

International Relations Master's program

training program

For students who start in the fall semester of 2025/2026

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Valid: For students starting their studies in the 2025/2026/1 semester

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:

No specialisation.

Training and outcome requirements

1. Title of the Master's programme in English: International Relations

Title of the Master's programme in Hungarian: 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 9.2: 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 9.2: 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 questioning.

- 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:

- 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;
- 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;
- 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;
- 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;
- international relationship analysis [Foreign Policy Analyses, Comparative Economic Analysis, The Analysis of Migration Processes] 5-40 credits;
- 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 complex exam.

15. Complex exam topics

Analysis and presentation of current professional issues, in the form of an 'open book' exam.

16. 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.

17. Components of diploma qualification, method of calculation

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

- a) the credit-weighted average of the marks of the compulsory and compulsory elective subjects (if the student has taken more than the compulsory elective subjects, then all the subjects taken) in the amount of credits prescribed in the curriculum, and
- b) the result (grade) of the final examination.

18. Conditions for issuing a diploma

A prerequisite for the award of a diploma certifying the completion of higher education studies is the successful completion of the final examination.

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Subject Code	Subject Name	Type	Number of classes per week		Credits	Evaluation	Fall or Spring Semester	2025/26 Academic year		2026/27 Academic year		Credit	Course leader	Institute	Requirement		Equivalent subject		PSO
			Lecture	Seminar				1	2	3	4				Code	Name	Code	Name	
								Fall semester	Spring semester	Fall semester	Spring semester								
Core courses																			
GLOBo77NAMB	Globalisation and Economic Power	C	2	2	6	ex	Fall	6					Gábor Vignári	Institute of Global Studies			GLOBo07NAMB	Globalisation and Economic Power	yes
GLOBo78NAMB	Comparative Foreign Policy	C	2	2	6	ex	Fall	6					Péter Marton	Institute of Global Studies			GLOBo66NAMB	Comparative Foreign Policy	yes
GLOBo79NAMB	Research Design and Academic Writing	C	0	2	6	pg	Fall	6					Vasileios Petsinis	Institute of Global Studies			GLOBo41NAMB	Research Design and Academic Writing	no
GLOBo80NAMB	Contemporary Models in International Relations Theory	C	2	2	6	ex	Fall	6					Anita Szűcs	Institute of Global Studies			GLOBo42NAMB	Contemporary Models in International Relations Theory	yes
GLOBo81NAMB	Major Powers in a Changing International Order	C	2	2	6	ex	Fall	6					Tamás Attila Matura	Institute of Global Studies			GLOBo43NAMB	Major Powers in a Changing International Order	yes
GLOBo82NAMB	Public International Law in Practice I	C	0	2	3	pg	Spring	3					Eszter Kirs	Institute of Global Studies			GLOBo44NAMB	Public International Law in Practice I	yes
GLOBo83NAMB	Public International Law in Practice II	C	0	2	3	pg	Spring		3				Adrienne Kinga Komanovics	Institute of Global Studies	GLOBo82NAMB	Public International Law in Practice I	GLOBo45NAMB	Public International Law in Practice II	yes
GLOBo46NAMB	Research Methods in IR	C	2	2	6	pg	Fall			6			Éva Kóváriné Ignáth	Institute of Global Studies	GLOBo79NAMB	Research Design and Academic Writing Thesis Seminar I	GLOBo64NAMB		yes
GLOBo47NAMB	Presentation Seminar	C	0	2	5	pg	Spring				5		Bernadett Judit Lehoczki	Institute of Global Studies					no
Compulsory Elective								0	24	24	6	54							
Compulsory Elective (two courses must be selected)									12			12							
GLOBo84NAMB	International Organisations: Theory and Practice	CE	2	2	6	ex	Spring		6				Bernadett Judit Lehoczki	Institute of Global Studies			GLOBo48NAMB	International Organisations: Theory and Practice	yes
GLOBo85NAMB	Security Studies	CE	2	2	6	ex	Spring		6				András Rácz	Institute of Global Studies			GLOBo49NAMB	Security Studies	yes
TARS102NAMB	Multilevel Governance	CE	2	2	6	ex	Spring		6				Judit Kálmán	Institute of Social and Political Sciences			KOZGo10NAMB	Multilevel Governance	yes
GLOBo86NAMB	EU Politics and Governance	CE	2	2	6	ex	Spring		6				Zoltán Gálik	Institute of Global Studies			GLOBo50NAMB	EU Politics and Governance	yes
Compulsory Elective (two courses must be selected)									12			12							
FENT034NAMB	Advanced Geopolitics and Geoeconomy	CE	2	2	6	ex	Spring		6				László Jeney	Institute of Sustainable Development			FENT019NAMB	Advanced Geopolitics and Geoeconomy	yes
GLOBo87NAMB	Global Problems and Global Governance	CE	2	2	6	ex	Spring		6				Dorottya Mendly	Institute of Global Studies			GLOBo51NAMB	Global Problems and Global Governance	yes
GLOBo88NAMB	International Development and Humanitarianism	CE	0	2	6	pg	Spring		6				Beáta Paragi	Institute of Global Studies			GLOBo52NAMB	International Development and Humanitarianism	yes
GLOBo89NAMB	Non-State Actors in IR	CE	2	2	6	pg	Spring		6				Péter Marton	Institute of Global Studies			GLOBo53NAMB	Non-State Actors in IR	yes
Compulsory Elective (two courses must be selected)											12	12							
GLOBo54NAMB	Global East	CE	2	2	6	ex	Fall			6			Tamás Attila Matura	Institute of Global Studies					yes
GLOBo55NAMB	Studies of the Semi-Periphery	CE	2	2	6	ex	Fall			6			Bernadett Judit Lehoczki	Institute of Global Studies					yes
GLOBo56NAMB	Regime Types and Human Rights	CE	2	2	6	ex	Fall			6			Eszter Kirs	Institute of Global Studies					yes
GLOBo57NAMB	Digital Transformations in International Relations	CE	0	2	6	ex	Fall			6			Beáta Paragi	Institute of Global Studies					yes

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								Fall semester	Spring semester	Fall semester	Spring semester																									
Compulsory Elective (two courses must be selected)																																				
GLOBo58NAMB	Global South	CE	2	2	6	pg	Fall			6			Bernadett Judit Lehoczki	Institute of Global Studies						yes																
GLOBo59NAMB	East Central Europe in the 21st Century	CE	2	2	6	ex	Fall			6			Ágnes Kemenszky	Institute of Global Studies						yes																
GLOBo60NAMB	Contemporary Issues in the EU	CE	2	2	6	pg	Fall			6			Christopher Jakob Walsch	Institute of Global Studies						yes																
GLOBo76NAMB	Political Systems and Cultures of the Post-Soviet Region	CE	2	2	6	ex	Fall			6			András Rác	Institute of Global Studies																						
GLOBo61NAMB	Small State Studies	CE	2	2	6	pg	Fall			6			Máté Szalai	Institute of Global Studies						yes																
Compulsory Elective (one courses must be selected)																																				
GLOBo62NAMB	Contemporary Crises and Conflicts	CE	2	2	6	ex	Spring			6			Dániel Vékony	Institute of Global Studies						yes																
TARSo64NAMB	The Migration Turn	CE	2	2	6	ex	Spring			6			Attila Melegh	Institute of Social and Political Sciences						yes																
GLOBo63NAMB	Business and Human Rights	CE	2	2	6	ex	Spring			6			Tamás Hoffmann	Institute of Global Studies						yes																
GLOBo67NAMB	Hungarian Foreign Policy	CE	4	0	6	ex	Spring			6			Csaba János Békés	Institute of Global Studies						yes																
Thesis (Core)								0	0	3	7	5																								
GLOBo64NAMB	Thesis Seminar I	C	0	1	3	pg	Fall			3			Bernadett Judit Lehoczki	Institute of Global Studies						yes																
GLOBo65NAMB	Thesis Seminar II	C	0	2	7	pg	Spring				7		Bernadett Judit Lehoczki	Institute of Global Studies	GLOBo64NAMB	Thesis Seminar I			yes																	
Elective courses								0	0	0	9	9																								
IOK001NABB	Hungarian Language SHI I.*	C/E	0	4	3	pg	Fall	3					Judit Magyar	Centre of Foreign Language Education and Research																						
IOK004NABB	Hungarian Language SHI II.*	C/E	0	4	3	ex	Spring		3				Judit Magyar	Centre of Foreign Language Education and Research																						
	Foreign language	E	0	4	0	s	Fall, Spring							Centre of Foreign Language Education and Research																						
TS0001NMMB	Sports/Physical Education	E	0	2	2	pg	Fall	2					Csaba Vladár	Centre for Physical Educations and Sports																						
	Elective courses	E					Fall, Spring				9																									
Total credits								33	27	33	27	120																								

Remarks

Type: C=compulsory courses, CE=core elective courses, E=elective (optional) courses, CR=criterion 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, s=signature

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 wishing to take part in sport can take one semester without paying a fee and the following semesters the students can only take physical education with the payment of a specified 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.

Students need to register for these subjects in the quarter marked with '+', however credits are only earned at the end of the semester.

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!