



FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Bachelor's Programme in International Relations, 180 credits

Kandidatprogrammet i internationella relationer, 180 högskolepoäng

Programme code: S1INT

First cycle / Grundnivå

1. Confirmation

This programme syllabus was confirmed by the Faculty Board of Social Sciences on 01-10-2020 (GU 2020/1035) and was last revised on 22-06-2023 (GU 2023/1681) to be valid from 28-08-2023, Autumn semester 2023.

Responsible Department/Equivalent: School of Global Studies

2. Purpose

The aim of the programme is to offer students a valuable and attractive education in the field of international relations. The programme offers both a broad and specialised social sciences education with a clear global/international focus. Our increasingly globalised world requires both workers and citizens with knowledge and understanding of global issues and challenges. The Bachelor's programme in International Relations aims to equip students with the ability and skills to analyse international events and the structure of the international system; its institutions, actors, laws and regulatory frameworks; how the international relations are transformed and global power relations are changed.

The programme has a distinct analytical approach and is grounded in theoretical and methodological pluralism, where a variety of theoretical perspectives are discussed and set against each other. The educational profile of the programme is characterised by exercises to interpret and use qualitative and quantitative data, to formulate problems, analyse and produce text. The programme focuses on teaching students skills critical to a labour market directed towards international questions, including independent critical thinking.

3. Entry requirements

General entrance requirements for university studies and the Swedish upper secondary course English 6 or equivalent.

In the programme, entry requirements apply to entry to specific courses. The entry requirements are stated in the respective course syllabi.

4. Higher education qualification and main field of study

This programme leads to a Degree of Bachelor of Science with a major in International Relations (Filosofie kandidatexamen med huvudområdet Internationella relationer).

5. Outcomes

General outcomes for Degree of Bachelor

Knowledge and understanding

For a Degree of Bachelor the student shall

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in the main field of study, including knowledge of the disciplinary foundation of the field, knowledge of applicable methodologies in the field, specialised study in some aspect of the field as well as awareness of current research issues.

Competence and skills

For a Degree of Bachelor the student shall

- demonstrate the ability to search for, gather, evaluate and critically interpret the relevant information for a formulated problem and also discuss phenomena, issues and situations critically
- demonstrate the ability to identify, formulate and solve problems autonomously and to complete tasks within predetermined time frames
- demonstrate the ability to present and discuss information, problems and solutions in speech and writing and in dialogue with different audiences, and
- demonstrate the skills required to work autonomously in the main field of study.

Judgement and approach

For a Degree of Bachelor the student shall

- demonstrate the ability to make assessments in the main field of study informed by relevant disciplinary, social and ethical issues
- demonstrate insight into the role of knowledge in society and the responsibility of the individual for how it is used, and
- demonstrate the ability to identify the need for further knowledge and ongoing learning.

6. Content and structure

The programme is given as full-time studies and has the following program structure: The first year of the programme cover compulsory core courses and advanced courses in international relations. During the third semester, the student takes programme-specific courses. Term four

consists of skills courses in the form of a method course and a project management course. This is followed by a semester during which the student may freely choose and apply to 30 credits of courses at the bachelors level (these courses are subject to availability and their own admission requirements). Students will be given advice on course selection. The sixth and final semester consists of two courses combining theory with practical application in foreign policy and diplomacy as well as conflict resolution. This is followed by the final thesis. The students' learning process and progression in social scientific analysis takes place throughout the programme. The programme is given in English.

Semester 1	<i>Core courses:</i> Introduction to International relations, 15 credits Problems and issues in International relations, 15 credits
Semester 2	<i>Advanced courses:</i> War, peace and security, 15 credits Global/international political economy, 15 credits
Semester 3	<i>Programme-specific advanced courses:</i> Advanced studies in security and war, 7.5 credits Advanced studies in global political economy, 7.5 credits Global and regional governance, 7.5 credits Global political theory, 7.5 credits
Semester 4	<i>Skills courses:</i> Methodology in Global studies, 15 credits Project Management and evaluation, 15 credits
Semester 5	Optional courses, 30 credits
Semester 6	<i>Programme-specific in-depth courses:</i> Foreign policy and diplomacy, 7.5 credits International Conflict Transformation, 7.5 credits <i>Degree Project:</i> International relations: Thesis, 15 credits

7. Guaranteed admission

Students who follow the programme at the prescribed pace are generally guaranteed a place in the programme's compulsory and programme-specific courses of the programme. During the optional semester of the programme, the student has no guaranteed admission to freestanding

courses.

8. Transitional regulations

Students who have completed the core, continuation or in-depth courses are able to apply to latter part of programme. Decision are made in accordance with local admission regulations at the University of Gothenburg.

9. Other information

The study programme will be followed up and evaluated in accordance with the applicable Policy for the Quality Assurance and Continuous Quality Improvement of Education at the University of Gothenburg (*Policy för kvalitetssäkring och kvalitetsutveckling av utbildning vid Göteborgs universitet*).