



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MASTER'S PROGRAM

Valid: For students starting their studies in the 2020/2021/1 semester

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General Informations:

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

Place of the training: Budapest

Training schedule: full-time

Language of the training: Hungarian, 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
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:

- 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 Analysation 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. Foreign language requirements

Earning the master's degree requires at least one state-recognized advanced (C1) complex language examination in one living foreign language and one



intermediate (B2) complex language examination, of which at least one should be a language examination in the technical language of social sciences, law, economics or political sciences field of study (international relations, diplomatic, economic management, economic, tourism, tourism-hospitality, legal and administrative, military, trading, economic, finance, business) or an equivalent high school graduation certificate or diploma.

9.3. 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.

9.4. Special features differentiating the program

The condition of joining the program is at least three years of professional, leadership experience for bachelor program graduates and at least two years of professional, leadership experience for master's program graduates.

10. Comprehensive examination

There are no comprehensive examinations.

11. Conditions of the issuance of the final certificate

- Performance of the required credits (120 credits) during the maximum training period (8 semesters). At least 2/3 of the required number of credits must be obtained at the parent university.
- Fulfilment of the academic obligations specified in the operative curriculum
- In case of students who were accepted to master's training programmes without the recognition of the total credit value, the performance of the number of credits prescribed in the credit recognition resolution, in addition to the 120 credits.

12. Thesis requirements

Content requirements:

- in the introduction of the thesis: determination of the task and the objective (the actuality, novelty and relevance of the question exposed),
- the consistent explanation of the examination objective and method specified at the beginning of the thesis,
- the thesis shall be of analytic nature, with few descriptive parts, if possible,
- elaboration of the problem specified in the study (clear and unambiguous wording, appropriate argumentation, logically built structure, construction),
- application of the substantive and methodological knowledge learned in course of the program,
- proving proficiency in the international and Hungarian specific literature.

The extent of the thesis: 135,000 - 175,000 characters. This means the length of the main text, and title page, the table of contents, the annexes, the bibliography and the



summary shall not be calculated in it. (The character number specified means approx. 60 to 80 pages of main text. The character number specified shall be calculated with spaces and the footnotes.)

The details of the content and formal requirements of the thesis are available on the website of the institute.

13. Requirement of participating at the Final Exam

The student may only be authorized to take the final examination, if

- he/she had already obtained the final certificate (absolatory),
- the thesis has been submitted, and in the BA and MA training programmes two reviewers had accepted it,
- Fulfilment of all payment obligations owed to the University.

14. Content of the Final Exam

The final examination consists of the defence of the thesis, and the oral examination in the subjects of the final examination.

15. Result of the Final Exam

- The grade received on the final examination is the mathematical average of the grades given on the thesis/diploma work by the two reviewers and the grade earned on the oral defence of the thesis, and the grade earned on the oral examination covering the subjects of the final examination (the latter is calculated twofold).
- If the result of any part of the final exam is “fail”, the result of the final exam is also “fail”.
- During the final examination period following receipt of the final certificate (absolatory), in the frame of the student status and after the termination of the student status, within two years, in any examination period may be taken in line with the training / programme and outcome requirements. After the expiry of the second year following the issuance of the final certificate, the final examination may only be taken with the dean’s consent; however, after the expiry of the fifth year following the termination of the student status a final examination may not be taken.

16. The classification of the diploma

The classification of the diploma is based on the weighted average of the below items:

- the credit weighted average of the grades received in the professional core module,
- the grades received on final examinations with doubled value,

The determination of the diploma classification of students participating in BA and MA training is assessed based on the following limits

- excellent, if the average is between 4.81 and 5.00
- class if the average is between 4.51 and 4.80
- good, if the average is between 3.51 and 4.50
- average, if the average is between 2.51 and 3.50
- pass, if the average is between 2.50 and 2.00



International Relations master programme in Budapest, in English, full time training Curriculum for 2020/2021. (1.) fall semester for beginning students

Subject Code	Subject Name	Type	Number of hours per semester hours		Credits	Evaluation	Fall or Spring Semester	2020/21 Academic year		2021/22 Academic year		Credit	Subject responsible	Institute	Requirement		Equivalent subject		Remarks
			Lecture	Seminar				1	2	3	4				Code	Name	Code	Name	
								Fall semester	Spring semester	Fall semester	Spring semester								
Core courses																			
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7NK40NDKI6M	Comparative Foreign Policy		2	2	6	ex	fall	6					Marton Péter	Institute of International, Political and Regional Studies					
7PO10NBK50M	History of European Political Thought		4	0	6	ex	fall	6					Mezei Balázs						
4KO03NBK42M	Public Policy		2	0	3	ex	fall	3					Ugrósdny Márton	Institute of Economic and Public Policy					
7NK40NCKE5M	International Law in Practice I.		0	2	3	pg	fall	3					Komanovics Adrienne Kinga	Institute of International, Political and Regional Studies					
7NK40NBKF6M	Latin America Studies		2	0	3	ex	fall	3					Lehoczki Bernadett Judit	Institute of International, Political and Regional Studies					
7NK40NDKI2M	Academic Writing and Communication		0	4	6	pg	spring		6				Vékony Dániel	Institute of International, Political and Regional Studies					
7NK40NCKE6M	International Law in Practice II.		0	2	3	pg	spring		3				Kirs Eszter	Institute of International, Political and Regional Studies	7NK40NCKE5M	International Law in Practice I.			
7NK40NFVG6M	Middle Eastern Political Systems		2	0	3	ex	spring		3				Csicsmann László	Institute of International, Political and Regional Studies					
7NK40NCKH8M	Foreign Policy of China		2	0	3	ex	spring		3				Matura Tamás	Institute of International, Political and Regional Studies					
NPNK011NAMB	European Union Studies		2	0	3	ex	spring		3				Christopher Walsch	Institute of International, Political and Regional Studies					



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								Fall semester	Spring semester	Fall semester	Spring semester										
7NK40NBKB1M	Theory of International Relations		2	2	6	ex	spring		6				Szűcs Anita	Institute of International, Political and Regional Studies							
7NK40NBKF5M	Contemporary Issues in International Relations		2	0	3	ex	fall			3			Matura Tamás Attila	Institute of International, Political and Regional Studies							
7NK40NBKF7M	U.S. Studies		2	0	3	ex	fall			3			Gálik Zoltán	Institute of International, Political and Regional Studies							
7NK40NBKG4M	Non-State Actors of World Politics		2	0	3	ex	fall			3			Marton Péter	Institute of International, Political and Regional Studies							
NPNK033NAMB	International Development and Assistance		2	0	6	ex	spring				6		Beáta Paragi	Institute of International, Political and Regional Studies							
Specialisation								0	0	14	20	34									
Diplomacy Specialisation								0	0	14	20	34									
NPNK034NAMB	Thesis Seminar I.		0	4	8	pg	fall				8			Institute of International, Political and Regional Studies							
NPNK012NAMB	European Policies of the EU Member States		2	0	3	ex	fall			3			Gálik Zoltán	Institute of International, Political and Regional Studies							
7GF20NBV14M	Sustainability and Green Geopolitics		2	0	3	ex	fall			3			Eszterhai Viktor	Institute of International, Political and Regional Studies							
NPNK035NAMB	Thesis Writing Seminar II. (thesis)		0	4	2	pg	spring				2			Institute of International, Political and Regional Studies							
7NK40NDKC1M	International Criminal Law		2	0	3	ex	spring				3		Hoffmann Tamás	Institute of International, Political and Regional Studies							



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			Lecture	Seminar				1	2	3	4				Code	Name	Code	Name	
								Fall semester	Spring semester	Fall semester	Spring semester								
7NK40NDKB6M	Human Rights		2	0	3	ex	spring				3		Kirs Eszter	Institute of International, Political and Regional Studies					
NPNK036NAMB	International Organisations and Multilateral Diplomacy		2	0	6	ex	spring				6		Lehoczki Bernadett Judit	Institute of International, Political and Regional Studies					
7NK40NFV16M	Peace, Security and Conflict Studies		2	0	3	ex	spring				3		Marton Péter	Institute of International, Political and Regional Studies					
East Central Europe Specialisation								0	0	14	14	28							
NPNK034NAMB	Thesis Seminar I.		0	4	8	pg	fall				8			Institute of International, Political and Regional Studies					
7NK40NGKM4M	Central Europe and the World		2	0	3	ex	fall				3		Csicsmann László	Institute of International, Political and Regional Studies					
7NK40NGKM2M	Nations and Minorities in East-Central Europe		2	0	3	ex	fall				3		Kemenczky Ágnes	Institute of International, Political and Regional Studies					
NPNK035NAMB	Thesis Writing Seminar II. (thesis)		0	4	2	pg	spring				2			Institute of International, Political and Regional Studies					
7NK40NBK75M	Hungarian Foreign Policy		4	0	6	ex	spring				6		Békés Csaba János	Institute of International, Political and Regional Studies					
7NK40NGKM3M	Regional Cooperations in East-Central Europe		2	0	3	ex	spring				3		Kemenczky Ágnes	Institute of International, Political and Regional Studies					
7PO10NFVF3M	The Politics of Transition in East-Central Europe		2	0	3	ex	spring				3		Gallai Sándor	Institute of International, Political and Regional Studies					
Electives Subjects								9	6	7	7	29							



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			Lecture	Seminar				1	2	3	4				Code	Name	Code	Name		
								Fall semester	Spring semester	Fall semester	Spring semester									
	Elective courses						fall, spring													
Criterion subjects								0	0	0	0	0								
IOK0001NABB	Hungarian Language SHI I.*	KR	0	4	3	pg	fall	3	3				Dobos Ágota	Centre of Foreign Language Education and Research						
IOK0004NABB	Hungarian Language SHI II.*	KR	0	4	3	ex	spring	3	3				Dobos Ágota	Centre of Foreign Language Education and Research						
Total credits								30	30	30	30	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, ce- Comprehensive examination,

Criterion subjects:

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

Courses are recommended to be taken according to the prescribed time schedule of the study programme ("sample"). You can plan your own individual programme in respect of the following conditions:

1. the prerequisite system of their study-programme must be taken into consideration when registering for courses.
2. the availability of courses in the semester (most courses are offered either in the fall or in the spring semesters only)
3. completing an average of 30 credits per semester, as a general rule.

Recommendations as to what courses to attend

- The required schedule is shown in the NEPTUN curriculum. The semester is valid (active) if at least one subject is registered.
- All mandatory courses must be completed, and altogether 120 credits are necessary to receive the MA degree.
- Besides the mandatory courses the student can sign up for elective subjects (including foreign language courses). A total of 30 credits are recommended per semester. At least two of the electives must be taken from the elective subjects of the Institute of International Studies.
- Students should pay a special fee if they complete more than 132 credits' worth of courses (above 10% beyond 120 credit points).
- Students who study state-financed should pay a special fee for enrolled but unfulfilled credits (courses not completed) after the examination period (upon the end of the semester).

Information about Graduation

Pre-degree Certificate (Absolutorium) Requirements:

- 120 credits
- fulfillment of the curriculum requirements within the maximum time allowed (the number of active and passive semesters may not exceed 8 semesters).

Final Examination Requirements:

- pre-degree certificate
- accepted thesis work

The final examination comprises the defence of the thesis work, and oral exams in required subjects.

The mark of the final exam is the mean of:

- the grades given by the opponents for the thesis work
- the grade for the thesis defence (1x)
- the grade for the oral exams in the required subjects (with a weight of 2)

MA Degree Requirements:

- successful final examination

The mark of the final exam is the mathematical average of:

- credits-weighted average of the grades in the core subjects (1x)
- the grade of the final examination (2x)

Professional Core Subjects to be Counted in the Degree Qualification:

Comparative Foreign Policy

International Law in Practice I.

Academic Writing and Communication

International Law in Practice II.

Middle Eastern Political Systems

Theory of International Relations

Contemporary Issues in International Relations

Details can be found in the Study and Exam Regulation.