



# INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

## Programme of Undergraduate Studies

**Area of Studies:** Social Sciences

**Faculty:** Faculty of Political Science and Diplomacy

**Mode of Studies:** Full-time studies

**Length of the Programme:** 8 semesters/ 4 academic years (240 ECTS)

**Qualification awarded:** BACHELOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

**Important for the students coming from Eastern Europe (Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine) and South Caucasus (Georgia, Azerbaijan and Armenia): you are eligible to apply for scholarships covering tuition fee and study allowance!**

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### Entrance Requirements:

Applicants for the International Politics and Development Studies programme must have a high school diploma or equivalent degree and proven capability to fluently speak, read and write in English.

### Programme Objectives and Competencies Acquired:

The aim of the International Politics and Development Studies programme is to prepare highly qualified political science Bachelor graduates who would be professional analysts capable of making competent explanations, analyses, comparisons and assessments of the political, economic and social processes of developing countries and regions, to explain and assess trends and strategies in international assistance offered to the developing world, to independently perform research, and to prepare and carry out applied projects.

Upon the completion of the International Politics and Development Studies programme, graduates shall be able to:

- explain the historical and international contexts of developing countries and regions and predict their development prospects;
- critically assess mutual relations between political actors, economic and business structures and the media in the political systems of developing countries;
- compare socio-political processes in developing countries and regions;
- analyse legal and programmatic aspects of the EU and other international system participants in providing assistance to countries and regions in the developing world;
- consider the practical tasks and problems of developing countries and regional policies, suggesting ways they may be resolved in local and international contexts;
- initiate, prepare and execute various political, social, economic and information projects;
- apply methodological tools and theoretical approaches in policy analysis and in practice;
- assess their newly acquired experience, constantly collect information and critically assess it, and be guided by provisions of perpetual learning.

### Career Opportunities:

Graduates of the International Politics and Development Studies programme will be able to work as analysts, political advisors, or project managers in:

- EU, UN and other international organizations and institutions;
- national public sector institutions;
- national and international non-governmental organizations;
- media and other public information agencies;
- research centres, think tanks, public opinion and political research institutions.

Alternatively, they may further pursue their studies in more specialized Master's programmes in political science and other social sciences or humanities.

**Curriculum:**

No.	Subject title	No. of credits (ECTS)	No.	Subject title	No. of credits (ECTS)
<b>Year I (semesters 1-2)</b>			<b>Year II (semesters 3-4)</b>		
1.	Philosophy (FIL0101)	4	1.	The Formation of Contemporary Lithuania (IST0101)	4
2.	Group D subject (choose one from: Russian, Turkish, Arabic, etc.)	6	2.	Group D subject (choose one from: Russian, Turkish, Arabic, etc.)	6
3.	Group B subject (elective)	4	3.	Group B subject (elective)	4
4.	<i>Introduction to Development Studies</i>	5	4.	<i>Public Policy Process</i>	6
5.	<i>Political Systems</i>	6	5.	<i>Regional Development</i>	5
6.	<i>International Relations and Governance</i>	6	6.	<i>Micro and Macro Economics</i>	5
	<i>Semester total:</i>	<b>31</b>		<i>Semester total:</i>	<b>30</b>
1.	The Global Environmental Concept (GMF0101)	4	1.	Group B subject (elective)	4
2.	Group D subject (choose one from: Russian, Turkish, Arabic, etc.)	6	2.	Group D subject (choose one from: Russian, Turkish, Arabic, etc.)	6
3.	Group B subject (elective)	4	3.	Group B subject (elective)	4
4.	<i>Studies of Colonialism and Post-Colonialism</i>	5	4.	<i>Social Research Methodology</i>	6
5.	<i>Development Politics and Strategies of International Organizations</i>	5	5.	<i>Civic Empowerment and Mobilization</i>	5
6.	<i>Human Rights and Democratization</i>	5	6.	<i>Diplomacy and International Law</i>	5
	<i>Semester total:</i>	<b>29</b>		<i>Semester total:</i>	<b>30</b>
	<b>Year total:</b>	<b>60</b>		<b>Year total:</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Year III (semester 5-6)</b>			<b>Year IV (semester 7-8)</b>		
1.	<i>Comparative Politics</i>	6	1.	<i>Politics of Middle East and North African States</i>	6
2.	<i>Theories of Social Transformation</i>	6	2.	<i>Project Planning and Management</i>	6
3.	<i>International Political Economy</i>	5	3.	<i>Politics of Minorities</i>	5
4.	<i>Political Communication</i>	5	4.	<i>Sociology of Developing States</i>	5
5.	<i>Development and Neighbourhood</i>	5	5.	Elective C2 subject	4

	<i>Policy of the European Union</i>				
6.	Elective C1 subject	4	6.	Elective C2 subject	4
	<i>Semester total:</i>	<i>31</i>		<i>Semester total:</i>	30
1.	<i>Politics of Post-Soviet States</i>	6	1.	Practical activity	15
2.	<i>Conflict Resolution in Developing Countries</i>	6	2.	Final paper	15
3.	<i>NGOs and Philanthropy</i>	5		<i>Semester total:</i>	30
4.	Elective C1 subject	4		<b>Year total:</b>	<b>60</b>
5.	Elective C1 subject	4		<b>Programme total:</b>	<b>240</b>
6.	Elective C2 subject	4			
	<i>Semester total:</i>	<i>29</i>			
	<b>Year total:</b>	<b>60</b>			

#### Application Procedure and required documents:

- Application form;
- High school diploma with supplement in the original language and translated into English, and:
  - a) Approved by "Appostille" - for citizens of countries acceding to the 1961 Hague Convention;
  - b) Legalized by the Centre of Quality Assessment in Higher Education ([www.skvc.lt](http://www.skvc.lt)) in Lithuania—for other countries citizens;
- Proof of English proficiency (TOEFL, ELTC, etc.);
- Copy of passport or other document of identification;
- 1 recent passport size photo (3 x 4 cm);
- Copy of document showing paid application fee of 50 EUR;
- Letter of motivation in English (300 – 500 words);
- Curriculum vitae in English;
- Accommodation form.

#### Please contact International Relations Office at VMU for more information on:

- Application deadlines
- Tuition fees
- Scholarships
- Accommodation
- Admissions
- Visas

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