

Training and output requirements

MASTER'S DEGREE (MA) IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

1. Title of the Master's programme: international studies (International Relations)

2. Level of qualification obtained in the Master's programme and indication of the qualification in the diploma

Level of qualification: Master's degree (magister, master; abbreviation: MA)

Qualification title in English: International Relations Expert

3. Field of training: social sciences

4: Courses accepted as prerequisites for entry to a Master's programme:

4.1 The following may be taken into account for full credit: Bachelor's degree (BA) in International Studies and Bachelor's degree (BA) in International Administration.

4.2 The following may be taken into account for the completion of the credits specified in point 9.4: bachelor's degrees in social sciences; humanities; economics; law; and government.

4.3 The credits specified in point 9.4 may also be taken into account for the completion of bachelor's and master's degree courses and courses under Act LXXX of 1993 on Higher Education, which are accepted by the credit transfer committee of the higher education institution on the basis of a comparison of the knowledge on which the credit is based.

5. Duration in semesters: 4 semesters

6. Number of credits required for the Master's degree: 120 credits

Orientation of the degree: balanced (40-60 per cent)

Credits for the thesis: 10 credits

Minimum number of credits for optional courses: 6 credits

7. Field of study classification of the qualification according to the uniform classification of fields of training: 313/0312

8. Training objectives and professional competences of the Master's degree

The aim of the course is to train experts with the theoretical knowledge required to analyse trends in current international political and economic conditions. They are prepared to understand the context of the globalising international system through their knowledge of international economics, international law, international relations theory, regional-civilisational interdisciplinary knowledge and linguistic skills. They are able to analyse in depth the economic, political and social context of a given region. They are prepared to pursue their studies at doctoral level.

8.1. The professional competences to be acquired

8.1.1. The International Relations Expert's

a) Knowledge

- Has a high level of knowledge, understanding and interpretation of the main social science contexts to the extent required for confident practical application.

- He/she is familiar with the main paradigms of international relations theory and is informed about the debates between the different theoretical trends.
- He is well versed in the main theories of civilisation and culture, and is familiar with the main economic, political and social trends in each region.
- Knowledge of the context of the most significant world political conflicts and crises of the 21st century.
- Knowledge of the main trends in the world economy and the economic processes in the different regions of the world, with particular reference to the economic situation in the European Union.
- Knowledge of the main current issues and dilemmas of Hungarian foreign policy.
- Knowledge of human rights and minority rights regimes and their regional systems.
- Knowledge of the UN decision-making mechanism, its functioning and ideas for its reform.
- Knowledge of the foreign policies of the major powers that shape world politics and their place in the world economy.
- Knowledge of the specificities of main civilisations, cultures and major world religions.
- Knowledge and understanding of the domestic, European and global social problems which determine the basic trends in social science thinking.
- Knowledge and understanding of the linguistic content of the specialized languages previously studied.
- Have a systematic knowledge of Hungarian, European and non-European political systems and of the dominant international types of governance.
- Knowledge of data collection, processing and interpretation techniques specific to the social sciences and the distinctive features of political research.
- Knowledge of the deeper context of international political, economic, legal and social institutions and processes.

b) Ability

- Ability to analyse a given world political conflict and crisis in terms of foreign policy, based on the interdisciplinary knowledge acquired.
- Ability to develop a deeper understanding of world economic processes and to analyse the economic challenges facing the European Union and Hungary.
- Ability to carry out comparative economic analysis based on basic economic and statistical knowledge and world economic theories.
- Ability to navigate the decision-making mechanisms of different international organisations and to understand the main foreign policy decision-making mechanisms of the major powers.
- Ability to define the economic and political interests of the various players in the international system and their interrelationships.
- The ability to analyse new scientific findings in the field of social processes in which he/she has acquired knowledge, to discover new facts and new connections and to put his/her knowledge into practice in the form of an independent professional concept.

- The ability to work in an open-minded way, to make active and effective use of the results of other disciplines and co-disciplines.
- Ability to participate in international research projects in his/her field of specialisation and in the preparation of tenders for such projects.
- Ability to carry out independent analysis and evaluation when solving professional tasks and to synthesise different conclusions.
- Ability to explore and process national and foreign social science sources and to apply the conclusions drawn in the course of professional work.
- Prepares independent summaries and analyses in a scientific form on specific topics in his/her field of specialisation.
- Manages work processes to the level of his/her skills, cooperating effectively with partners within and outside the institution.
- The ability to adapt to change, and to get your adaptation concept accepted by your colleagues and other partners.
- The ability to develop independent professional concepts and to defend them in discussions, including in a foreign language.
- Ability to use political science concepts consistently.
- Ability to navigate the complex system of social conflicts and problems, and to build on a deeper knowledge of his/her field of specialisation to actively engage in exploring conflicts.

c) Attitude

- Openness and tolerance towards the views, ways of thinking and lifestyles of the social groups with which he/she comes into contact in the course of his/her professional work as a social researcher.
- He/she is open to all social criticism if processes that conflict with its professional understanding are initiated in its social environment.
- He/she is open and receptive to a wide range of international research findings in his/her field and is committed to disseminating new knowledge he/she finds useful.
- He/she builds his/her career responsibly and supports the career development of the staff he/she supervises.
- To the best of his/her ability, he/she is committed to serving and representing the interests of the profession.
- In all organisational and institutional activities, he/she uses his/her knowledge and influence in a responsible manner, while ensuring that quality work is recognised.
- In situations of work and social conflict, he/she takes decisions independently and responsibly, consistently representing the interests of those in his/her charge.
- He/she has a constant need for self-education and respect for the political opinions of others in public life.
- He/she is characterised by insight, creativity and methodological awareness.

d) Autonomy and responsibility

- He/she is an autonomous and responsible actor in the academic life of his/her field, representing his/her professional principles and research results in all possible fora.

- He/she takes autonomous and responsible decisions in the course of his/her work concerning his/her own scientific work and the work programmes of those under his/her authority.
- He/she takes responsibility for communicating their scientific knowledge in an understandable way to participants in social forums.
- He/she participates responsibly in the management of its work organisation, in the development, discussion and implementation of professional concepts.
- He/she participates responsibly in the creation and management of work units.
- He/she is responsible for ensuring that his/her professional work complies with strict ethical rules for social science research and analysis, and he/she undertakes raising and responding to new ethical issues.
- He/she assumes independent and responsible roles in the work of professional organisations, both national and international, and in advocacy forums.

9. Features of the Master's programme

9.1. Professional characteristics

9.1.1. The disciplines and specialisations leading to the qualification, from which the degree is structured:

Basic Social sciences (methodology of social science research, comparative constitutional law, history of political thought, history of economic theory) 5-20 credits;

Professional knowledge related to international studies, including the preparation of the thesis, 80-100 credits as follows:

- Theory and practice of international relations (security studies, geopolitical theories, foreign policy making, general and professional diplomacy, cultural diplomacy, conflict and crisis management, global governance), 5-40 credits;
- Regional-civilisation studies (in particular: theory of civilisation, regional integration, Middle East studies, China studies, Balkans studies, Latin America studies, India studies, Japan studies, USA studies, South East Asia studies, Africa studies, Australia studies, Mediterranean studies, Russia studies, post-Soviet area and Central Asia, Europe studies), 5-40 credits;
- Practice of international law (international law case studies, diplomatic and consular law, human and minority rights, regional international organisations, NGOs), 5-40 credits;
- International economics (development theories, international development policy, world economic regions, theory and practice of economic integration, Hungary's economy and foreign economic relations, economic governance, economics of globalisation), 5-40 credits;
- Analysis of international relations (foreign policy analysis, comparative economic analysis, analysis of migration processes), 5-40 credits;
- Language of international relations and the EU, professional knowledge in foreign languages 5-30 credits.

9.1.2 The specialisation offered by the educational institution is theoretical and practical knowledge suitable for the study of the field of specialisation, which develops personal skills and leads to specific competences related to individual interests. The minimum number of credits of specialised knowledge is 30 credits within the training as a whole.

9.2. Foreign language requirement

The Master's degree requires at least one state-recognised higher level (C1), complex type exam in a foreign language and one intermediate level (B2), complex type exam in another foreign language, at least one of which must be social sciences, law, or a diploma or certificate in a specialised language exam corresponding to the field of study (international relations, diplomacy, business management, economics, tourism, tourism and catering, law and administration, military, commerce, economics, finance, business) or an equivalent diploma or certificate.

9.4. Minimum conditions for entry to the Master's cycle for holders of the diplomas referred to in points 4.2 and 4.3

The minimum number of credits required for admission to the Master's programme from previous studies is 60 credits in the following subjects:

- basic social sciences: sociology, psychology, philosophy, anthropology, psychology,
- law and administration: public and private law, constitutional law, public administration, public policy, economic law,
- economics: economics, macroeconomics, microeconomics, business economics, finance, international economics,
- political science: political thought, political history, international studies,
- history, culture and languages: economic, social and cultural history, linguistics, philology.

To be admitted to the Master's programme, students must have at least 30 credits. The missing credits must be acquired in accordance with the study and examination regulations of the higher education institution.