

# **Master's Programme *International and Diplomatic Studies***

(FMV N-ID)

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## **1. Programme Qualification Profile**

### **Fundamental philosophy, values, academic and methodological profile of the programme**

The aim of the follow-up master's programme in International and Diplomatic Studies is to produce highly specialized economists in the field of external economic relations who are, besides advanced knowledge of international economics, equipped with supplementary knowledge of international relations, international and diplomatic law, and strategic decision-making in foreign service or public diplomacy on international level. The core values of the programme are: comprehensive understanding of the subject, integrity of theory and practice, emphasis on ethical and environmental dimension of decision-making, and respect for the multicultural aspects of the international environment.

### **Profile of students suited for the programme**

The programme is suitable for students who have the ability of analytical and theoretical thinking, and at the same time are able to apply acquired knowledge in practice. Study requirements are: advanced knowledge of at least two international languages, ability to understand international processes in their complexity, effective team-work, and motivation to work in an international environment.

### **Graduates' profiles, labour market and job opportunities**

Graduates are prepared for independent managerial, conceptual and diplomatic work in a current dynamic international environment. Based on their deep interdisciplinary knowledge, they are equipped with strategic decision-making for such an environment. The graduates can work as: career diplomats, executives of international institutions at a state-wide or regional level, executives in European and international political or economic institutions and organizations, top-level managers and conceptual workers of international projects in NGOs, UN agencies, and other international public or private institutions, research workers, professional analysts, and also employees in mass media.

## **2. Learning Outcomes**

### **Professional know-how**

A graduate:

- ✓ has deep interdisciplinary knowledge of international economics, international policy, international law, international security, and ties between these disciplines both on a theoretical and applied level;
- ✓ understands the current globalization process and its consequences from the global, state, and also world's regions (including the European region) perspective;
- ✓ knows principles of foreign policy analysis, foreign policy making of particular countries, and understands the role of the great powers, European Union and other actors in the contemporary world;
- ✓ has knowledge of diplomatic practice, preventive diplomacy, international negotiations, diplomatic protocol and etiquette, and diplomatic and consular law;

- ✓ can process and prepare research projects due to know-how acquired during studies abroad.

### Professional skills

A graduate is able to:

- ✓ comprehensively analyse and evaluate, at both the theoretical and applied level, the current order and main trends in contemporary international relations at the global and regional level, and implement this knowledge in practice as needed;
- ✓ independently analyse concepts of countries' foreign policy and different understanding of diplomacy, and interpret foreign policy making extensively and compare it with Czech foreign policy;
- ✓ effectively participate in international negotiations at a bilateral and multilateral level, and apply principles of diplomatic protocol and multicultural communication in practice;
- ✓ independently prepare and solve expert projects relating to international relations, evaluate results of primary and secondary research, based on both quantitative and qualitative methods;
- ✓ use their own expanded professional overview acquired during the mandatory study semester abroad, and thus increase their own competitiveness on the international labour market.

Students of *International and Diplomatic Studies* are obliged to meet following study requirements:

1. Complete 45 credits in compulsory courses (hP)
2. Complete 15 credits in elective courses A (hV1)
3. Complete 18 credits in elective courses (hV)
4. Complete 30 credits in Minor Specialization (sP + sV)
5. Get 12 credits for the Master's thesis defence and the state exam

#### Compulsory Courses (hP) – 45 credits

Course Code	Course Name	EC
22F502	Master's Thesis Seminar	6
2SM608	Globalization in International Relations	6
2SM602	Global Power Politics	6
2SE601	International Economic Relations	9
2SM605	International Law in International Relations	6
2PL604	Comparative Politics	6
2SM606	Foreign Policy Making and Analysis	6

#### Elective Courses (hV1) – 15 credits

Course Code	Course Name	EC
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2SM451	Diplomacy of Non-State Actors in Contemporary International Relations	5
2SM453	EU and the World	5
2SM450	Global South in International Relations	5
2SM452	Current Issues and Trends in Diplomacy	5

#### Optional Courses (hV) – 18 credits

Students who have not studied International Relations, International Studies or a related field at the undergraduate level are recommended to take 2SM601 Contemporary world politics and 2SM607 Theories of International Relations in the group of elective courses in their first semester.

Course Code	Course Name	EC
2SM411	Asia in International Relations	6
2SM558	China in International Politics and Diplomacy	6
2SE632	Chinese Economy - for exchange students	3
2SM639	Diplomacy of the EU	3
2SE611	Economic Integration of Central Europe to the EU - in English	6
2ME431	The EU as a Global Actor - Economic aspects	3
2SE606	European Economic and Monetary Union - in German	6
2SE629	European Sustainable Development Policy - in English	3
2ME434	The European Union in times of polycrisis and uncertainty	3
2SM642	Geopolitics of Energy in the 21st Century	3
4EK611	International Week - KEKO1	3
1FP555	International Week - Business Valuation	3
1MU555	International Week: Accounting for Sustainability	3
2SM634	Iran in the International System: Past and Present	3
2SM431	Language and Diplomacy	3
2PL614	Lobbying in Modern Democracy	6
2SM442	Globalised International Relations	3
22F401	Field Internship	21
22F413	Internship - short-term	6
2MO462	Doing Business in Russia	3
2IB420	International Career Development	3
2ME432	'Developing' South Asia	3
2SM425	Contemporary International Negotiation Practice	3
2SM601	Contemporary World Politics	6

2MS411	Current European affairs: East and West cleavages	3
2SM607	Theories of International Relations	6
2SE439	Rises and Falls of Economic Powers	3
22F412	International Internship - long-term	15
22F411	International Internship - short-term	6

Students choose any Minor Specialization in English at the University of Economics, Prague, or the Minor Specialization Analysis of International Relations (2IR), which takes a form of a semester abroad at VŠE's partner university. The 30 credits of Minor Specialization are elective (sV). Students must earn at least 24 ECTS during the semester abroad for courses that are related to the field of International Relations. Up to 6 ECTS may be added to courses taken by visiting professors at the VŠE related to International Relations.

#### State Exam

The state exam is a comprehensive verification of the ability to elaborate in a written form the thesis on a given topic systematically and independently. Simultaneously, it verifies the student's ability to apply knowledge and skills acquired in the given study program, especially from the following courses:

2SM608 Globalization in International Relations

2SM602 Global Power Politics

2SE601 International Economic Relations

2SM606 Foreign Policy Making and Analysis

Recommended Study Programme of *International and Diplomatic Studies*

Course	WS			SS			WS			SS		
	Load		EC	load		EC	load		EC	load		EC
	W	S		W	S		W	S		W	S	
2SM602 Global Power Politics	2	2	6									
2SE601 International Economic Relations	4	2	9									
2SM605 International Law in International Relations	2	2	6									
2SM606 Foreign Policy Making and Analysis				2	2	6						
2PL604 Comparative Politics				2	2	6						
2SM608 Globalization in International Relations				2	2	6						
22F502 Master's Thesis Seminar							0	4	6			
Elective Courses (hV1)	2	2	5	2	2	5				2	2	5
Minor Specialization						6			24			
Optional Courses			6									12
State Exam												12
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>29</b>