



FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Master's Programme in International Administration and Global Governance, 120 credits

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högskolepoäng

Programme code: S2IAG

Second cycle / Avancerad nivå

1. Confirmation

This programme syllabus was confirmed by the Faculty Board of Social Sciences on 14-09-2021 (G 2017/528) and was last revised on 25-01-2024 (GU 2024/74) to be valid from 14-03-2024, Autumn semester 2024.

Responsible Department/equivalent: Department of Political Science

Participating Departments:

Department of Economics
School of Global Studies

2. Purpose

The overall aim of the programme is to provide advanced knowledge and analytical skills relevant to International Administration and Global Governance, an interdisciplinary field that seeks to understand contemporary and historical developments in international issues and policies, and the complex interrelations among domestic and international governmental, inter-governmental and nongovernmental actors. The programme provides students with the knowledge and skills needed for both professional careers in and post-graduate research related to international administration and global governance.

International administration encompasses the activities of both international organizations but also local or national governments and organizations that seek to influence or collaborate with international organizations. Research shows that work in international administration and international organizations differs substantially from national administration and domestic organizations, and requires skills and knowledge not provided by existing educational programmes. The programme explores the architecture of the international system and equips students with the analytical skills to assess the international but also local level implications of

international policy, as well as to formulate strategies to operate effectively in the international arena. Special emphasis is also placed on independent work methods, critical assessment and the ability to solve problems.

3. Entry requirements

Eligible for the programme is the one who has

- A Bachelor's degree of 180 credits or equivalent.
- At least 60 credits in social science discipline(s), or equivalent.
- English proficiency, equivalent of English 6/English Course B.

Any other entry requirements are documented in the respective course syllabus.

4. Higher education qualification and main field of study

This programme leads to a Degree of Master of Science (120 credits) with a major in International Administration and Global Governance (Filosofie masterexamen med huvudområdet Internationell administration och global samhällsstyrning).

5. Outcomes

After completing the programme the student should achieve the applicable outcomes for the relevant education cycle contained in the Swedish Higher Education Act (Swedish Code of Statutes – SFS 1992:1434) together with the relevant higher education qualification contained in the Swedish Higher Education Ordinance (Swedish Code of Statutes – SFS 1993:100, Qualifications Ordinance, Appendix 2). Furthermore, the student should achieve the following outcomes:

Local outcomes

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Knowledge and understanding

- An in-depth knowledge of the main issues dealt with at the international level and an understanding of how these issues interrelate to one another.

Competence and skills

- An advanced capacity to evaluate and apply insights and findings from a broad range of academic disciplines in order to analytically elucidate political and societal issues of international concern.
- An advanced capacity to compose texts independently and in accordance with academic principles, including proper citation technique and use of references.

Judgement and approach

- An advanced capacity to approach international question and research topics with an open

mind and respect for the opinions and viewpoints of a diverse student body.

- An advanced capacity to demonstrate the necessary ethical standards in one's own work.
- An advanced capacity to evaluate the merits of theories and hypotheses impartially using established scientific methods and to show your work and sources in a transparent manner.
- An advanced capacity to critically evaluate the conclusions of other's findings as well as one's own and the limitations of the methods used to come to such conclusions.

6. Content and structure

Every student takes 30 credits compulsory core courses, 15-30 credits semi-elective in-depth courses, 15 credits semi-elective research methods course, and 30 credits compulsory master's thesis in the main field of studies. Further the possibility to do 0-30 credits elective courses and/or 0-30 credits internship is included.

The programme is a full-time study programme.

For more information about each course, see the course syllabus.

Please also see the appendix. IAGG per semester from H24.

7. Guaranteed admission

Students admitted to the program have general guaranteed admission to all compulsory courses within the programme provided that they 1) apply according to assigned administrative procedures, and 2) have completed the prerequisite courses. Students admitted to the program have limited guaranteed admission to the semi-elective and elective courses within the programme under the same conditions as above.

8. Transitional regulations

None.

9. Other information

- The program is taught in English.
- The optional internship may take place at a location other than Gothenburg.
- Students will be required to pay their own expenses related to the optional internship.
- Student evaluations of each course as well as of the programme in general will be performed regularly and taken into account in the evaluation and development of the programme.
- The study programme will be followed up and evaluated in accordance with the applicable *Policy for the Quality Assurance and Quality Development of Education at the University of Gothenburg* (Policy för kvalitetssäkring och kvalitetsutveckling av utbildning vid Göteborgs universitet).

Master's Programme in International Administration and Global Governance (IAGG)		
Semester 1 Autumn	Core course: AG2110 Theoretical and Historical Perspectives on Global Governance (15 credits)	Core course: AG2120 International Administration and Policy (15 credits)
Semester 2 Spring	Semi-elective in-depth course*: SK2212 The Quality of Government* (15 credits) <i>Or</i> AG2440 Internship*** (15 credits)	Elective course** <i>Or</i> AG2440 Internship*** (15 credits)
	<i>Or AG2450 Internship</i> (30 credits)*** <i>Or studies abroad</i> (30 credits)	
Semester 3 Autumn	Semi-elective in-depth course*: SK2211 The Performance of Democracies* (15 credits) <i>or</i> EU2210 European Environment and Energy* (15 credits) <i>or</i> EU2215 Europe in the World* (15 credits) <i>Or</i> Elective course** <i>Or</i> AG2440 Internship*** (15 credits)	Semi-elective methods course: SF2323 Applied qualitative research methods, problems and design (15 credits) <i>or</i> SF2322 Applied Qualitative Research Methods (15 credits) <i>or</i> SF2324 Introduction to applied research design and quantitative research methods for social scientists (15 credits) <i>or</i> SF2321 Applied Statistical Analysis (15 credits)
Semester 4 Spring	Thesis course: AG2500 Master's Thesis for IAGG (30 credits)	

*Students have to take at least one semi-elective in-depth course during the programme.

**Students may choose from a list (see the Degree Description). Exceptions need written approval from the Director of Studies.

***Students may do a 15 hec internship either in semester 2 or 3, or a 30 hec internship in semester 2, but not both. The student may also choose not to do an internship.