

International Relations Bachelor's program

Training program description

For students who start in the fall semester of 2023/2024.

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Valid: For students starting their studies in the 2023/2024/1 semester

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General Informations:

Person responsible for the major: dr. Zoltán Gálik, associate professor

Place of the training: Budapest

Training schedule: full-time

Language of the training: English

Is it offered as dual training: no

Specialization:

1. **Name of specialisation:** European Integration specialisation

Training and outcome requirements:

1. **Title of the Bachelor's programme in English:** International Relations
Title of the Bachelor's programme in Hungarian: nemzetközi tanulmányok
2. **The level of qualification attainable in the bachelor's programme, and the title of the certification**
 - qualification level: bachelor (baccalaureus, abbreviation: BA)
 - qualification in Hungarian: nemzetközi kapcsolatok szakértő
 - qualification in English: International Relations Expert
3. **Training area:** social sciences
4. **Training duration, in semesters:** 6 semesters
5. **The number of credits to be completed for the Bachelor's degree:** 180 credits
 - degree orientation: balanced (40-60 percent)
 - thesis credit value: 10 credits
 - minimum credit value of optional courses: 10 credits
6. **International Standard Classification of Education field of education code:** 313/0312
7. **Bachelor's degree training objectives and professional competences**

The objective of the international relations undergraduate programme is the training of intellectuals who are capable of navigating the world of international relations, of appropriately representing national and regional interests, sensitive to global issues, capable of handling the challenges of the European integration process, and open to learning about other cultures who can work in Hungarian or international corporate, governmental, and non-governmental organisations in international communications, creative problem-handling, and the flexible solution of complex tasks, and are prepared to continue their training at the Master's level.

 - 7.1. **Attained professional competences**
 - 7.1.1. **The International Relations Expert has**
 - a) **knowledge**
 - Is knowledgeable regarding the generally accepted tendencies, characteristics and data of Hungarian and international political, economic, and cultural phenomena.
 - Interprets the field's international, European, and regional political, legal, economic, and civilisational knowledge and events in their context.
 - Is knowledgeable regarding the current research questions and analytic and interpretive methods of social sciences.
 - Knows the basic terms and the important concepts of the various fields of the profession and understands interrelationships.
 - Knows the ways, tools, and techniques of international communications.

- Knows the operations, scopes, and policies of the European Union Institutions.

b) skills

- Is capable of learning and systemising information independently in historical, social, economic, legal, and political issues.
- Reads the literature, especially the technical terminology, in at least two foreign languages.
- Is capable of navigating international contexts, of following, understanding, and processing processes and changes, its efficient and successful sharing and practical use.
- Is capable of interpreting international relations from the viewpoint of at least one non-European culture.
- Is capable of project-based work, has the ability to share work and cooperate, recognises individual contributions to shared successes.
- Is capable of performing written analyses independently and of presenting completed tasks in written or oral form to a professional audience.
- Is capable and able to perform tasks related to appearance in international cooperation in small and medium enterprises, and of performing tasks from international cooperations in the multinational and corporate sectors.
- Is capable of performing tasks related to the planning and execution of EU-supported projects.
- Is capable of performing tasks of the international, European, and regional cooperations in the private sector, at non-governmental organisations, at local governments and government organisations, and at state institutions.

c) attitudes

- Understands and accepts that economic, political, and cultural phenomena are historically and socially determined and changeable.
- Represents the religious and social, historical and present-day diversity of the Hungarian and the European identities.
- Desires to take in European national cultures and to learn about non-European cultures.
- Evaluates a comprehensive methodological approach to problems.
- Attempts to continuously learn about political science, law, social sciences, international economy, and history.
- Develops a quality of critical information analysis and processing.
- Is open to all forms of professional innovation, is accepting yet critical of theoretical, practical, and methodological innovation.
- Strives to develop a professional calling and to further his/her training.
- Accepts and realises a health-conscious attitude and lifestyle.

d) autonomy and responsibilities

- Takes responsibility for his/her professional publications in any language, is aware of their possible consequences.
- Uses the knowledge attained in his/her field in self-education and self-awareness.
- Consciously represent methods used in the field and accepts the methodological diversity of other scientific fields.
- Cooperates efficiently with the Hungarian and international scientific communities of the field.
- Answering professional questions, solving problems independently or in cooperation with others, taking responsibility independently, and maintaining the ethical norms of the profession.

- Is independent, constructive, and assertive in forms of cooperation inside and outside the institution.
- Performs complex tasks according to the workplace's professional standards.
- Knows the ethical norms and rules of his/her field, and is capable of maintaining them while performing professional tasks, in personal relationships, and in communication.
- Constantly develops his/her writing skills in relation to his/her tasks.

8. Bachelor's degree characteristics

8.1. Professional properties

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

- general social science knowledge and competences [Economics, Introduction to Law, Philosophy, Political Science, Sociology, History (Modern Hungarian and World History) Informatics] 20-60 credits;
- methodological and skills development knowledge (Statistics, Social Statistics, Qualitative and Quantitative Methodology, Terminology Exercises) 20-30 credits;
- professional skills related to international relations: 50-100 credits, including the credit value of the thesis, as per the following:
- the history of international relations [The History of International Relationships from 1815 to 1989, The History of Hungarian Foreign Policy, The History of Diplomacy, International Relations in the New World Order (from 1989)] 5-40 credits;
- the theory and practice of international politics (The Main Schools of International Political Theory, The Theory and Practice of Diplomacy) 5-40 credits;
- international law (International Public Law, International Civil Law, International Treaties, International Institutions and Organisations) 5-40 credits;
- international economics (International Economics, Foreign Economic Policy, International Finance, World Economy, International Business Economics) 5-40 credits;
- regional-civilisational studies (History of Civilization, History of European Civilization, Regional Studies) 5-40 credits;
- the European Union (The Developmental History of the European Union, EU Institutions and Decision-making, EU Law, EU Jurisdictions and Policies, Hungary in the European Union, European Union Tender Writing and Project Management) 5-40 credits;
- the practice of international relations (Techniques of International Communication, International Events, Diplomatic Protocol, Negotiation Techniques) 5-40 credits.

8.1.2. 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 30-35 credits.

8.2. Specific features that distinguish the training

In order to obtain the qualification in the initial training, an intermediate level (level B2) of foreign language proficiency in at least two foreign languages is required, one of which is the level of foreign language proficiency in the specialised field.

8.3. Internship requirements

The internship is a minimum of 120 hours (four weeks) of continuous practice, which is recommended to be completed in the 6th semester, but may be completed after two (2) active semesters or after 50 credits have been completed.

9. Degree thesis/ Dissertation

The aim of the degree thesis is to demonstrate 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, argumentation and in refuting the counter-arguments, in a coherent, consistent, language-oriented written explanation of his thoughts, views, positions, statements.

10. Type of Degree thesis

Research thesis.

11. Foreign language competence in a specialised language other than English:

The acquisition of foreign language competence in a specialised language other than the language of training may be achieved by completing the "foreign language competence I." course of a 0 credit value and a signed, non-contact-hour criterion course. This subject is included in the penultimate semester of the degree programme, but is recommended to be taken in the bachelor program from the 5th semester onwards.

Expected level: An accredited complex exam - assessing writing, reading, listening and speaking skills - in a modern foreign language for specific purposes at CEFR B2 level or above (in the field of the relevant university programme)."

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 internship (professional experience),
- 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 at least a satisfactory (2) grade,
- 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.

Subjects of the complex examination:

- International Relations from 1815 to 1945
- History of International Relations from 1945
- International Economics
- International Law I-II
- Introduction to International Relations
- Security Studies
- International Organisations
- History of Civilizations
- Regional Studies

15. Determining the result of the final exam

The weighted 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 given for the oral complex examination - determined with a five-grade qualification - with double weight. The arithmetic mean of the following three digits, rounded to two decimal places:

16. 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:

- d) 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
- e) the result (grade) of the final examination.

17. Conditions for issuing a diploma

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

17. Specialization selection rules

Ranking: based on academic average.

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Subject Code	Subject Name	Type	Number of hours per week hars		Credits	Evaluation	Fall or Spring Semester	2023/24 Academic year		2024/25 Academic year		2025/26 Academic year		Credit	course leader	Institute	Requirement		Equivalent subject		PSO
			1	2				3	4	5	6	Code	Name				Code	Name			
			Fall semester	Spring semester				Fall semester	Spring semester	Fall semester	Spring semester										
Core courses								24	30	27	27	23	26	157							
Core courses								24	30	21	21	12	15	123							
7NK40NCK79B	Early Modern and Modern World History	C	4	0	6	ex	fall	6							László Zsinka	Institute of Global Studies					yes
7SO30NBK97B	Foundations of Sociology	C	2	2	6	ex	fall	6							Attila Melegh	Institute of Social and Political Sciences					yes
7PO10NFV63B	Introduction to Political Science	C	2	0	3	ex	fall	3							Katalin Farkas-Bede	Institute of Social and Political Sciences					yes
7PO10NCKA9B	Philosophy	C	2	0	3	ex	fall	3							Olga Kiss	Institute of Social and Political Sciences					yes
GLOBo68NABB	Research Methodology: Theories, Concepts and Research Design I.	C	0	2	3	pg	fall	3							Máté Szalai	Institute of Global Studies					yes
7GT02NBK99B	Social History	C	2	0	3	ex	fall	3								Institute of Social and Political Sciences					yes
KOZGo05NABB	Introduction to Economics	C	2	2	6	ex	spring		6						Petra Németh	Institute of Economics					yes
GLOBo69NABB	Research Methodology: Theories, Concepts and Research Design II.	C	0	2	3	pg	spring		3						Máté Szalai	Institute of Global Studies					yes
7PE20NAK45B	Communication Workshop	C	0	2	3	pg	spring		3						Eszter Berta-Deli	Institute of Marketing and Communication Sciences					yes
7PE20NCKD6B	Foundations of Psychology	C	4	0	6	ex	spring		6							Institute of Strategy and Management					yes

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			Fall semester	Spring semester				Fall semester	Spring semester	Fall semester	Spring semester										
7NK4oNCK8oB	International Relations from 1815 to 1945	C	4	0	6	ex	spring		6						Csaba János Békés	Institute of Global Studies					yes
7NK4oNAK88B	Introduction to Law	C	2	0	3	ex	spring		3						Dániel Bán	Institute of Accounting and Law					yes
4ST14NAK1oB	Statistics	C	0	2	3	ex	spring		3						László Kovács	Institute of Data Analytics and Information Systems					yes
7NK4oNFVG7B	China Studies	C	2	0	3	ex	fall			3					Tamás Attila Matura	Institute of Global Studies					yes
NPNKo38NABB	History of Civilizations	C	4	0	6	ex	fall			6					Dániel Vékony	Institute of Global Studies			7NK4oNCKH7B	History of Civilizations	yes
7NK4oNCK91B	History of International Relations from 1945	C	4	0	6	ex	fall			6					Csaba János Békés	Institute of Global Studies					yes
7NK4oNCK9oB	International Law I	C	2	0	3	ex	fall			3					Eszter Kirs	Institute of Global Studies					yes
7NK4oNFVA2B	US Foreign Policy: Theoretical Frameworks, Actors, Cases	C	2	0	3	ex	fall			3					Péter Marton	Institute of Global Studies					no
7NK4oNBKA4B	Human Geography	C	2	2	6	ex	spring				6				Géza Salamin	Institute of Sustainable Development					yes
GLOBo7oNABB	World Economics	C	2	2	6	ex	spring				6				Gábor Vigvári	Institute of Global Studies					yes
7NK4oNCK93B	International Law II	C	2	0	3	ex	spring				3				Adrienne Kinga Komanovics	Institute of Global Studies					yes
7NK4oNCK94B	Introduction to International Relations	C	2	2	6	ex	spring				6				Anita Szűcs	Institute of Global Studies					yes
7NK4oNBKA5B	International Organisations	C	2	2	6	ex	fall					6			Ágnes Kemenszky	Institute of Global Studies					yes
7NK4oNBKB8B	Security Studies	C	4	0	6	ex	fall					6			Zoltán Gálik	Institute of Global Studies					yes

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			Fall semester	Spring semester				Fall semester	Spring semester	Fall semester	Spring semester										
7SO3oNBKO3B	Global Social Change and Inequalities	C	2	2	6	ex	spring						6		Attila Melegh	Institute of Social and Political Sciences					yes
4VG32NAK61B	International Political Economy	C	2	0	3	ex	spring						3		Gábor Vigvári	Institute of Global Studies					yes
7NK4oNBKA8B	Regional Studies	C	4	0	6	ex	spring						6		Tamás Attila Matura	Institute of Global Studies					yes
Specialisation								0	0	6	6	11	11	34							
European Integration specialisation								0	0	6	6	11	11	34							
7NK4oNGK96B	Development of European Integration	C	2	2	6	ex	fall			6					Éva Kőváriné Ignáth	Institute of Global Studies					yes
7NK4oNGK97B	Policies of the EU	C	4	0	6	ex	spring				6				Ákos Kengyel	Institute of Global Studies					yes
7NK4oNGKQ1B	European Union Law	C	4	0	6	ex	fall					6			Adrienne Kinga Komanovics	Institute of Global Studies					yes
7NK4oNGKA7B	Thesis Writing Seminar I.	C	0	4	5	pg	fall					5			Zoltán Gálik	Institute of Global Studies					no
7NK4oNGKB2B	European Economic Integration	C	2	0	3	ex	spring						3		Ákos Kengyel	Institute of Global Studies					yes
7NK4oNGKB3B	Recent Development of the EU	C	2	0	3	ex	spring						3		Adrienne Kinga Komanovics	Institute of Global Studies					yes
7NK4oNGKA9B	Thesis Writing Seminar II.	C	0	4	5	pg	spring						5		Zoltán Gálik	Institute of Global Studies	7NK4oNGKA7B	Thesis Writing Seminar I.			no
Elective courses								3	3	3	3	7	4	23							
	Foreign language	E			3	pg	fall, spring	3	3							Centre of Foreign Language Education and Research					yes
IOK0o01NABB	Hungarian Language SHI I.*	E/C	0	4	3	pg	fall	3	3						Judit Magyar	Centre of Foreign Language Education and Research					yes

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			Lecture	Seminar				1	2	3	4	5	6				Code	Name	Code	Name	
			Fall semester	Spring semester				Fall semester	Spring semester	Fall semester	Spring semester										
IOK0004NABB	Hungarian Language SHI II.*	E/C	0	4	3	ex	spring	3	3						Judit Magyar	Centre of Foreign Language Education and Research					yes
	Electives Subjects	E					fall, spring	3	3	3	3	7	4								
Criterion subjects								0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
TES_TESTNEV	Physical Education	CR	0	2	0	a	fall	0	0						Csaba Vladár	Centre for Physical Educations and Sports					
IOK0334NABB	Competency test in a foreign language for specific purposes I.	CR			0	a	fall, spring					0	0		József Erdei	Centre for Research and Education in Foreign Languages					
Internship								0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
7NK40NCKH9B	Internship ¹	CR			0	a	spring						0		Éva Kőváriné Ignáth	Institute of Global Studies					no
Total credits								27	33	30	30	30	30	180							

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

Physical education is a criterion subject, the condition for obtaining a diploma is the completion of two semesters. The two semesters of physical education can be completed at any time during the program. Students who have fulfilled the criterion can only take the subject in the form of reimbursement for a fee.

Foreign language

During their studies, students can study a foreign language free of charge for two semesters, including a specific language, within the framework of the elective subjects.

Students who have completed two semesters of language subjects may take additional language subjects only upon payment of a specified fee.

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!