

**“INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND ECONOMICS”
INFORMATION ON MASTER ‘S DEGREE PROGRAMME**

Parameters	
Name of a study programme	INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND ECONOMICS
Language of the study programme	The language of the Program shall be English. Contact work (lectures, seminars, tutorials, etc.), examinations, Master’s theses and/or final projects shall all be done in English. To the extent that it is possible, the Universities shall give students in the Program the opportunity to attend introductory courses on their national language and culture.
Qualification to be awarded	Master of Political Science The title of the degree awarded for successful completion of the Program shall be ‘Master of Social Science’ from MRU.
Place of delivery of a study programme	Mykolas Romeris University, Ateities st. 20, LT-08303 Vilnius, http://www.mruni.eu/ <u>Every student will spend 3rd semester of the studies abroad at one of the universities available within the Erasmus Programme (the full list can be found here)</u>
	Completion of the Program requires at least 73 credits (60 credits from MRU and at least 13 credits from DSU). The nominal length of full-time studies shall be 4 semesters (2 years), with the first 2 semesters spent at MRU and the final 2 semesters at DSU.
Summary of the Profile of a Study Programme	General Description:
	Objective(s) of a study programme:
	To prepare international politics and international economics specialists capable of competent research, analysis, critical assessment and forecast of political and economic processes around the globe, independent investigation, preparation of recommendations and simulation of possible consequences of their decisions on issues related to international relations and international economy on the national, regional, and global levels and manifesting competitiveness in pursuit of career in the private sector working with national and international institutions related to the spheres of international policy and international economy. To prepare specialists knowing multiple ways of solving problems and exploring areas of inquiry that connect and intersect traditional disciplines.
	Learning outcomes:
	<p><i>1. To form the students’ study skills and scientific research abilities:</i></p> <p>1.1. Is able to analyse and shape theoretical models, conduct scientific research, draft solution plans and frame recommendations on the issues of international relations and economics revealing the economic means that world superpowers employ in their pursuit of political objectives and <i>vice versa</i>;</p> <p>1.2. Is able to justify and shape theoretical models as well as appropriately select theories, conceptions and scientifically justified analysis paradigms applied in the inquiry into peculiarities of countries, inter- and transnational organizations and sub/regions;</p> <p>1.3. Is able to analyse, research, and critically assess political and economic phenomena on the global, regional, and local basis.</p> <p><i>2. To form the students’ knowledge, communicative, cooperating, consulting and decision making skills and competences: a) analyse and critically assess political as well as economic processes; b) have influence shaping the politics of foreign and international economy on the national,</i></p>

European and global levels; c) simulate possible consequences of their decisions on issues related to international relations and international economics on the national, regional, and global levels:

2.1. Is familiar with the structure of global economy and market, their dynamics, key international institutions and international legislation providing for the resolutions of international political and economic conflicts;

2.2. Is able to conduct applied and scientific investigation analysing political and economic systems of European countries on the basis of contemporary political and economic theories and research;

2.3. Is able to analyse and investigate solution making processes in Europe and Lithuania as well as critically assess trends of political and economic integration in the world and Europe and their impact on Lithuania;

2.4. On the basis of research and practice is able to influence shaping the politics of foreign and international economy on the national and European levels by proposing rational inquiries and inspections tackling economic and political problems in the world, Europe, and Lithuania;

2.5. Is able to provide recommendations and proposals on the issues of international politics and economics based on the analysis of political, social, economic and cultural processes in the countries and regions both in the private and public sectors;

2.6. Is able to communicate the issues of international politics and economics individually and within target groups employing various means of oral and written communication in native and foreign languages as part of professional and social activities.

3. To form the students entrepreneurial skills and competence: a) have the ability to forecast the development of politics in the world and in separate countries, draft proposals and recommendations on the issues of international relations and international economics b) become entrepreneurial and innovative in establishing various contacts with representatives of business and politics:

3.1. Is familiar with and able to critically assess possibilities of political, economic, social and cultural relations between subjects representing different civilizations, has relevant historic and cultural knowledge of different world regions and is able to implement them in practice, i.e. working in multicultural environment, communicating and co-operating with representatives of the region;

3.2. Is able to provide consultations, pursue expert activity related to the issues of international relations and international economics and make contacts with representatives of business and politics;

3.3. Is able to frame projects based on EU and Lithuanian strategic documents related to main global challenges.

Activities of teaching and learning:

The teaching and learning process is organized in lectures, seminars, and independent studies (research work, individual assignments, project activities, essay writing, presentations and e-learning in Moodle environment).

Innovative teaching / learning methods are applied in the course of the study process: research methods (search for information sources, analysis, comparison, qualitative and quantitative research); problem-oriented teaching/learning methods; method of critical thinking; learning through interaction, individual and group oriented independent study (based on tasks), discussions; deliberation; debates (based on knowledge and insight); case studies; *Delphi* method; decision-tree (developing problem solving skills); simulation (assumption-based, comparative, and graphic); project method; individual tutorials.

Methods of assessment of learning achievements:

Students' achievements are assessed using the 10-point grading scale on

	<p>the basis of the criteria, methods, and procedures presented in Mykolas Romeris University Study Rules and Regulations. The programme of studies is concluded with the procedure of public defence of the final Master thesis.</p> <p>Assessment methods: questioning (frontal and individual); individual / group presentations; colloquium; project activities; written papers; submission of papers / reports / models / ex-ante and ex-post analyses / projects in written form and their oral presentation; learning achievements' portfolio; real-life situation simulation test; oral or written examination (integrated test for control of theoretical and practical knowledge).</p>
	Framework:
	<p>Student mobility is an essential part of the Program. Students shall take at least one semester at the university cooperating with MRU within Erasmus Programme.</p> <p>Please, see the preliminary list of courses below (the table).</p>
	Distinctive features of a study programme:
	<p>No similar courses in Lithuania</p> <p>Unique job opportunities</p> <p>Huge potential of LT (EU) – international cooperation and opportunity for students to contribute to it</p> <p>High level of teaching, unique acquaintances</p> <p>Great universities (MRU and well-ranked universities from the EU and partner countries)</p> <p>Unique experience of EU and partner countries (teaching, traineeships etc.)</p>
	Access to professional activity or further study:
	<p>Access to professional activity:</p> <p>Graduates who acquire Master's Degree in political science after accomplishing the study programme will be able to seek employment as civil servants, analysts, experts at municipalities, ministries, government, parliament, business enterprises, teaching, scientific and other institutions of the public sector, institutions of EU and non-EU countries, international political and economic organizations as well as become entrepreneurs establishing and developing international business.</p>
	Access to further study:
	Access to the third cycle studies

Total in program: 120 ECTS credits

No.	Course Unit	University	Credits
	1st Semester	MRU	30
	Compulsory		6
	Contemporary Theories of International Politics and Economics		6
	International Law and International Institutions		6
	International Political Economy		6
	Research Methodology		6
	Optional		
	Asian Community: Cultural, Political and Economic Aspects		6
	Comparative International Politics		6
	Great powers and global Order		6
	Security Studies		6
	2nd Semester	MRU	30

	Compulsory		
	Economic, Political, and Defensive Integration of Europe and Asia		6
	Far Eastern Studies		6
	Political and Economic Systems of Asian Countries		6
	Russian and CIS Studies		6
	Optional		
	Critical Political Theory: the Focus on the Relationship Between Politics and Economics		6
	International Political and Economic Crises		6
	International Practices ^[L] _[SEP]		6
	Middle Eastern Studies ^[L] _[SEP]		6
	Political and National Conflict Studies		6
	3rd Semester (in one of the countries chosen as Erasmus destination)	Partner university/MRU	
		U	30
	Master Thesis ^[L] _[SEP] (Proseminar)	MRU	6
	Courses to be chosen from the offer of the Partner university	Partner University	24-30
	4th Semester (choose 1 optional + all compulsory: Thesis Research, Discussion Seminars and Master Thesis)	MRU	30
	Thesis Research (compulsory)	MRU	3
	Discussion Seminars: Political and Economic Challenges of international Relations (compulsory)	MRU	3
	Master Thesis (Seminar - compulsory)		18
	Optional		
	National Economic Policy of Lithuania		6
	European Political and Economic Integration		6
	EU Single Market		6