

## **BACHELOR IN “INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS”**

### **OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME**

This program introduces undergraduates to the fundamentals of International Relations providing them with the necessary knowledge and skills to understand and analyse events in the global order. As students progress, they have the opportunity to specialize in areas of particular interest, such as Security and European Studies. In Security, students delve into topics like international conflict, defense policy, and global security challenges, while European Studies focuses on the political, economic, and cultural dynamics within Europe, including the European Union's role in global affairs. This Bachelor's program, emphasizes both theoretical knowledge and practical skills, preparing students to become informed, adaptable, and proactive participants in the political arena.

### **LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Upon successful completion of the program, students will be able to:

- Comprehensively grasp and interconnect core theories and approaches in International Relations;
- Understand essential ideas in international relations, including the use of power at the global level, and the interactions between states and non-state actors.
- Understand current international events and apply contemporary theories to analyze.
- Evaluate and synthesize information: develop the ability to critically evaluate and synthesize information from diverse and reliable sources, distinguishing between primary and secondary materials.
- Develop logical arguments and critical analysis: cultivate the ability to construct logical arguments and justify positions on various topics through both written and oral presentations.

### **SPECIALISATION: SECURITY**

- Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the key theories and subfields within international relations, with a specific focus on security studies.
- Identify and understand the roles and functions of major actors and institutions in international relations at the national, regional, and international levels.
- Analyze international security issues from diverse perspectives, incorporating various theoretical frameworks and methodologies.
- Understand the significance and implications of foreign cultures and languages in the context of international security.

### **SPECIALISATION: EUROPEAN STUDIES**

- Understand European Integration and decision-making processes.
- Critically evaluate, independently assess and effectively communicate EU public discourse issues.
- Gain in-depth knowledge of European integration process, encompassing its economic, political, institutional, historical, and legal dimensions, and understanding the various levels of political power exercise within the EU.



## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates have employment opportunities in sectors related to international relations:

- Specialists in central and local government administration institutions.
- Diplomatic service officers in embassies, consulates, and diplomatic missions.
- Specialists, consultants, and project/program coordinators in international organizations and NGOs.
- Journalists/analysts covering international and European affairs, or news correspondents.
- Research assistants and analysts in research companies, think tanks, or academic institutions.



**BACHELOR IN "INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS" 180 ECTS**

No.	Year	Term	Course's name	ECTS
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**A -GENERAL COURSES/ 15-20%/32 ECTS**

1	I	1	Introduction to Philosophy	6
2	I	1	Introduction to Sociology	6
3	II	1	Introduction to Economics	6
4	I	1	Academic Writing and Research Methods	8
5	I	2	Statistics	6
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**B - CORE COURSES/ 50-55%/98 ECTS**

1	I	2	Contemporary History	6
2	I	2	Introduction to Political Science	8
3	I	2	Introduction to International Relations	8
4	II	1	Comparative Politics	6
5	II	1	Theories of International Relations	10
6	II	2	Philosophy of Law	6
7	II	2	Constitutional Law	6
8	II	2	Foundations of Diplomacy	8
9	III	1	Political Communication	8
10	II	1	Public International Law I	6
11	II	2	Public International Law II	6
12	III	1	Geopolitics	6
13	III	2	Political History of Albania	8
14	I	2	Public Speaking	6
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**C - INTERDISCIPLINARY/INTEGRATIVE COURSES/ 12-15%/24 ECTS**

SPECIALISATION I		SECURITY		
1	II	2	Security Issues	6
2	III	2	Regional Studies	6
3	III	2	International Organizations	6
4	III	1	Intercultural Communication	6
5	II/III	1-2	Honors Course	6
SPECIALISATION II		EUROPEAN STUDIES		
1	II	2	History of Integration and EU Institutions	6
2	III	2	EU Policies	6
3	III	2	International Organizations	6
4	III	1	European Union Law	6
5	II/III	1-2	Honors Course	6
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**D - ADDITIONAL COURSES/ 10-15% /20 ECTS**

1	I	1	English Language B1	5
2	I	1	Basics of Informatics	4
3	III	1	Project Design and Management	6
4	III	2	Internship and Career Development	5
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**E - FINAL OBLIGATIONS/ 3-5%/7 ECTS**

1	III	2	Diploma Thesis/Final Comprehensive Exam	7
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