

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE OF UKRAINE
Lesya Ukrainka Volyn National University
International Relations Faculty
International Relations Department

SYLLABUS
of an elective academic component
“Logistics in International Relations”

Bachelor Training

Lutsk–2026

The syllabus of the academic component “Logistics in International Relations”,
education level bachelor

Developer: PhD in Economics, Assoc. prof. Ilona Balak.

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The Head of the Department:



Assoc. prof. Yevheniia Vozniuk

I. The description of academic component

Indicator Name	Field of knowledge, specialty, educational and professional programme, education level	Characteristics of academic component
Full-time form of education	C “Social Sciences, Journalism, Information, and International Relations” C3 “International Relations” “International Relations” bachelor	Elective
Number of hours / credits 150/5		Year of study 3
Individual Student’s Work: <u>no</u>		Semester 5
Language of study		Lectures 10 hours
		Seminars 20 hours
		Independent work 110 hours
		Consultations 10 hours
	Form of control: credit	
		English

II. Information about the instructor

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III. Description of the academic component

1. A Course Abstract

The educational component “Logistics in International Relations” is dedicated to studying the strategic role of global supply chains in contemporary world politics and economics. The course encompasses an analysis of the geopolitical impact of transport corridors, the legal regulation of international transportation, and the specifics of logistical support in the context of conflicts and sanctions. Particular attention is paid to the transformation of international logistics under the influence of digitalization and environmental standards, enabling future international relations specialists to effectively assess the risks and opportunities of a state within the system of global economic relations.

2. Goal and tasks of the academic component

The goal of the course is to provide students with systemic knowledge of the strategic role of logistics in contemporary world politics and to ensure the mastery of tools for managing international flows of goods, services, and resources to secure a state's national interests on the global stage.

The main tasks of the course are:

- to study the theoretical foundations and the regulatory and legal framework of international logistics activities.

- to analyze the geopolitical significance of global transport corridors and their impact on the security environment.
- to investigate the functioning mechanisms of international supply chains in the context of globalization and regional integration.
- to assess the impact of sanctions, trade wars, and armed conflicts on the stability of global logistics routes.
- to master risk management methodologies in international logistics and digitalization tools (blockchain, IoT) in customs and logistics procedures.
- to examine the principles of “green” logistics and sustainable development within the context of international environmental standards.

3. Soft skills

- systemic thinking;
- time management and prioritization;
- problem-solving under pressure;
- negotiation and conflict resolution;
- attention to detail;
- adaptability and resilience;
- cross-functional collaboration.

4. Structure of the academic component

Name of the content module and topic	Total	Lectures	Seminars	Independent student's work	Consultations	Form of control / Grades
Content Module 1. Strategic Foundations of Global Logistics						
Topic 1. Logistics as an Instrument of Foreign Policy and National Security	14	2	2	10	–	DS/10
Topic 2. Geopolitics of Transport Corridors: Analysis of the "Belt and Road Initiative" and TEN-T	16	–	2	12	2	DS/10
Topic 3. Strategic Importance of Maritime Routes and Choke Points in World Politics	14	2	2	10	–	DS/10
Topic 4. International Legal Regulation of Transport and the Role of International Organizations	14	–	2	10	2	DS/10
Topic 5. Customs Policy and Cross-Border Cooperation in the System of International Relations	14	–	2	10	2	DS/10
Total for Module 1	72	4	10	52	6	50
Content Module 2. International Supply Chain Management in Crisis Environments						
Topic 6. Logistics under Armed Conflicts and International Sanctions: Adaptation and Diversification Strategies	14	2	2	10	–	DS/10
Topic 7. Energy Logistics: Political Aspects of Oil, Gas, and Electricity Transportation	16	2	2	12	–	DS/10
Topic 8. Humanitarian and Military Logistics in the Activities of NATO, the UN, and the EU	16	–	2	12	2	DS/10

Topic 9. Digital Transformation of Logistics (AI, Blockchain) as a Factor of National Competitiveness	16	2	2	12	–	DS/10
Topic 10. "Green" Logistics and Sustainable Development: The Impact of the Environmental Agenda on International Trade	16	–	2	12	2	DS/10
Total for Module 2	78	6	10	58	4	50
Total hours / Grades	150	10	20	110	10	100

Control methods: DS – discussion.

5. Tasks for independent work.

Elements of the independent student's work	Number of hours
reading literature for classes	60
constant review of the press and other media	50
Total number of hours	110

IV. Evaluation Policy

The instructor's evaluation policy related to the student. The answers to the questions should be based on the student's own vision of the problem, if the results of other people's researches are used, its' authors and sources should be indicated. Communication during classes should be based solely on respect for respondents, regardless of age, gender, religion, race, political views. If on-line learning is held, students must use with the video mode.

Academic integrity policy. Zero write-off tolerance threshold.

Deadlines and retaking policy. Delays can occur if they are not regular and do not interfere with the lesson. Omissions of seminars with the possibility of working off are allowed in case of a student's illness. Maximum number of spaces allowed without justification causes – 3 testing are possible in a team discipline platform Microsoft Teams in the form of photos, videos, presentations.

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The possibility of obtaining additional (bonus) points is not provided.

V. Final Control

A maximum of 100 points is available for continuous assessment. The demonstration of comprehensive lecture notes addressing all seminar discussion questions accounts for 40% of the total seminar score. If the final semester grade is not lower than 60 points, then with the consent of the student, it can be counted as the final grade for the discipline. Otherwise, the student takes the credit again. The credit assessment questions cover the topics of both lectures and seminars.

VI. Grading Scale

Scores	Linguistic Grade
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90-100	Passed
82-89	
75-81	
67-74	
60-66	
1-59	Fail (needed to retake)

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