

International Relations Master's program

Training program description

For students who start in the fall semester of 2022/2023.

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Valid: For students starting their studies in the 2022/2023/1 semester

Updated: 16/10/2023

General Information:

Person responsible for the major: dr. Bernadett Lehoczki, associate professor

Place of the training: Budapest

Training schedule: full-time

Language of the training: English

Is it offered as dual training: no

Specializations:

1. **Name of specialisation:** Diplomacy
2. **Name of specialisation:** East Central Europe

Training and outcome requirements

1. **Master's degree title:** International Relations (nemzetközi tanulmányok)
2. **The level of qualification attainable in the Master's programme, and the title of the certification**
 - qualification level: master- (magister, abbreviation: MA)
 - qualification in Hungarian: okleveles nemzetközi kapcsolatok elemző
 - qualification in English: International Relations Expert
3. **Training area:** social sciences
4. **Degrees accepted for admittance into the Master's programme**
 - 4.1. **Accepted with the complete credit value:** international studies and international governance undergraduate courses.
 - 4.2. **May be primarily considered with the completion of the credits defined in section 9.4:** undergraduate studies in the fields of social sciences, the humanities, economics, law, and political science.
 - 4.3. **May also be considered with the completion of the credits defined in section 9.4:** undergraduate and Master's courses and courses as defined as per Act LXXX of 1993 on higher education that are accepted by the higher education institution's credit transfer committee based on a comparison of the studies that serve as the basis of the credits.
5. **Training duration, in semesters:** 4 semesters
6. **The number of credits to be completed for the Master's degree:** 120 credits
 - degree orientation: theory oriented (60-40 percent)
 - thesis credit value: 10 credits
 - minimum credit value of optional courses: 6 credits
7. **International Standard Classification of Education field of education code:** 313
8. **Master's degree training objectives and professional competences**

The objective of the programme is the training of experts who, with their attained theoretical knowledge, are capable of analysing the tendencies of current international political and economic relationships. With their knowledge of international economics, international law, international relation theories, regional-civilisational interdisciplinary knowledge, and mastery of the terminology, they are prepared to understand the interrelationships of a globalising international system. They are capable of an in-depth analysis of a region's economic, political, and social context. They are prepared to continue their training at the PhD level.

8.1. Attained professional competences

8.1.1. The International Relations Expert has

a) knowledge

- Has a high-level knowledge of the most important social science contexts that he/she can understand and interpret in practice.
- Knows the most important paradigms of the theory of international relations, and is informed about the debates between the various theoretical schools.
- Is educated in the most important civilisational and cultural theories and knows the main economic, political, and social tendencies of the various regions.
- Is educated about the contexts of the most significant 21st century world politics conflicts and crises.
- Knows the main tendencies of world economy and the economic processes of the various global regions, especially the European Union's economic status.
- Is educated in the primary current issues and dilemmas of Hungarian foreign policy.
- Knows human rights and minority rights regimes and their regional system.
- Knows the UN decision-making mechanism, its operation, and ideas regarding its reform.
- Knows the foreign policy of the main major powers and their place in world economy.
- Knows the characteristics of the major civilisations, cultures, and world religions.
- Knows and understands Hungarian, European, and global social issues that define the basic tendencies of social science thinking.
- Knows and understands the technical language of previously studied foreign languages.
- Possesses organised knowledge on Hungarian, European, and non-European political systems and the dominant international types of government systems.
- Knows the typical data collection, processing, and interpretation techniques of social sciences and the distinctive characteristics of political research.
- Knows the deeper contexts of international political, economic, legal, and social institutions.

b) skills

- Is capable of the foreign policy analysis of a world policy conflict and crisis based on the attained interdisciplinary knowledge.
- Is capable of a deeper understanding of world economy processes and an analysis of economic challenges for the European Union and Hungary.
- Is capable of performing comparative economic analyses based on basic economic and statistics knowledge and world economy theories.
- Can navigate the decision-making mechanisms of various international organisations and can understand the major foreign policy decision-making mechanisms of various major powers.
- Is capable of defining the economic and political interests of the various actors of the international system and their context.
- Is capable of analysing new scientific data, uncovering new facts and interrelationships, and marketing his/her knowledge as an independent professional concept in the studied field of social processes.

- Is capable of actively and efficiently working with results from neighbouring scientific fields.
- Is capable of joining international research projects of the field and the tendering works of such projects.
- In professional tasks, is capable of independent analysis, evaluation, and the synthesis of various deductions.
- Is capable of uncovering and processing Hungarian and foreign social science resources and utilising the deductions in practical, professional work.
- Prepares independent, scientifically formatted synopses and analyses of various subjects in his/her specialist field.
- Manages work processes at an appropriate level, cooperates with partners inside and outside the institution efficiently.
- Is capable of adapting to changes and of getting colleagues and other partners to accept the adaptation concept.
- Is capable of developing independent professional concepts and protects ideas in debate, in foreign languages, if needed.
- Is capable of using political science terms consistently.
- Is capable of navigating the complex system of social conflicts and issues, and in the specialist field, may take on an active role in the work of uncovering these conflicts based on his/her in-depth knowledge.

c) attitudes

- Is open and tolerant towards the views, ideas, and lifestyles of groups encountered during his/her professional work as a social scientist.
- Is open to taking a role in social commentary when processes that clash with his/her professional world-view happen in his/her social environment.
- Is open and accepting of the wide range of international research results of the specialist field and is dedicated to raising awareness in Hungary about new pieces of knowledge he/she considers useful.
- Builds a professional career responsibly and supports the realisation of a professional career of subordinates.
- Serves and represents professional interests to the best of his/her interest.
- In all organisational and institutional work, uses his/her knowledge and influence responsibly for the recognition of quality work.
- In work-related and social conflicts, makes independent and responsible decisions, representing the interests of those he/she is entrusted with.
- Has a constant need for self-education and to respect others' political beliefs in everyday life.
- Is characterised by an ability to see what's important, creativity, and methodological awareness.

d) autonomy and responsibilities

- Is an independent and responsible participant in the specialist field's scientific life, represents professional values and research results in every possible forum.
- In work, makes independent and responsible decisions regarding his/her own scientific work and the work programmes of subordinates.
- Takes responsibility for communicating specialised scientific knowledge in to participants of social forums in a comprehensible way.
- Responsibly participates in the operation of work organisation and in developing, debating, and realising professional concepts.

- Responsibly participates in the creation and management of work organisational units.
- Responsibly safeguards the strict ethical rules of social science research and analysis in his/her professional work, undertakes to ask and answer any new ethical queveningon.
- Takes on an independent and responsible role in the Hungarian and international operation of professional organisations and the work of advocacy forums.

9. About the Master's programme

9.1. Professional properties

9.1.1. The scientific fields and areas that the training is based on are:

- social science studies that serve as the basis of the programme (social science research methodology, comparative state law, the history of political thought, economic theory history) 5-20 credits;
- professional skills related to international relations: 80-100 credits, including the credit value of the thesis, as per the following:
 - o theory and practice of international relations [Security Policy Studies, Geopolitical Theories, Foreign Policy Decision-Making, General and Specialised Diplomacy Studies, Cultural Diplomacy, Conflicts and Crisis Management, Global Governance] 5-40 credits;
 - o regional and civilisational studies [in particular: Civilisation Theory, Regional Integrations, Middle East Studies, Chinese Studies, Balkans Studies, Latin American Studies, Indian Studies, Japanese Studies, USA Studies, South-east Asian Studies, African Studies, Australian Studies, Mediterranean Studies, Russian Studies, The Post-Soviet Region and Middle Asia, European Studies] 5-40 credits;
 - o the practice of international law [Case Studies from International Law, Diplomacy and Consular Law, Human and Minority Rights, Regional International Organisations, Non-Governmental Organisations] 5-40 credits;
 - o international economics [Developmental Theories, International Development Policy, World Trade Regions, The Theory and Practice of Economic Integrations, Hungarian Economy and Foreign Trade Relations, Economic Governance, The Economics of Globalisation] 5-40 credits;
 - o international relationship analysis [Foreign Policy Analyses, Comparative Economic Analysis, The Analysation of Migration Processes] 5-40 credits;
 - o international relations and EU terminology, professional studies in a foreign language 5-30 credits.

9.1.2. Specialisation recommended by the educational institution constitutes theoretical and practical knowledge that is capable of working on the given field, improves personal abilities, and results in specialised competences relevant to individual interests. In the entirety of the programme, trade-specific knowledge accounts for 30 credits.

9.2. For persons with degrees defined in sections 4.2 and 4.3, the minimal requirements of admittance to the Master's programme training cycle

For entering the Master's programme, a minimum of 60 credits is necessary from the following subject areas:

- introduction to social science: sociology, psychology, philosophy, anthropology, psychology
- legal-governance studies: public law and civil law, constitutional law, public administration science, public policy, business law

- economic studies: economy, macro and micro economics, corporate economics, finance, international economics
- political science: political thought, political history, international studies,
- historical, cultural, and linguistic studies: economy, social and cultural history studies, linguistic, filologic studies.

The prerequisite of admittance into the Master's programme is for the student to have at least 30 credits. Missing credits must be attained as defined in the higher education institution's Study and Exam Regulations.

10. Degree thesis/ Dissertation

The aim of the dissertation is to certify the student's knowledge and expertise in a chosen topic, scientific data collection, systematization, analysis and processing related to the chosen topic, discussion of the chosen phenomenon or problem, hypothesis creation, problem solving, analysis of alternative hypotheses, analysis and in refuting the counter-arguments, in a coherent, consistent, language-oriented written explanation of his thoughts, views, positions, statements.

11. Type of Degree thesis

Research thesis.

12. Requirements for the issue of a final certificate

The University will issue a final certificate to the student who has obtained

- the study and examination regulation prescribed in the curriculum, and
- the required credits.

13. Conditions for admission to the final examination

Joint conditions for admission to the final exam:

- a) obtaining a final certificate,
- b) submission of the dissertation by the deadline,
- c) evaluation of the dissertation with a different grade than the deadline,
- d) registration for the final exam by the deadline,
- e) the student has no overdue payment debt to the University for the given training,
- f) accounted for with assets owned by the University (borrowed books, sports equipment, etc.).

A student who has not fulfilled any of the provisions of the points a)-f) cannot be admitted to the final examination.

14. Parts of the final exam

The final exam consists of the defense of the dissertation and the oral complex exam.

The complex exam topics:

- International Law in Practice;
- Comparative Foreign Policy;
- Theory of International Relations

15. Determining the result of the final exam

The arithmetic mean of the following three digits, rounded to two decimal places:

- a) The grade given to the dissertation by the reviewer (s) - determined with a five-point qualification - in case of several reviewers the average of the marks of the reviews is rounded to two decimal places, and
- b) the grade obtained for the defense of the dissertation, the answer to the questions related to the dissertation - established with a five-level qualification
- c) the grade obtained in the complex examination - determined with a five-level qualification.

16. Components of diploma qualification, method of calculation

The result of the diploma is the arithmetic mean of the following two marks, rounded to two decimal places:

- a) the credit-weighted average of the grades of the compulsory and compulsory elective subjects (if the student has taken more than the compulsory subjects

prescribed by the curriculum, then all the subjects taken) in the number of credits prescribed by the curriculum, and

b) the result (grade) of the final examination.

17. Specialization selection rules

Students are ranked based on the study average. Students mark the order of specializations at Neptun according to individual preference.

7MNNEMZ17ABP - International Relations master programme in Budapest, in English, full time training Curriculum for 2022/2023. (1.) fall semester for beginning students

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|---------------------|--|------|--------------------------|---------|---------|------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------|---------------------------|--|-------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|------|-----|--|
| | | | Lecture | Seminar | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | | | Code | Name | Code | Name | | |
| | | | | | | | | Fall semester | Spring semester | Fall semester | Spring semester | | | | | | | | | |
| Core courses | | | | | | | | 27 | 30 | 9 | 9 | 75 | | | | | | | | |
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| 7NK40NDKI6M | Comparative Foreign Policy | C | 2 | 2 | 6 | ex | fall | 6 | | | | | Péter Marton | Institute of International, Political and Regional Studies | | | | | no | |
| 7PO10NBK50M | History of European Political Thought | C | 4 | 0 | 6 | ex | fall | 6 | | | | | Balázs Mezei | Institute of International, Political and Regional Studies | | | | | | |
| NPNK019NAMB | International Conflicts and Crises in the Post-Bipolar World | C | 4 | 0 | 6 | ex | fall | 6 | | | | | Ágnes Kemenszky | Institute of Economic and Public Policy | | | | | | |
| 4KO03NBK42M | Public Policy | C | 2 | 0 | 3 | ex | fall | 3 | | | | | Márton Ugródsy | Institute of Economic and Public Policy | | | | | no | |
| 7NK40NCKE5M | International Law in Practice I. | C | 0 | 2 | 3 | pg | fall | 3 | | | | | Adrienne Kinga Komanovics | Institute of International, Political and Regional Studies | | | | | yes | |
| 7NK40NBKF6M | Latin America Studies | C | 2 | 0 | 3 | ex | fall | 3 | | | | | Bernadett Judit Lehoczki | Institute of International, Political and Regional Studies | | | | | | |
| 7NK40NDKI2M | Academic Writing and Communication | C | 0 | 4 | 6 | pg | spring | | 6 | | | | Dániel Vékony | Institute of International, Political and Regional Studies | | | | | | |
| 7NK40NCKE6M | International Law in Practice II. | C | 0 | 2 | 3 | pg | spring | | 3 | | | | Eszter Kirs | Institute of International, Political and Regional Studies | 7NK40NCKE5M | International Law in Practice I. | | | yes | |
| 7NK40NFVG6M | Middle Eastern Political Systems | C | 2 | 0 | 3 | ex | spring | | 3 | | | | Máté Szalai | Institute of International, Political and Regional Studies | | | | | | |
| 7NK40NCKH8M | Foreign Policy of China | C | 2 | 0 | 3 | ex | spring | | 3 | | | | Tamás Attila Matura | Institute of International, Political and Regional Studies | | | | | yes | |
| NPNK011NAMB | European Union Studies | C | 2 | 0 | 3 | ex | spring | | 3 | | | | Christopher Jakob Walsch | Institute of International, Political and Regional Studies | | | | | | |
| NPNK020NAMB | Global Challenges | C | 2 | 2 | 6 | ex | spring | | 6 | | | | Dorottya Mendly | Institute of International, Political and Regional Studies | | | | | no | |
| 7NK40NBKB1M | Theory of International Relations | C | 2 | 2 | 6 | ex | spring | | 6 | | | | Anita Szűcs | Institute of International, Political and Regional Studies | | | | | yes | |
| 7NK40NBKF5M | Contemporary Issues in International Relations | C | 2 | 0 | 3 | ex | fall | | | 3 | | | Tamás Attila Matura | Institute of Global Studies | | | | | yes | |
| 7NK40NBKF7M | U.S. Studies | C | 2 | 0 | 3 | ex | fall | | | 3 | | | Zoltán Gálik | Institute of Global Studies | | | | | | |
| 7NK40NBKG4M | Non-State Actors of World Politics | C | 2 | 0 | 3 | ex | fall | | | 3 | | | Péter Marton | Institute of Global Studies | | | | | yes | |
| NPNK021NAMB | Crisis in Europe | C | 2 | 0 | 3 | ex | spring | | | | 3 | | Christopher Jakob Walsch | Institute of Global Studies | | | | | | |
| 7NK40NDKB6M | Human Rights | C | 2 | 0 | 3 | ex | spring | | | | 3 | | Eszter Kirs | Institute of Global Studies | | | | | yes | |

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| | | | Lecture | Seminar | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | | | Code | Name | Code | Name | | | |
| | | | | | | | | Fall semester | Spring semester | Fall semester | Spring semester | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7NK40NDKE8M | International Development and Assistance | C | 2 | 0 | 3 | ex | spring | | | | 3 | | Beáta Paragi | Institute of Global Studies | | | | | | | |
| Specialisation | | | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 17 | 14 | 31 | | | | | | | | | |
| Diplomacy Specialisation | | | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 17 | 14 | 31 | | | | | | | | | |
| NPNK023NAMB | Thesis Seminar I. | C | 0 | 4 | 5 | pg | fall | | | 5 | | | Bernadett Judit Lehoczki | Institute of Global Studies | | | | | | | |
| NPNK012NAMB | European Policies of the EU Member States | C | 2 | 0 | 3 | ex | fall | | | 3 | | | Zoltán Gálik | Institute of Global Studies | | | | | | | |
| 7GF20NBV14M | Sustainability and Green Geopolitics | C | 2 | 0 | 3 | ex | fall | | | 3 | | | Anna Zsófia Széchy | Institute of Sustainable Development | | | | | | | |
| NPNK042NAMB | Cyber Civilizations: Revolution and Evolution | C | 2 | 0 | 3 | ex | fall | | | 3 | | | | Institute of Global Studies | | | | | | | |
| NPNK025NAMB | Diplomacy in Practice | C | 0 | 2 | 3 | pg | fall | | | 3 | | | Dániel Vékony | Institute of Global Studies | | | | | | | |
| NPNK024NAMB | Thesis Seminar II. (thesis) | C | 0 | 4 | 5 | pg | spring | | | | 5 | | Bernadett Judit Lehoczki | Institute of Global Studies | NPNK023NAMB | Thesis Seminar I. | | | | | |
| 7NK40NDKC1M | International Criminal Law | C | 2 | 0 | 3 | ex | spring | | | | 3 | | Tamás Hoffmann | Institute of Global Studies | | | | | | | |
| 7NK40NBKG5M | International Organisations and Multilateral Diplomacy | C | 2 | 0 | 3 | ex | spring | | | | 3 | | Bernadett Judit Lehoczki | Institute of Global Studies | | | | | | | |
| 7NK40NFV16M | Peace, Security and Conflict Studies | C | 2 | 0 | 3 | ex | spring | | | | 3 | | Péter Marton | Institute of Global Studies | | | | | | | |
| East Central Europe Specialisation | | | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 11 | 20 | 31 | | | | | | | | | |
| NPNK023NAMB | Thesis Seminar I. | C | 0 | 4 | 5 | pg | fall | | | 5 | | | Bernadett Judit Lehoczki | Institute of Global Studies | | | | | | | |
| 7NK40NGKM4M | Central Europe and the World | C | 2 | 0 | 3 | ex | fall | | | 3 | | | Christopher Jakob Walsch | Institute of Global Studies | | | | | | | |
| 7NK40NGKM2M | Nations and Minorities in East-Central Europe | C | 2 | 0 | 3 | ex | fall | | | 3 | | | Ágnes Kemenszky | Institute of Global Studies | | | | | | | |
| NPNK024NAMB | Thesis Seminar II. (thesis) | C | 0 | 4 | 5 | pg | spring | | | | 5 | | Bernadett Judit Lehoczki | Institute of Global Studies | NPNK023NAMB | Thesis Seminar I. | | | | | |
| NPNK018NAMB | East Central Europe and the Cold War | C | 4 | 0 | 6 | ex | spring | | | | 6 | | Csaba János Békés | Institute of Global Studies | | | | | | | |
| 7NK40NGKM3M | Regional Cooperations in East-Central Europe | C | 2 | 0 | 3 | ex | spring | | | | 3 | | Ágnes Kemenszky | Institute of Global Studies | | | | | | | |
| 7PO10NGV54M | Politics of Transition in East-Central Europe | C | 0 | 2 | 6 | ex | spring | | | | 6 | | Sándor Gallai | Institute of Social and Political Sciences | | | | | | | |

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| | | | Lecture | Seminar | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | | | Code | Name | Code | Name | |
| | | | | | | | | Fall semester | Spring semester | Fall semester | Spring semester | | | | | | | | |
| Electives Subjects | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Elective courses | E | | | | | fall, spring | 3 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 14 | | | | | | | |
| TES_TESTNEV | Sports/Physical Education | E | 0 | 2 | 2 | pg | fall | 0 | | | | | Csaba Vladár | Centre for Physical Educations and Sports | | | | | |
| IOK0001NABB | Hungarian Language SHI I.* | E/C | 0 | 4 | 3 | pg | fall | 3 | 3 | | | | Judit Magyar | Centre of Foreign Language Education and Research | | | | | no |
| IOK0004NABB | Hungarian Language SHI II.* | E/C | 0 | 4 | 3 | ex | spring | 3 | 3 | | | | Judit Magyar | Centre of Foreign Language Education and Research | | | | | no |
| Total credits | | | | | | | | 30 | 32 | 31 | 27 | 120 | | | | | | | |

Remarks

Type: C-compulsory courses, CE-core elective courses, E-elective (optional) courses

Methods of assessment: ex-exam (exam at the end of the semester, but other forms of assessment are possible during the semester), pg- grade based on the practical assignments given during the course of the semester, a=signature, ce- Comprehensive examination.

A subject that can be completed in a preferential study order (PSO) on the basis of Section 92 of the Study and Examination Regulation (SER).

Physical education

Students who wish to participate in sport may take a physical education course on a fee-paying basis, except in one semester when they take a course as an elective subject from the optional courses of the university without paying a fee.

Foreign language

During their studies, students can learn a language in the form of paid subjects within the framework of elective subjects.

Curriculum

It is recommended to include the subjects in the schedule according to the sample curriculum. The student may deviate from this, taking into account:

1. the pre-study order,
2. semester of announcing subjects
3. Completion of an average of 30 credits per semester
4. In addition to the compulsory subjects, students may take elective subjects from the offer of elective subjects (see Neptun) as well as foreign languages.
5. A minimum of 2/3 of the required amount of credit must be completed at Corvinus University.

* Hungarian Language is a compulsory subject for the students participating in the Stipendium Hungaricum scholarship program in the first two semesters.

The detailed rules related to the admission of the subjects and the completion of the subjects are included in the Study and Examination Regulations!

Please note that curriculum changes are possible!