

Bachelor of Arts in International Studies (4 Years, 240 ECTS)

An interdisciplinary program examining global politics, economics, culture, and security, strengthened by language study, regional specialization, and experiential learning through simulations and study abroad options.

Program Overview

- **Award:** B.A. in International Studies
- **Duration:** 8 Semesters (4 academic years)
- **Total Credits:** 240 ECTS
- **Delivery:** Lectures (L), Seminars (SE), Tutorials (T), Studios (S), Simulations (SIM), Fieldwork (F), Internship (I)
- **Workload:** 1 ECTS ≈ 25–30 hours
- **Program Pillars:** International Relations • Comparative Politics • Global Political Economy • History & Culture • Security & Conflict • Development & Human Rights • Research Methods • Language & Area Studies • Ethics & Global Citizenship
- **Signature Experiences:** negotiation simulations, language study, and study abroad or internship options.

Graduate Learning Outcomes

Graduates will be able to:

- 1 **Global Analysis.** Analyze international events using political, economic, and historical frameworks.
- 2 **Regional Expertise.** Develop knowledge of a region through focused coursework and language study.
- 3 **Research Skills.** Conduct research using qualitative and quantitative methods and credible sources.
- 4 **Policy Thinking.** Write policy memos and evaluate trade-offs for complex global challenges.
- 5 **Intercultural Competence.** Communicate across cultures and reflect on identity, power, and context.
- 6 **Negotiation.** Practice diplomacy and negotiation through simulations and role-based exercises.
- 7 **Ethics & Responsibility.** Apply human rights and ethical frameworks to international issues.

- 8 **Career Readiness.** Build skills relevant to diplomacy, NGOs, business, journalism, and analysis roles.

Curriculum Structure

Structured across 8 semesters (30 ECTS each). Most courses are 6 ECTS unless otherwise noted.

Year 1

- Semester 1 (30 ECTS)**
- Introduction to International Studies - 6 ECTS
 - World Politics (Foundations) - 6 ECTS
 - Global History (Modern Era) - 6 ECTS
 - Academic Writing & Argumentation - 6 ECTS
 - Language I - 6 ECTS

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- Semester 2 (30 ECTS)**
- Comparative Politics - 6 ECTS
 - Global Political Economy (Intro) - 6 ECTS
 - Culture, Identity & Power - 6 ECTS
 - Research Methods I - 6 ECTS
 - Language II - 6 ECTS

Year 2

- Semester 3 (30 ECTS)**
- International Relations Theory - 6 ECTS
 - International Law (Intro) - 6 ECTS
 - Security Studies (Intro) - 6 ECTS
 - Research Methods II (Data & Evidence) - 6 ECTS
 - Technical Elective I - 6 ECTS

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- Semester 4 (30 ECTS)**
- Development Studies - 6 ECTS
 - Human Rights & Ethics - 6 ECTS
 - Foreign Policy Analysis - 6 ECTS
 - Regional Studies I - 6 ECTS
 - Technical Elective II - 6 ECTS

Year 3

- Semester 5 (30 ECTS)**
- Conflict Resolution & Mediation - 6 ECTS
 - Global Institutions (UN/EU etc.) - 6 ECTS
 - Regional Studies II - 6 ECTS
 - Policy Writing Studio - 6 ECTS
 - Technical Elective III - 6 ECTS

- Semester 6 (30 ECTS)**
- International Negotiation Simulation - 6 ECTS
 - Migration & Refugee Studies - 6 ECTS
 - Field Methods (Qualitative) - 6 ECTS
 - Technical Elective IV - 6 ECTS
 - Study Abroad or Internship - 6 ECTS
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Year 4

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| Semester 7 (30 ECTS) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Global Challenges Seminar (Climate/Tech) - 6 ECTS• Geopolitics & Energy - 6 ECTS• Regional Studies III (Advanced) - 6 ECTS• Technical Elective V - 6 ECTS• Capstone I (Proposal & Literature Review) - 6 ECTS |
| Semester 8 (30 ECTS) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Capstone II (Thesis/Policy Project) - 12 ECTS• Diplomacy in Practice - 6 ECTS• Professional Development (NGO/Gov) - 6 ECTS• Final Seminar & Presentation - 6 ECTS |

Technical Elective Tracks

Choose at least 5 electives; focus on one track for specialization.

Track A — Diplomacy & Security

- Intelligence & Security
- Peacekeeping
- Cybersecurity (Policy)
- Arms Control (Intro)

Track B — Development & Human Rights

- Humanitarian Action
- Global Health Policy (Intro)
- Gender & Development
- Impact Evaluation (Intro)

Track C — Global Economy & Business

- Trade Policy
- International Finance (Intro)

- Corporate Responsibility
- Political Risk Analysis

Track D — Region Focus (Choose One)

- Europe
- Middle East & North Africa
- Asia-Pacific
- Americas & Africa

Learning Resources & Facilities

Simulation & Policy Lab

Spaces for negotiation simulations, crisis scenarios, and policy memo workshops.

Language Learning Center

Conversation groups and language coaching linked to regional study pathways.

Global Speaker Series

Talks by diplomats, journalists, NGO leaders, and international researchers.

International Partnerships

Study abroad and internship pathways with partner institutions and organizations.

Capstone Project Examples

- **Policy Brief on Climate Security**

Write a policy brief proposing mitigation and adaptation strategies for a region.

- **Human Rights Case Study**

Conduct an evidence-based case study with ethical reflection and recommendations.

- **Trade Shock Analysis**

Analyze impacts of a trade change using data and stakeholder perspectives.

- **Negotiation Strategy Portfolio**

Develop negotiation strategies and reflections from simulation exercises.