

## International Relations Program

### Structure, Contents, Learning Outcomes

Academic program consists of 240 credits, including:

- 115 ECTS – obligatory component of Major specialty (including Internship/ Bachelor Thesis, 10 ECTS each);
- 30 ECTS – Foreign Languages;
- 5 ECTS – Information Technology;
- 5 ECTS – Academic Writing;
- 20 ECTS – Specialty Elective Courses;
- 65 ECTS – Free credits. Students are entitled to use 60 ECTS out of the 65 to complete any Minor program delivered at the university in English language.

Title of the Course	ECTS	Course Description
<b>Obligatory Component of Major Specialty</b>		
Introduction to Economics	5	The Course introduces key economic concepts and basic tools of micro- and macroeconomic analysis by applying which, students will understand the behavior of households, firms and government.
History of Political Thought	5	The course surveys major texts in the history of political thought in which thinkers contribute to a broader conversation about power, state, freedom, equality, representation, legitimacy, human goods and needs, justice, democracy, and the proper relationship of the individual to the state. The course introduces students to the primary texts by Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, Hobbes, Locke, Montesquieu, Rousseau, Kant, Madison & Hamilton, Marx, Hayek and others as well as key debates on political thought.
Basics of Philosophy	5	The course studies the most essential philosophical categories and concepts through the historical retrospective.
World History	5	The course overviews ancient, medieval and modern history, and explains how culture, religion, state and people interacted with one another. The goal of this class is to grasp the relationship between events, which have shaped our present world as well as reach understanding of past civilizations and events that have formed who we are today.
Basics of Sociology	5	The course introducing students to the basic nature of society and the relationship between society and the individual, focuses on how society functions and is organized, and how society impacts and influences on individual motivation, understanding, action, and well-being.
Introduction to Political Ideologies	5	This course offers students an examination of both the nature and meaning of ideology and a spectrum of some of the most important ideologies that have emerged in the modern era, including liberalism, conservatism, socialism, communism, fascism, anarchism, and nationalism.

History of International Relations	5	The course develops understanding and knowledge of the main issues and significant processes related to the history of international relations. Factual information introduced within the course provides students with the opportunity to analyze and evaluate key political processes, crises and conflicts.
Professional English I; Professional English II	5; 5	The course aims at teaching English language for specific purposes and acquisition of appropriate vocabulary in the field of International Relations.
Introduction to Political Science	5	The course provides necessary foundation for understanding the core issues in the realm of political science. Special attention is given to demonstrating interrelation between the political science and international relations. The course introduces students to the subject matter of political science, its dimensions, key evolution stages in various states (US, Great Britain, France).
International Organizations	5	The course introduces students to the international organizations (IOs), their typology, role in the contemporary politics, functions and principles, as well as their structure, providing theoretical, historical and political context.
Theory of International Relations	5	The study course of Theory of International Relations provides an up-to-date and comprehensive account of all the major IR theories and enhances the students' understanding of the given theories with case study examples.
Public International Law	5	The primary focus of this course is upon public international law, which is traditionally considered to encompass the binding normative rules and principles dealing with the conduct of states and of international organizations.
Research Methodology in Social Sciences	5	The course enhances the students' knowledge of the issues and concepts such as basic principles of qualitative and quantitative research and their differences, ethics in social research, hypothesis, variables, conceptualisation and operationalisation, etc. and focuses on specific techniques of data collection and analysis such as interviewing, focus groups, content and discourse analysis, etc.
International Politics	5	The course focuses on the most resilient issues that shape contemporary international politics and providing comprehensive information on the background of the relations pattern inside each of the regions and its key players.
International Economics	5	The course overviews the basic models of the foreign trade theory; basic instruments of trade policy and political economy of trade policy; concepts of National Income Accounting and Balance of Payments.
Negotiations and Conflict Resolution	5	The course intends to give students an understanding of the nature of interstate and intrastate conflicts, learn about the stages of conflict escalation as well as tools of resolving them and will demonstrate theoretical explanations in negotiation-mediation and conflict resolution pattern.
Politics of EU Integration	5	The course equips students with the profound knowledge on the institutional design and core policies of the European Union and key theories of the European integration.

Comparative Politics	5	The course provides students with comprehensive theoretical knowledge of political systems, institutions and behavior in a comparative perspective through discussing the case studies from all over the world.
Geopolitics	5	The course concentrates on the major world changes brought about by economic, demographic and political forces, especially since the end of the Cold War, and it discusses the changing, fluid geopolitical features of different countries and regions as well as how they interact.
Foreign Policy of Georgia	5	The course provides comprehensive knowledge of the foreign policy of Georgia since its independence, its decision-making, foreign policy priorities and challenges.
Internship	5	Under the guidance of internship supervisor at the host organization, student learns how to define priorities among the given tasks, adapt to the working environment, and learn how to make decisions independently in the framework of assigned responsibilities.
Bachelor Thesis	5	Bachelor Thesis is regarded as the final stage of the BA studies. The purpose of writing BA thesis is enhancing a student's ability of formulating, developing, researching, and critically examining an issue within the field of international relations (with Supervisor's assistance).
<b>Specialty Elective Courses</b>		
World Diplomacy: Theory and Practice	5	The course focuses on the evolutionary nature of diplomacy and its role in the contemporary international relations as well as a practice of inter-state communications and interactions (on bilateral and multilateral levels). It examines place of diplomacy within the foreign policy of states and other global actors.
History of the Soviet Union	5	Students acquire factual knowledge about Soviet history, learn to explain respective historical developments in the 20th century and understand their impact upon the present.
Foreign Policy of US	5	This course surveys major problems in U.S. foreign policy and deals with their adaptation to the changing structure of the international system. The course starts with U.S. foreign policy origins in the colonial and revolutionary eras and ends with briefly overview some crucial contemporary challenges faced by Washington since the Soviet collapse in 1991.
Terrorism and Counterterrorism	5	The course provides the students with the knowledge of main directions of contemporary terrorism, its ideological basis as well as aims and methods of important terrorist organizations.
European Foreign and Security Policy	5	The course focuses on the Foreign and Security Policy of Europe, its historical and political background, enlargement as well as main institutions and their activities.
Introduction to Conflict Studies	5	The course examines definitions of conflict, diverse views of its resolution and explores the processes of thought about human behavior and social systems as they relate to the origins of conflict and the role of conflict in violent and peaceful social change.

Introduction to Foreign Policy Analysis	5	The course engages students with the basics of foreign policy, gain conceptual understanding of the reasons for and implications of decisions of foreign policy makers and constraints related to policy formulation and implementation.
Social Movements & IR	5	The course is designed to define, examine, understand, and compare a range of social movements, especially of the past decades; it reviews effectiveness and impacts of social movements on social and political life.
Cross-cultural and Intercultural Communications	5	The course focuses on cultural self-awareness, other culture awareness, and the dynamics that arises in interactions between the two.
International Security Problems	5	The course examines global security environment, the main theories and core concepts of the international security, the development of international security architecture from historical perspective and analyzes the security policy priorities and interests of the global powers.
Intelligence and National Security	5	The course provides necessary information for understanding the core aspects of national security and intelligence. Special attention will be given to demonstrating interrelation between the security and intelligence services of the different countries.
Asia Pacific in World Politics	5	The course provides general understanding of the Asia Pacific and the roles of the foreign powers in the region. To give the course a focus, more attention will be paid to the international relations of three actors (China, Japan and the US) and their influence over the region.
Foreign Policy of Russia	5	The course discusses the essence of Russia's contemporary politics in the foreign as well as domestic realms.
Ancient and Modern Imperialism	5	The course approaches the issue of empires and imperialism from a comprehensive perspective, ranging over a wide historical time frame and covering different societies, from Ancient times to Modern.
Foreign Policy of Turkey	5	The course guides students to investigate the Turkish foreign policy, analyze its context and principals, its relations with countries of different regions, its role in the contemporary international relations.
Latin America in World Politics	5	The course focuses on international relations and foreign policies of the Latin American countries, as well as guides students to analyze political processes taking place in the region such as revolutions, populism, authoritarianism, caudillismo, democratization.
Human Rights Theory and Practice	5	This course is introducing human rights as an interdisciplinary academic field. Furthermore, the legal basis in international law, on which human rights law operates, will be thoroughly examined.
World Political and Social Geography	5	The purpose of the course is a comprehensive overview of the main aspects of historic, economic, social, population and political geography with the view to understand and be able to assess major events, transformations taking place in the world.
History of Georgia	5	This course presents some of the most important aspects of the Georgian civilization's evolution in the broad regional and

		trans-regional context, starting from the ancient to the modern historical period.
Introduction to Statistics	5	The course provides knowledge of basic statistics; it equips students with the skills of data compilation and improves analytical skills in the statistical problem solving process.
Evolution of World Economy	5	The course introduces the main economic facts in almost all countries in the world from ancient times up to nowadays. It includes a review of the origin and course of economic systems and philosophies, the influence of major historical figures and events on economy.
History of Economic Thought	5	The course provides the students with understanding and awareness of how and why the study of economics has changed over time. The Students will become familiar with the controversies between the major schools of economic thought and contrasting theoretical approaches.
Economics of EU Integration	5	The course offers students a fundamental analysis of the theory of European economic integration, its economic and monetary policy issues.
Monetary Economics	5	The course implies an advanced treatment of critical topics in monetary economics. It provides extensive coverage of general equilibrium models of money, models of the short-run real effects of monetary policy.
Contemporary World Economy	5	The course provides understanding of contemporary global economic issues, such as Asian crisis of 1997, Greece crisis and its consequences on EU, world financial crisis of 2007-2010 and the role of international financial institutions in solving these crises.
Georgian Economy	5	The course analyzes Georgian economic situation starting from 1918 till present day; it introduces main economic reforms, implemented by Georgian government, as well as their results.
Basics of Law	5	The course introduces students to the basics of the state and law, the major principles, categories and institutions of law.
Macroeconomics	5	The course shows the economic way of thinking regarding macro-level forces at work in a society which shape economic performance and guide economic policy; it determines the impact of monetary and fiscal policies on economy.
Psychology	5	The course explores psychological determinants of individual and social behavior. The course covers topics such as the social self-concept, social judgment, persuasion, conformity, aggression, conflict resolution, prejudice and interpersonal relationships.
Foreign and Security Policy of the Nordic Countries	5	The course provides systematic knowledge regarding the security environment in the Baltic Sea and Arctic region as well as introducing the major political trends in the Scandinavian region.
International Political Economy	5	The course examines the interconnectedness of international politics and economics as well as the general interaction of the economic and political forces.
Public Policy	5	The course reviews the core knowledge on the public policy making, its steps, key processes, participants, inclusion

		mechanisms. It helps students to understand the dynamics of the political environment.
The Role of Caucasus and Black Sea Regions in World Politics	5	The course reviews the place of Caucasus and the broader Black Sea region to the Global Politics; regional cooperation and political processes; analyzes the root causes of social, political and economic situation in the region.
International Politics of Energy	5	The course examines intersection between international security, politics, and energy issues; it explores not only how countries shape their grand strategies to meet their energy needs, but also how such actions have implications for other countries and the international system.
Political Psychology	5	The course emphasizes the psychological mechanisms affecting political reasoning and behavior.
Introduction to Nationalism Studies	5	The course reviews the role of nationalism in international relations and nationalistic politics conducted by particular states, leaders and societies.
Career Development	5	The course covers topics related to planning, developing and managing one's career; special attention is given to preparation for active job search – writing effective CV and cover letter, creating appealing LinkedIn profile and training for tough interview questions.
Foreign Policy of Germany	5	The course examines the main actors, issues and concepts in German post-war foreign policy. Building on theories and instruments of Foreign Policy Analysis, the course investigates domestic, international, and cultural forces that have shaped the formulation and implementation of German foreign policy.
Cities and Memory Politics: Post-Soviet Place Meanings and Contested History	5	This course examines the ways in which cities are performing as sites for collective memory and identity, focusing particularly on city development after the collapse of the Soviet Union.
Politics of the CEE Region	5	The course provides a systematic knowledge regarding the politics of the Central and Eastern Region as well as introducing the major political trends in the region, namely: familiarizing students with factors leading the countries of the Central and Eastern Europe region to various attitudes towards their foreign policy priorities.
The role Of NATO in International Relations	5	The course is broadening student's knowledge on the North Atlantic Alliance, its historical and political background, enlargement as well as main institutions and their activities.
Foreign Policy of China	5	The course provides a general understanding of Chinese foreign policy and its role in today's world politics. It overviews historical legacies of Chinese foreign policy and puts major emphasis on its modern key bilateral and multilateral relationships; provides a theoretical framework for analysis and will focus on the different dimensions of Chinese foreign policy.
<b>Foreign Languages</b>		
(English Language A1/A2/B1/B2/C1,	5 (each)	

/ Georgian Language A1.1/A1.2/A2.1/A2.2 / Russian Language A1.1/A1.2/A2.1/A2.2/B1/B2 /German Language A1.1/A1.2/A2.1/A2.2 /French Language A1.1/A1.2/A2.1/A2.2, / Spanish Language A1.1/A1.2/A2.1/A2.2, /Turkish Language A1.1/A1.2/A2.1/A2.2 )		
<b>Academic Writing</b>		
Academic Writing	5	The course provides a comprehensive introduction to English Academic Writing and necessary knowledge of the principles of academic writing, how it differs from other forms of writing, how to convincingly argue one's own position and how to critically evaluate other people's arguments.
<b>Information Technology</b>		
Information Technology	5	The course teaches students computer technologies and Microsoft Office Programs, enabling students to fulfill various tasks, including but not limited to data analysis, presenting projects or research findings.
<b>Minor Program/Free Credits</b>		

## Learning Outcomes

Graduates of the Bachelor program in International Relations possess theoretical knowledge and practical skills for the successful launch and advancement of their career in the field.

Considering the interdisciplinary nature of the field of International Relations, the graduates possess a broad knowledge of political science, law and economics; advanced skills of critical analysis and evaluation in relation to the most important issues and areas of the field, such as diplomacy, foreign policy, international security, international economics, international development, global governance; understand and analyze the most important challenges of the contemporary international relations. In addition, the program pays special attention to teaching research design, methodology and methods. Consequently, the graduates of the program are equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills to participate in research projects and activities in the field of International Relations.

In order to enable the graduates to successfully conduct practical activities in the field, the curriculum of the program integrates a variety of components for the development of the practical skills and knowledge application. As a result, graduates can analyze, evaluate, and discuss (orally and in written) the issues related to international relations; write analytical and research papers; work independently, as well as in team; possess leadership, collaboration and organizational skills; can identify and plan for self-improvement opportunities. Components for the advancement of the practical skills and knowledge application are developed through the study of best international practice, taking into account the assessments and recommendations of potential employers, students, academic staff and alumni of the program. The program also offers students internship opportunities in public or private structures

working on international relations issues. Consequently, graduates have work experience and a variety of practical skills that increase their competitiveness in the job market.

## **Evaluation System**

The maximum assessment point of each course is 100. The passing grade for awarding credits is 51 points and this grade shall consist of the points of the midterm evaluation(s) and the points of the final assessment. The student should pass the minimal competence level set for midterm evaluation and final assessment. The minimal competence level of the midterm/final evaluation is defined by syllabi.

The grading system shall allow:

### **a) Five positive grades:**

- (A) Excellent –91-100 points;
- (B) Very good –81-90 points of maximum grade;
- (C) Good – 71-80 points of maximum grade;
- (D) Satisfactory – 61-70 points of maximum grade;
- (E) Acceptable –51-60 points of maximum grade;

### **b) Two types of negative grades:**

- (FX) Fail – 41-50 points of maximum grade, meaning that a student requires some more work before passing and is given a chance to sit an additional examination after independent work;
- (F) Fail –40 points and less of maximum grade, meaning that the work of a student is not acceptable and he/she has to study the subject a new.

The final grade is composed of the summation of midterm evaluation(s) and the final evaluation.