

### Description of an optional academic component

Academic component	<b>OPTIONAL ACADEMIC COMPONENT «FOREIGN INFORMATION MANIPULATION AND INTERFERENCE»</b>
Level of higher education	second (Master) level
Title of specialty / education and professional program	C3 International Relations, EPP International Strategic Communications
Form of education	Full-time
Year, semester, duration	I year, I semester, 4 ECTS credits
Semester control	Credit
Hours	120 h. / lectures – 10 h., practical classes – 14 h.
Language of teaching	<b>English</b>
Department that provides teaching the academic component	International Communications and Political Analysis
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<b>Summary</b>	
Requirements for starting studies	willingness to learn and critical thinking.
What will be studied	The concept of “FIMI”. “Ecosystems” of foreign information manipulation and interference by the Russian Federation and China in Europe. Disinformation, fake news, populism as means of “FIMI”. FIMI narratives in Europe. The counteraction against “FIMI”.
Why is it interesting/should be studied?	Information and CT are “weapons” of influence in the modern world, especially in the context of the RF’s war against Ukraine. The Russian Federation and China are powerfully using their media and information resources to influence the political sphere of countries, to destabilize Europe. Where governments pursue ineffective communication policies, citizens are influenced by populists and disinformants. The OAC will try to answer the question: why does “FIMI” have an influence and how to counteract it.
What you can learn (results)	To understand the nature and goals of FIMI and be aware of how the EU and European countries combat such influences.
How you can use the acquired	• the ability to identify and analyze the nature, means and goals of foreign information manipulation and interference;

<p>knowledge and skills (competencies)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the ability to make informed decisions regarding the motives and goals of the initiators of such influence;</li> <li>• the ability to justify the choice of ways to counteract / prevent "FIMI";</li> <li>• the ability to analyze and predict the consequences of one's professional activities in various contexts, including political;</li> <li>• the ability to conduct applied analytical research in the field of information influence;</li> <li>• the ability to self-study, maintain the appropriate level of knowledge, readiness to master new levels of knowledge, improve one's professionalism and level of qualification; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the ability to identify and analyze the nature, dynamics, principles of organization of international relations, types of international actors, modern trends in the development of world politics;</li> <li>• the ability to make informed decisions regarding the implementation of international and foreign policy activities.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The ability to argue the choice of ways to solve problems of a professional nature in the field of international relations, public communications and regional studies, critically evaluate the obtained results and justify the decisions made.</p>
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