

Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine
Lesya Ukrainka Volyn National University
International Relations Faculty
International Relations and Regional Studies Department

SYLLABUS

of a normative academic component

“METHODOLOGY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS RESEARCH”

Bachelor training

Specialty 291 «International Relations, Public Communications and Regional Studies»

Educational and professional programme «International Relations»

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The syllabus of academic component «Methodology of International Relations Research», Education Level Bachelor, Field of Knowledge 029 International Relations, specialty 291 «International Relations, Public Communications and Regional Studies», Educational and Professional Programme «International Relations».

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Natalia Kotsan

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	029 «International Relations»	Normative
Number of hours / credits 120/4	291 «International Relations, Public Communication and Regional Studies» «International Relations» bachelor	Year of study – 4. Semester – 7. Lectures – 20 hours Seminars – 18 hours Independent work – 74 hours Consultations – 8 hours Form of control: Credit
Individual Student's Work: no		
Language of study		English

II. INFORMATION ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR

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III. DESCRIPTION OF THE ACADEMIC COMPONENT

1. A Course abstract.

The course «Methodology of International Relations Research» covers theoretical knowledge of the basic approaches, concepts and methods of international relations research, features and specifics of the application of individual methods in the study of international relations.

2. Goal and tasks of the academic component

The purpose of the course is to study the the basic approaches, and methods of international relations research.

The main tasks of the course are to study the conceptual and terminological apparatus, basic approaches, concepts of international relations research, the quantitative and qualitative methodology and methods, general and specific scientific

methods, features and specifics of the application of individual methods in the study of international relations.

4. Learning outcomes (Competencies).

	Effects	Criterion code
General Competences	The ability to learn and master modern knowledge	<i>GC3</i>
	Knowledge and understanding of the subject area and understanding of professional activity.	<i>GC4</i>
	The ability to generate new ideas (creativity).	<i>GC6</i>
	The ability to apply knowledge in practical situations.	<i>GC7</i>
	The ability to abstract thinking, analysis and synthesis.	<i>GC8</i>
	The ability to communicate the national language both orally and in writing form	<i>GC10</i>
Special (professional) competencies	The ability to search, process and analyze information from various sources.	<i>GC12</i>
	The ability to distinguish signs and trends of development, to understand the organization nature, dynamics, principles of international relations, public communications and/or regional studies.	<i>SC1</i>
	The ability to assess the state and directions of research in international relations and world politics in political, economic, legal sciences, in interdisciplinary studies.	<i>SC3</i>
	The ability to solve complex specialized tasks and practical problems in the field of interstate relations, states foreign policy, public communications, regional studies	<i>SC4</i>
Learning outcomes	The ability to carry out communication and information-analytical activities in the field of international relations (in Ukrainian and foreign languages).	<i>SC12</i>
	To know and understand the nature of international relations and regional development, the evolution, the state of theoretical studies of international relations and world politics, as well as the nature and sources of the states' policies in the international arena and the activities of other participants in international relations	<i>LO01</i>
	To carry out a description and analysis of the international situation, to collect from various sources the necessary information about international and foreign political events and processes.	<i>LO07</i>

	To collect, process and analyze large volumes of information about the state of international relations, foreign policy of Ukraine and other states, regional systems, international communications.	LO08
	To carry out an applied analysis of international relations, the foreign policy of Ukraine and other states, international processes and the international situation in accordance with the set goals, prepare informative and analytical.	LO11

3. Structure of the academic component

Name of the content module and topic	Total	Lectures	Seminars	Independent student's work	Cons.	Form of control/grades
Content Module 1. Theoretical and conceptual basis of the study of international relations.						
Topic 1. The essence of the concept of research	11	2	2	6	1	DS/11
Topic 2. Research process	9	2		6	1	
Topic 3. Approaches to the study of international relations	11	2	2	6	1	DS/11
Topic 4. Basic theories of international relations	10	2	2	6		DS/11
Total for module 1	41	8	6	24	3	33
Content Module 2. Methodological foundations and methods of international relations research						
Topic 5. Problems of method in international relations research	8	2		6		
Topic 6. General scientific methods in the study of international relations	10	2	2	6		DS/11
Topic 7. Methods of data collection	9	2		6	1	
Topic 8. The analysis of the documents. Explicative research methods in international relations	11	2	2	6	1	DS/11
Topic 9. SWOT Analysis in the study of international relations	11		2	8	1	DS/11
Topic 10. Mathematical and statistical methods in international relations research	10	2	2	6		DS/11
Topic 11. Modeling and forecasting in the study of international relations	11	2	2	6	1	DS/11
Topic 12. Publication of research results	9		2	6	1	DS/12
Total for module 2	79	12	12	50	5	67
Total hours :	120	20	18	74	8	100

Control methods: DS – discussion, DB – debate, T – tests, TR – training, PM/CM – problems/cases management, IST/ISW – individual task/individual work of the student, SGW – work in small groups, MTP/TP – module test paper/test paper, Ab – abstract, analytical note, analytical essay, analysis of the work.

5. Tasks for independent work

Independent student's work involves in-depth study of issues related to the topics of lecture classes, study of recommended literature for preparation for seminar classes

Elements of the independent student's work

Elements of the independent student's work	Number of hours
reading literature for classes	20
carrying out research	20
data collection	5
data analysis and interpretation	5
execution of assignments and doing homework	20
preparation of a report / presentation	4
Total	74

IV. EVALUATION POLICY

The instructor's evaluation policy regarding the student.

- class attendance is mandatory;
- maximum number of permitted absences- 2;
- under the condition of important reasons (participation in scientific events, sick leave), training can take place according to an individual plan agreed with the teacher.

Academic Integrity Policy.

- compliance with copyright law;
- zero tolerance for write-offs

Deadlines and retaking policy.

Seminar classes are retaken if there are substantial reasons. Topics that are submitted in violation of deadlines without valid reasons are evaluated at a lower grade.

V. FINAL CONTROL

The form of final control is a credit, which is set based on the results of the types of work that are provided for in the syllabus of the academic component. Tasks from these types of current control are evaluated in the range from 0 to 100 points. The student can additionally pass the topics he missed during the semester (for valid reasons) in consultation with the instructor, thus improving his result by exactly the amount of points provided for the missed topics. In the event that a student received less than 60 points, he makes a credit during the liquidation of academic debt. In this case, the points scored during the current assessment are cancelled. The maximum number of points during the liquidation of academic debt from credit is 100.

VI. THE SCALE OF EVALUATION

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

VII. RECOMMENDED LITERATURE

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4. Бірта Г. О., Бургу Ю.Г. Методологія і організація наукових досліджень. [текст] : навч. посіб. К. : «Центр учебової літератури», 2014. 142 с.
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6. Пікулик О.Б. Методи прогнозування в досліджені міжнародних відносин. Актуальні проблеми науки, освіти і технологій: теорія і практика: збірник тез доповідей міжнародної науково-практичної конференції (Полтава, 8 лютого 2022 р.): у 2 ч. Полтава: ЦФЕНД, 2022. Ч. 2. С 47–49.
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8. Швець Ф.Д. Методологія та організація наукових досліджень: навч. Посіб – Рівне НУВГП, 2016. 151 с.