knowledge of development in the world from a comparative perspective.• Awareness of the relevance of international relations in relation to other academic disciplines.