
(NMgr) Programme: International Relations (NP_MAIN)

Programme N0312A200033: International Relations - master, full-time

Academic year 2024/2025

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International Relations (IR) is a two-year English-language Master's degree programme, which provides students with the knowledge and analytical skills to understand and explain the international context of politics, economy, and security. The world is growing ever more interdependent and major political decisions, influencing our everyday lives, are made not only by individual nation states but increasingly also by regional as well as global institutions. Our programme helps students understand how international and European politics work, and what are the challenges faced by states as well as business and societal actors in the globalized world. Students learn in depth about the functioning of the European Union and of the key global institutions which states have developed to address these challenges. They study how, if at all, international conflicts can be productively transformed into cooperation.

In addition to providing students with a robust background in international and European politics, the programme puts an emphasis on the development of students' analytical capabilities, abstract and critical thinking, and communication as well as language skills. The study curriculum of the programme International Relations is centred on the first year's set of common compulsory modules and the second year's individual specialization, stay abroad, and master's thesis research. In the first semester students focus on the theories and methods for the study of international politics, and on the introduction to international security and international economic relations. In the second semester they acquire deeper understanding of the problems of global institutions, international law, and European studies.

Career prospects of our graduates reflect the prestige of the programme they have studied and the high demands the programme puts on their abilities and on their academic, professional and personal development. Our graduates are individuals who have been trained in critical thinking as well as in concrete analytical techniques and qualitative as well as quantitative data analysis. They have robust background knowledge relevant to current international and European politics. They are able to work in teams and in an international environment. They effectively know foreign languages, they are able to put into use their advanced writing, presentation, and communication skills. They are able to use computers effectively, not only on their CV. They have the abilities – analytical as well as managerial – to take part in demanding and complex projects, and subsequently to reach mid-level or high-level positions early on in their careers. They are people who have demonstrated personal integrity, the ability to work hard, and the capability to think deep.

Our graduates work in diverse fields:

- national administrations,
- diplomacy,
- international and European institutions,
- transnational corporations or NGOs,
- media or think-tanks,
- political parties,
- academia.

Programme structure

Compulsory courses	66 credits
Elective seminars accompanying the compulsory courses	16 credits
Elective courses – individual specialization within the programme International Relations	Minimum 26 credits
Optional courses	Up to 12 credits
Total credits	120 credits

The final state examination consists of the following parts:

1. (JDIP01) Master's thesis defence
2. Oral examination
 - a. (JSZ604) International relations (1 question)

- b. (JSZ656) European Union, (JSZ657) International institutions, (JSZ607) International law, or (JSZ608) International Economic Relations (student chooses one of these areas and answers 1 question)

Compulsory courses J#0890

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Code	Course title	Course leader	Semester	Hours per week	Course assessment	ECTS credit points
JPM628	<u>Researching International Politics: Quantitative Methods</u>	<u>Parízek</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM629	<u>Researching International Politics: Qualitative Methods</u>	<u>Střítecký</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM945	<u>Theories of International Relations</u>	<u>Kazharski Tesař</u>	WS	2/0	Examination	6
JPM946	<u>International Institutions (II)</u>	<u>Karlas Sedlecká</u>	SS	2/0	Examination	6
JPM947	<u>European Union (EU)</u>	<u>Martinková</u>	SS	2/0	Examination	6
JPM948	<u>Approaches to Conflicts and Violence</u>	<u>Karásek</u>	WS	2/0	Examination	6
JPM950	<u>Global Political Economy</u>	<u>Parízek</u>	WS	2/0	Examination	6
JPM952	<u>International Law</u>	<u>Lipovský</u>	SS	2/0	Examination	6
JPM953	<u>MA Thesis Seminar I</u>	<u>Karlas</u>	WS/SS	0/2	Course credit	6
JPM957	<u>MA Thesis Seminar II</u>	<u>Karlas</u>	WS/SS	0/4	Course credit	12

Total number of credits: 66

Note:

- JPM945 requires parallel enrolment (is co-requisite with) in one course from group #089124
- JPM946 requires parallel enrolment (is co-requisite with) in one course from group #0892
- JPM947 requires parallel enrolment (is co-requisite with) in one course from group #0893
- JPM948 requires parallel enrolment (is co-requisite with) in one course from group #089424

Elective courses J#089124 (Theories of International Relations)

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Code	Course title	Course leader	Semester	Hours per week	Course assessment	ECTS credit points
JPM407	<u>Feminism and International Relations (TIR)</u>	<u>Plechanovová</u>	WS	0/1	macc	4
JPM690	<u>Liberalism in International Relations (TIR)</u>	<u>Karlas</u>	WS	0/1	macc	4
JPM975	<u>Constructivism in International Relations (TIR)</u>	<u>Tesař</u>	WS	0/1	macc	4

Minimum credits: 4

Note: the guarantor of course JPM945 will require a parallel enrolment in one of the courses from group J#089124

Elective courses J#0892 (International Institutions)

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Code	Course title	Course leader	Semester	Hours per week	Course assessment	ECTS credit points
JPM428	Global Economic Governance (II)	Parízek	SS	0/1	macc	4
JPM606	Global Governance and Global Cooperation (II)	Makariusová	SS	0/1	macc	4
JPM770	NGOs in International Relations (II)	Martinková	SS	0/1	macc	4
JPM937	Problems of Global Cooperation: Causes and Solutions (II)	Karlas	SS	0/1	macc	4

Minimum credits: 4

Note: the guarantor of course JPM946 will require a parallel enrolment in one of the courses from group J#0892

Elective courses J#0893 (European Union)

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Code	Course title	Course leader	Semester	Hours per week	Course assessment	ECTS credit points
JPM409	EU Institutions and Decision-making (EU)	Plechanovová	SS	0/1	macc	4
JPM433	Interinstitutional Relations: European vs. Domestic Institutions (EU)	Martinková	SS	0/1	macc	4
JPM954	EU and Global Governance (EU)	Karlas	SS	0/1	macc	4

Minimum credits: 4

Note: the guarantor of course JPM947 will require a parallel enrolment in one of the courses from group J#0893

Elective courses J#089424 (Approaches to Conflicts and Violence)

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Code	Course title	Course leader	Semester	Hours per week	Course assessment	ECTS credit points
JPM137	Social Justice as a Future of Security Studies	Kotvalová	WS	0/1	macc	4
JPM138	Critical Security Studies	Monsees	WS	0/1	macc	4

JPM429	<u>Global Terrorism (ACV)</u>	<u>Makariusová</u>	WS	0/1	macc	4
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Minimum credits: 4

Note: the guarantor of course JPM948 will require a parallel enrolment in one of the courses from group J#089424

Elective courses J#089524 (Further elective courses)

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Code	Course title	Course leader	Semester	Hours per week	Course assessment	ECTS credit points
JLB057	<u>Academic Writing for Bachelors</u>	<u>Goodall</u>	WS	0/2	Course credit	3
JLM001	<u>Academic English I</u>	<u>Goodall</u>	WS/SS	0/2	Course credit	3
JLM002	<u>Academic English II</u>	<u>Goodall</u>	SS	0/2	Course credit	3
JPM064	<u>Applied Qualitative Research Methods: Practical Approaches to Textual Analysis</u>	<u>Földes</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM065	<u>The Contemporary Middle East and North Africa: Politics, Culture, and Society</u>	<u>Plíštilová</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM066	<u>Gender and Politics</u>	<u>Monsees</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM091	<u>Czech Post-1989 Diplomacy and Foreign Policy</u>	<u>Petříček</u>	WS	2/0	Examination	4
JPM099	<u>Baltic regional cooperation and Russia</u>	<u>Zájedová</u>	WS	2/0	Examination	6
JPM119	<u>International Politics in Central and Eastern Europe: Critical Approaches</u>	<u>Kazharski</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM120	<u>Regionalism and Global Order</u>	<u>Kazharski</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM139	<u>Mobilisation Approaches to Terrorism</u>	<u>Metodieva</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM191	<u>Geopolitics of Great Powers: Russia</u>	<u>Leichtová</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6

JPM432	European Public Sphere: Interest Representation and Public Debate	Martinková	WS	1/1	macc	6
JPM443	Data Analysis and Mapping	Hájek	SS	1/1	Examination	5
JPM444	Navigating the Information Age: Political Text Analysis and Applied Machine Learning	Stauber Parížek	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM490	Global Environmental Politics	Karlas Tesař	SS	1/1	macc	6
JPM634	Crisis Games	Kučera Parížek	SS	0/2	Examination	6
JPM644	Contemporary International Relations in East Asia	Kolmaš	WS	2/0	Examination	6
JPM670	Professional internship A	Karlas	WS/SS	0/4	Course credit	6
JPM671	Professional internship B	Karlas	WS/SS	0/4	Course credit	4
JPM692	Internal Security of the EU	Hokovský	SS	2/0	Examination	6
JPM719	Diplomacy of the European Union	Pajtinka	WS	2/0	Examination	6
JPM720	German European Policy	Jeřábek	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM731	European Policies of Visegrad Countries	Martinková	WS	1/1	macc	6
JPM788	US foreign policy and transatlantic relations in an era of renewed history	Karlas	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM789	American Presidential Elections. The impact on US domestic and foreign policy	Karlas	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM841	The EU's troubled neighbourhood	Kazharski	WS	1/1	Examination	4

	and the Common Foreign and Security Policy					
JPM867	Law and Economics of Globalisation	Parizek	SS	1/1	Examination	4
JSM734	The Making of EU Environmental Regulation: Processes, Actors, and Tools of Implementing the Climate Action Strategy of the European Green Deal	Novotný Karlás	SS	0/2	Examination	6
JTM322	Israel: Politics and Society	Kalhousová	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM386	The EU and Israel: An Uneasy Partnership	Kalhousová	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM496	The Foreign Policy of Central European Countries Towards Israel	Kalhousová	SS	1/1	Examination	6
J#0896	group "Languages for International Relations (NP_MAIN)(title available in Czech only)					

Minimum credits: 26

Note: To obtain credits for elective courses, a student may in addition to the above listed courses also choose courses up to 18 credits from the programme Security Studies. Students should attend these courses in the summer semester.

Note: The offer of elective courses may be updated during the academic year.

Languages for International Relations J#0896

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Code	Course title	Course leader	Semester	Hours per week	Course assessment	ECTS credit points
JLB014	Specialised German II	Křenková	SS	0/2	Examination	3
JLB020	Specialised French II	Bosáková	SS	0/2	Examination	3
JLB024	Specialised Italian II	Prívovníková	SS	0/2	Examination	3
JLB028	Specialised Russian II	Mistrová	SS	0/2	Examination	3

JLB030	Specialised Spanish II	Vila Falcón	SS	0/2	Examination	3
JLB034	German for Social Sciences II	Faltýnová Křenková	SS	0/2	macc	3
JLB036	French for Social Sciences II	Bosáková Dundrová	SS	0/2	macc	3
JLB038	Italian for Social Sciences II	Přívozníková	SS	0/2	macc	3
JLB040	Russian for Social Sciences II	Mistrová	SS	0/2	macc	3
JLB042	Spanish for Social Sciences II	Vila Falcón	SS	0/2	macc	3
JLB048	Russian - - Preparation for JLB039 II	Mistrová	SS	0/2	Course credit	3

Maximum credits: 3

Prerequisites, co-requisites, alternative and incompatible courses

Compulsory courses

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Code	Course title	Pre-requisite	Co-requisite	Interchangeability	Incompatibility
JPM628	Researching International Politics: Quantitative Methods				JPM157
JPM945	Theories of International Relations		<u>J#R074</u>		JPM043 JPM314
JPM946	International Institutions (II)		<u>J#R075</u>		JPM667
JPM947	European Union (EU)		<u>J#R076</u>		JPM665
JPM948	Approaches to Conflicts and Violence		<u>J#R077</u>		JPM689
JPM950	Global Political Economy				JPM658
JPM952	International Law				JPM548
JPM957	MA Thesis Seminar II	JPM953			

Elective courses (Theories of International Relations)

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Code	Course title	Pre-requisite	Co-requisite	Interchangeability	Incompatibility
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Elective courses (International Institutions)

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Code	Course title	Pre-requisite	Co-requisite	Interchangeability	Incompatibility
JPM937	Problems of Global Cooperation: Causes and Solutions (II)				JPM543

Elective courses (European Union)

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Code	Course title	Pre-requisite	Co-requisite	Interchangeability	Incompatibility
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Elective courses (Approaches to Conflicts and Violence)

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Code	Course title	Pre-requisite	Co-requisite	Interchangeability	Incompatibility
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Elective courses (Further elective courses)

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Code	Course title	Pre-requisite	Co-requisite	Interchangeability	Incompatibility
JLM001	Academic English I	<u>J#LM30</u>			
JLM002	Academic English II	JLM001			
JPM191	Geopolitics of Great Powers: Russia				JPM739
JPM670	Professional internship A				JPM671
JPM671	Professional internship B				JPM670

Languages for International Relations

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Code	Course title	Pre-requisite	Co-requisite	Interchangeability	Incompatibility
JLB014	Specialised German II	JLB013			
JLB020	Specialised French II	JLB019			
JLB024	Specialised Italian II	JLB023			
JLB028	Specialised Russian II	JLB027			
JLB030	Specialised Spanish II	JLB029			
JLB034	German for Social Sciences II	JLB033			
JLB036	French for Social Sciences II	JLB035			
JLB038	Italian for Social Sciences II	JLB037			
JLB040	Russian for Social Sciences II	JLB039			
JLB042	Spanish for Social Sciences II	JLB041			

JLB048	Russian - - Preparation for JLB039 II	JLB047			
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