



Swiss International
Institute Lausanne

MASTER OF ARTS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The programme of Master of Arts in International Relations allows the student to acquire knowledge and skills in the most relevant matters related to international economics and management. This enables them to communicate and cooperate efficiently with international interlocutors in both governmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as in business.

The Master of Arts in International Relations suits students who seek to pursue a career with an international focus. The programme covers the fundamentals of international relations in global business, including international leadership and management, business and project management, as well as cross-cultural communication and negotiation skills. Additionally, a full course is devoted to EDRS (Ethics, Diversity, Responsibility, Sustainability). So, after completion of the programme, students will be able to join international organisations or work in the private sector.

Language of instruction/examination: Russian

Official duration: 3 semesters (1,5 years): 2 semesters + Master thesis

ECTS: 90 ECTS

Degree awarded: Master of Arts in International Relations

COURSES

Courses for Master of Arts in International Relations are divided into 3 main categories: **Core courses (35 ECTS)** which are obligatory, **Specialisation modules (18 ECTS)** which are introduced during the 2nd semester of the programme, and **Seminars and Workshops (7 ECTS)**. At the end of the studies the student is obliged to prepare a **Master Thesis (30 ECTS)**.

Aims of the Programme

Equip students with knowledge of international business, trade systems, and global economic dynamics to successfully analyse and navigate changing global conditions.

Develop critical thinking and decision-making skills for effective management of international projects and cross-cultural interactions.

Teach key principles of international law and business ethics for responsible decision-making in global business.

Develop strategic planning and project management skills for effective project execution in global business environments.

Build students' abilities to communicate and negotiate effectively in diverse cultural contexts.

Teach students to analyse global markets, forecast trends, and evaluate the impact of economic events on international trade.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Manage Businesses and Projects Within the Framework of International Cooperation, Considering Economic, Cultural, Legal, and Political Aspects:

This outcome enables students to effectively manage projects and business operations in international contexts. They will learn to incorporate diverse economic, cultural, legal, and political factors, ensuring that projects are conducted in alignment with the principles of international cooperation and local considerations.

Organize and Conduct Effective Negotiations, and Communicate Responsibly in Diverse Cultural Contexts and Business Situations:

Students will develop the skills necessary for effective negotiation and communication within multicultural and international environments. They will learn techniques to navigate cultural differences, establish trust, and communicate with clarity and respect across diverse business scenarios.

Perform Business Analysis, Manage Risks, and Develop Sustainable Business Models in International and Cross-Cultural Contexts:

This learning outcome focuses on equipping students with the ability to conduct thorough business analyses, assess and mitigate risks, and develop sustainable business models that accommodate the complexities of international and cross-cultural environments.

Evaluate and Implement Effective Human Resource Management Strategies in Multinational Organizations, Considering Cultural Diversity and International Business Practices:

Students will gain insight into managing human resources within multinational organizations, with a focus on cultural diversity and varied business practices. This includes strategies for recruitment, team dynamics, leadership, and adaptation to different cultural and organizational norms.

Demonstrate Critical Thinking and Decision-Making Skills to Navigate Global Markets and Adapt to Emerging Trends in International Relations:

This outcome emphasizes critical thinking and informed decision-making for understanding and responding to global market changes. Students will learn to analyze trends in international relations and adapt strategies to stay competitive in a rapidly changing global environment.

Apply Principles of International Law and Ethical Standards in Business Practices:

Students will understand the importance of international law and ethical standards in business, learning to incorporate these principles into decision-making processes. This includes respecting regulatory requirements, ethical business conduct, and sustainable practices that align with global standards.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Course ID	Course	ECTS	Assessment
	SEMESTER 1	31	
BM0051	Globalisation and International Business	4	Oral exam
BM0091	Managing Organisational Change	4	Practical coursework
BM0057	HR Management	4	Practical coursework
BM0069	International Law	4	Oral exam
BM0015	Business Ethics	4	Practical coursework
BM0025	Cross-Cultural Management	4	Oral exam
BM0054/ EDX-B-0015	High Performance Leadership/ EdX course block: 1. Elevating Businesses and Careers with Generative AI 2. Strategic Leadership	3	Practical coursework
			Defined by the provider
SEM0004/ EDX-B-0016	Negotiating Workshop/ EdX course block: 1. Business Communication 2. Introduction to Negotiation Strategy 3. Communication Skills for Dialoguing Across Difference 4. Navigating Negotiation Intricacies	3	Practical coursework
			Defined by the provider

	<p>5. Rhetoric: The Art of Persuasive Writing and Public Speaking</p> <p>6. Career Networking: Build a Social Media Presence</p>		
SEM0024/ EDX-S-0007	Practical Workshops in International Relations I/ The UN Sustainable Development Goals	1	Practical coursework
			Defined by the provider
	SEMESTER 2	29	
BM0097	Negotiation Skills	4	Practical coursework
BM0014	Business Communication	4	Practical coursework
BM0071	International Project Management	4	Oral exam
MAG0009	International Relations Theory	4	Practical coursework
MAG0004	Governance of International Organisations	3	Oral exam
BM0072/ BM0070	International Trade/ International Marketing	4	Practical coursework
MAG0008	International Finance	3	Practical coursework

SEM0025/ EDX-B-0017	Practical Workshops in International Relations II/EdX course block: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction to Global Governance 2. Globalization: Past and Future 3. The Superpower Grand Strategies: Winning the Globalization Game 4. Navigating Global Markets Amidst Superpower Brand Wars – New Rulesets for Global Business 5. Sustainable Trade 	3	Practical coursework
			Defined by the provider
	SEMESTER 3	30	
Master Thesis			