

## International relations

<b>Name of the Educational Programme</b>	<b>International relations</b>
<b>Qualification to be awarded:</b>	Bachelor of International Relations
<b>Credit Value of the Programme:</b>	240 ECTS credits
<b>Language of Education:</b>	Georgian
<b>Programme Admission Preconditions:</b>	<p>Students are enrolled in the undergraduate program in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Georgia - based on the results of the Unified National Exams. Third obligatory subject to pass at the Unified National Exams is one of the following: mathematics / history / civic education / geography.</p> <p>Persons with full secondary education may apply for a bachelor's program.</p> <p>In cases provided for by law, enrollment may be conducted in accordance with the procedure established by the relevant legislation without passing the Unified National Exams. Admission preconditions for foreign citizens can be found at the link - <a href="https://iro.ibsu.edu.ge/en/home">https://iro.ibsu.edu.ge/en/home</a></p>
<b>Purpose of the Program:</b>	<p>The aim of the undergraduate program is to train a highly qualified specialist with the knowledge and competencies relevant to contemporary requirements and standards to pursue a successful career and further education in the field. For this purpose, the program envisages two core objectives defined below, the first of which includes a broad and multifaceted knowledge of the discipline, and the second, the competencies developed on the basis of the knowledge:</p> <p>1.1. To give students extensive knowledge of theoretical foundations of International Relations (IR), research methods and field research specificities, processes and their historical context, as well as subdisciplines and key issues in IR. The program curriculum, taking into account the interdisciplinary nature of the field, also offers students basic knowledge of the related disciplines;</p> <p>1.2. To develop the student's analytical and practical skills based on the acquired knowledge, such as: determining the role and engagement of actors of international relations within the world politics; Analysis of Georgia's foreign policy with its challenges and opportunities; Assessing current developments and challenges in international relations; Under the supervision, planning and conducting area research;</p> <p>Broadening knowledge in particular direction within the discipline.</p>

	<p>The BA program in International Relations is consistent with the mission and strategic objectives of the International Black Sea University and is in line with labour market requirements.</p>
<p>Learning outcomes</p>	<p>Upon completion of the program, the following general and field specific competencies required from graduates will be acquired including knowledge and understanding; skills; responsibility and autonomy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 1. Describes the primary directions of the state-of-the-art scholarly discourse in IR; interprets, contrasts and analyzes the theories of IR;</li> <li>2. Critically interprets the history of international relations; defines and analyzes its context;</li> <li>3. Outlines theoretical foundations and draws conclusions on the most important issues in the field, its subdisciplines and related disciplines;</li> <li>4. Based on the theoretical foundations of the field and a wide knowledge of the most important historical and contemporary events, explains and assesses current events in international politics as well as actors' interests and specificities of their involvement in international relations; describes and analyzes the most important challenges in the practice of international relations;</li> <li>5. Describes the structure of the European Union (EU), discusses and explains the history and theoretical foundations of its integration; policy development and implementation mechanisms, main policy directions; interprets and analyzes the role of the EU as an actor in international relations;</li> <li>6. Explains the directions of Georgia's foreign policy, the specifics of their development; interprets and analyzes the foreign policy strategy, challenges and opportunities facing the country;</li> <li>7. Interprets field research methods and methodology, selects them based on the specifics of the research, plans and implements the research based on the instructions of the supervisor;</li> <li>8. Analyzes the results of the research, draws conclusions and develops a research paper with academic integrity and ethical standards;</li> <li>9. Writes and speaks consistently and argumentatively on the issues related to the field of IR;</li> <li>10. Plans broadening of the knowledge in the desired direction, identifies necessary sources, obtains and interprets information, is in command of the independent and efficient time management skills.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Student knowledge assessment system:</b></p>	<p>The goal of evaluation is to determine student's education results qualitatively in relation to academic program goals and parameters.</p> <p>Students may be assessed orally and/or in a written way. A student's knowledge and skills are assessed through 100 points grading system. It consists of midterm and final evaluations, the sum of which makes up 100 points. Grading system allows:</p>

	<p>a) Five types of positive grades</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) (A) Excellent – 91 – 100:</li> <li>2) (B) Very good – 81-90.</li> <li>3) (C) Good – 71-80:</li> <li>4) (D) Satisfactory – 61-70.</li> <li>5) (E) Sufficient – 51-60.</li> </ol> <p>b) Two types of negative grades</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) (FX) Fail – 41-50, meaning that a student requires some more work before passing and is given a chance to sit an additional examination after independent work;</li> <li>2) (F) Fail – 40 and less, meaning that the work of a student is not acceptable and he/she has to study the subject anew.</li> </ol> <p>For the midterm and final evaluations minimal passing grade is set. The final evaluation minimal passing grade is 60% of final evaluation grade.</p> <p>Midterm and final evaluation grade distribution, their minimal competence levels and assessment criteria are described in the corresponding syllabus.</p> <p>A credit can be awarded only after the attainment of learning outcomes, envisaged by the course syllabus and following requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Obtaining minimal competence levels set for midterm and final evaluations;</li> <li>b) Obtaining minimum 51 points out of 100 points of final grade.</li> </ol> <p>A student is allowed to take an additional (make-up) exam in case he/she scored 41-50 points of final grade or minimum 51 points, but did not obtain minimal competence level set for final evaluation.</p> <p>The minimum competency threshold for midterm and final assessments is 51% of the respective assessment. Considering its specification, the format and the assessment criteria of mid-term and final evaluations can be determined in the specific module/course syllabus.</p>
<b>Field of employment</b>	<p>A graduate of the international relations educational bachelor's program possesses appropriate qualifications to be employed in international organizations, relevant public sector (e.g. embassies, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or other structures involved in international relations and European integration)</p>

and in private (non-governmental organizations, research centers, universities) structures. Graduates of the Bachelor of International Relations program can also continue their academic development and study at the Master's level.

#	Study course / module / practice / research component	Status	Number of credits	Distribution of credits for training according to courses and semesters								Distribution of hours					Number of contact hours per week
				I A.Y	II A.Y	III A.Y	IV A.Y	Contact hours				Independent work	Hours in total				
I semester	II semester	III semester	IV semester	V semester	VI semester	VII semester	VIII semester	Lecture / consultation	Seminar / group work / laboratory work / practical work	Midterm exam (s)	Final exam			Total of contact hours			
I	foreign language	Optional	30	5	5	5	5	5	5								

II	FSS001 Academic Writing	Mandatory	5	5								14	14	2	2	32	93	125	2
III	CS129 Computer Skills	Mandatory	5		5							15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
IV	Free credits/ additional specialty	Optional	60			10	10	10	5	15	10								
V	Major specialty		140	20	20	15	15	15	20	15	20								
A)	Compulsory component of the main specialty		120	15	15	15	15	15	20	10	15								
1	INT201 History of Political Thought	Mandatory	5	5								13	15	2	2	32	93	125	2
2	ECO101 Fundamentals of Economics	Mandatory	5	5								26	16	2	2	46	79	125	3
3	INT438 Overview of World History	Mandatory	5	5								15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
4	INT317 Foundations of Political Ideologies	Mandatory	5		5							13	15	2	2	32	93	125	2
5	IRP100 History of International Relations	Mandatory	5		5							17	11	2	2	32	93	125	2
6	FSS004 Foundations of Sociology	Mandatory	5		5							15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
7	INT456 Fundamentals of Law	Mandatory	5			5						14	14	2	2	32	93	125	2
8	INT151 Introduction to Political Science	Mandatory	5			5						13	15	2	2	32	93	125	2
9	INT233 Professional English I*	Mandatory	5			5						14	14	2	2	32	93	125	2
10	INT136 Professional English II*	Mandatory	5				5					14	14	2	2	32	93	125	2
11	INT446 Introduction to International Relations Theory	Mandatory	5				5					14	14	2	2	32	93	125	2
12	IRP426 International Organizations	Mandatory	5				5					15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
13	IRP416 Negotiations and Conflict Resolution	Mandatory	5					5				14	14	2	2	32	93	125	2

14	INT104 International Politics	Mandatory	5					5			15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
15	ECO165 International Economics	Mandatory	5					5			15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
16	INT437 Public International Law	Mandatory	5					5			14	14	2	2	32	93	125	2
17	FSS005 Research Methods in the Social Sciences	Mandatory	5					5			29	13	2	2	46	79	125	3
18	INT108 Introduction to International Security	Mandatory	5					5			24	18	2	2	46	79	125	3
19	INT221 Introduction to Foreign Policy Analysis	Mandatory	5					5			16	26	2	2	46	79	125	3
20	INT447 EU Politics	Mandatory	5					5			15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
21	INT106 Foreign Policy of Georgia	Mandatory	5					5			14	14	2	2	32	93	125	2
22	INT448 Thesis Writing (Practical Course)	Mandatory	5					5			14	14	0	2	30	95	125	2
23	INT300 Undergraduate Thesis	Mandatory	10						10		29		0,5	0,5	30	220	250	Average 2 hours
B)	Elective component of the major**		20	5	5			5	5									
1	INT218 Foundations of Philosophy	Optional	5								15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
2	INT345 Society and Culture	Optional	5								15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
3	INT303 Human Rights Theory and Practice	Optional	5								14	14	2	2	32	93	125	2
4		Optional	5								15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
5	INT311 History of Georgia	Optional	5								14	14	2	2	32	93	125	2

6	INT449 Introduction to Psychology	Optional	5								14	14	2	2	32	93	125	2
7	INT362 Political system of Georgia	Optional	5								15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
8	INT439 Empires and Imperialism	Optional	5								14	14	2	2	32	93	125	2
9	INT350 Russian Foreign Policy	Optional	5								15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
10	INT431 Chinese Foreign Policy	Optional	5								30	12	2	2	46	79	125	3
11	INT224 Turkish Foreign Policy	Optional	5								15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
12	INT444 Caucasus Region in International Relations	Optional	5								27	15	2	-	44	81	125	3
13	INT225 Asia-Pacific in World Politics	Optional	5								30	12	2	2	46	79	125	3
14	INT316 Post-Soviet space in international politics	Optional	5								15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
15	INT302 Politics of the Middle East and North Africa Region	Optional	5								15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
16	INT306 Latin America in World Politics	Optional	5								31	11	2	2	46	79	125	3
17	INT351 Introduction to Conflict Research	Optional	5								15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
18	INT403 Comparative Politics	Optional	5								14	14	2	2	32	93	125	2
19	INT232 Social Movements in International Relations	Optional	5								15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
20	INT442 Introduction to National Security Policy	Optional	5								27	15	2	2	46	79	125	3

21	INT450 Introduction to International Political Economy	Optional	5								14	14	2	2	32	93	125	2
22	INT309 Nationalism in International Relations	Optional	5								14	14	2	2	32	93	125	2
23	IRP102 Geopolitics	Optional	5								15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
24	INT205 World Diplomacy: Theory and Practice	Optional	5								14	14	2	2	32	93	125	2
25	INT440 Gender and International Relations	Optional	5								14	14	2	2	32	93	125	2
26	INT310 Social and Political Geography of the World	Optional	5								14	14	2	2	32	93	125	2
27	INT455 Georgia-Russia relations, general course	Optional	5								14	14	2	2	32	93	125	2
28	INT454 Energy Policy and Energy Security	Optional	5								14	14	2	2	32	93	125	2
29	INT458 New and recent history of Georgia (from the 19th century to the present day)	Optional	5								14	14	2	2	32	93	125	2
30	INT457 Small Countries in International Relations	Optional	5								14	14	2	-	30	95	125	2
31	INT451 NATO: International Security and the Atlantic Alliance	Optional	5								14	14	2	2	32	93	125	2
32	INT460 Migration and International Relations	Optional	5								15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
33	INT461 Sociology of Social Change	Optional	5								14	14	2	2	32	93	125	2



34	INT099 Foreign and Security Policy of the Nordic Countries	Optional	5									14	14	2	2	32	93	125	2
35	INT462 Statistics for Social Sciences I	Optional	5									14	14	2	2	32	93	125	2
36	INT463 Statistics for Social Sciences II	Optional	5									14	14	2	2	32	93	125	2
37	JUR165 Democracy and Citizenship	Optional	5									15	13	3	2	32	93	125	2
38	INT464 Public speech and conducting presentations	Optional	5									14	14	2	2	32	93	125	2
38	INT204 Internship	Optional	10												0,5	150,5	99,5	250	average min. 10 hours
<b>Total</b>			<b>240</b>	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30							6000	