
(NMgr) Programme: International Relations (NP_MAIN)

Programme N0312A200033: International Relations - master, full-time

Academic year 2025/2026

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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	Researching International Politics: Quantitative Methods	Parízek	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM629	Researching International Politics: Qualitative Methods	Strítecký	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM945	Theories of International Relations	Kazharski Tesař	WS	2/0	Examination	6
JPM946	International Institutions (II)	Karlas	SS	2/0	Examination	6
JPM947	European Union (EU)	Martinková Karlas Parízek	SS	2/0	Examination	6
JPM948	Approaches to Conflicts and Violence	Karásek	WS	2/0	Examination	6
JPM950	Global Political Economy	Parízek	WS	2/0	Examination	6
JPM952	International Law	Lipovský	SS	2/0	Examination	6
JPM953	MA Thesis Seminar I	Karlas	WS/SS	0/2	Course credit	6
JPM957	MA Thesis Seminar II	Karlas	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 #089425

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	Feminism and International Relations (TIR)	Plechanovová	WS	0/1	macc	4
JPM690	Liberalism in International Relations (TIR)	Karlas	WS	0/1	macc	4

JPM975	<u>Constructivism in International Relations (TIR)</u>	<u>Tesař</u>	WS	0/1	macc	4
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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	<u>Global Economic Governance (II)</u>	<u>Parízek</u>	SS	0/1	macc	4
JPM606	<u>Global Governance and Global Cooperation (II)</u>	<u>Makariusová</u>	SS	0/1	macc	4
JPM770	<u>NGOs in International Relations (II)</u>	<u>Martinková Földes</u>	SS	0/1	macc	4
JPM937	<u>Problems of Global Cooperation: Causes and Solutions (II)</u>	<u>Karlas</u>	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	<u>EU Institutions and Decision-making (EU)</u>	<u>Plechanovová</u>	SS	0/1	macc	4
JPM433	<u>Inter-institutional Relations: European vs. Domestic Institutions (EU)</u>	<u>Martinková</u>	SS	0/1	macc	4
JPM954	<u>EU and Global Governance (EU)</u>	<u>Karlas</u>	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#089425 (Approaches to Conflicts and Violence)

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Code	Course title	Course leader	Semester	Hours per week	Course assessment	ECTS credit points
JPM084	<u>Environmental Security</u>	<u>Pohnerová</u>	WS	0/1	macc	4
JPM092	<u>Global Security in the Digital</u>	<u>Földes</u>	WS	0/1	macc	4

	Age: Propaganda, Disinformation, and Social Media Warfare					
JPM137	Social Justice as a Future of Security Studies	Kotvalová	WS	0/1	macc	4
JPM429	Global Terrorism (ACV)	Makariusová	WS	0/1	macc	4

Minimum credits: 4

Note: the guarantor of course JPM948 will require a parallel enrolment in one of the courses from group J#089425

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	Academic Writing for Bachelors	Goodall	WS	0/2	Course credit	3
JLM001	Academic Communication I	Straková	WS	0/2	Course credit	3
JLM002	Academic Communication II	Straková	SS	0/2	Course credit	3
JPM064	Applied Qualitative Research Methods: Practical Approaches to Textual Analysis	Földes	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM065	The Contemporary Middle East and North Africa: Politics, Culture, and Society	Plíštilová	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM066	Gender and Politics	Monsees	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM082	Navigating Climate Change in Everyday Life	Pohnerová	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM091	Czech Post-1989 Diplomacy and Foreign Policy	Petříček	WS	2/0	Examination	4
JPM096	Nations and Nationalism in the Asia Pacific	Theseira Tusor	WS	1/1	Examination	6

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
JPM185	<u>European Integration: Theories and Cases</u>	<u>Jeřábek</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM191	<u>Geopolitics of Great Powers: Russia</u>	<u>Leichtová</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM432	<u>European Public Sphere: Interest Representation and Public Debate</u>	<u>Martinková</u>	WS	1/1	macc	6
JPM443	<u>Data Analysis and Mapping</u>	<u>Hájek</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	5
JPM444	<u>Navigating the Information Age: Political Text Analysis and Applied Machine Learning</u>	<u>Stauber Parízek</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM480	<u>U.S. Foreign Policy and Europe: An Archaeology of the Present</u>	<u>Karlas</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM490	<u>Global Environmental Politics</u>	<u>Karlas Tesař</u>	WS	1/1	macc	6
JPM634	<u>Crisis Games</u>	<u>Kučera Parízek</u>	SS	0/2	Examination	6
JPM644	<u>Contemporary International Relations in East Asia</u>	<u>Kolmaš</u>	WS	2/0	Examination	6
JPM670	<u>Professional internship A</u>	<u>Karlas</u>	WS/SS	0/4	Course credit	6
JPM671	<u>Professional internship B</u>	<u>Karlas</u>	WS/SS	0/4	Course credit	4

JPM692	Resilience and 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 and the Common Foreign and Security Policy	Kazharski	WS	1/1	Examination	4
JPM867	Law and Economics of Globalisation	Parízek	SS	1/1	Examination	4
JPM870	Political Economy of the EU amidst Polycrisis, Politicization and Disintegration	Parízek	WS	1/1	macc	4
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	Přívozníková	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

Language courses are optional. Due to technical reasons SIS counts all fulfilled language courses as electives. Please note that only the first fulfilled course (max. 3 credits) is an elective and the others are optional.

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		J#R074		JPM043 JPM314
JPM946	International Institutions (II)		J#R075		JPM667
JPM947	European Union (EU)		J#R076		JPM665
JPM948	Approaches to Conflicts and Violence		J#R077		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 Communication I	J#LM30			
JLM002	Academic Communication II	JLM001			
JPM185	European Integration: Theories and Cases			JMM548	
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			

Study plan code:
J25NPM1748