

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE OF UKRAINE  
Lesya Ukrainska Volyn National University  
International Relations Faculty  
International Relations and Regional Studies Department

**SYLLABUS**  
of normative discipline  
**"INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS' MODERN TENDENCIES"**

**Training level** Bachelor

**Field of knowledge** 29 "International Relations"

**Specialty** 291 "International Relations, Public Communications and Regional Studies"

**Education and professional programme** "International Relations"

The syllabus of discipline is developed on the basis of the Standard of high education of Ukraine for *bachelors* of a specialty **291 International relations, public communications and regional studies**.

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Head of the department:



Natalia Kotsan



## SYLLABUS

<b>NAME OF DISCIPLINE</b>	International relations' modern tendencies
<b>ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE</b>	International Relations and Regional Studies Department, International Relations Faculty
<b>DISCIPLINE REALIZATION PERIOD</b>	II semester of 2024–2025 academic year
<b>INSTRUCTOR</b>	Mrs Ilona Balak
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<b>INSTRUCTOR COMPETENCIES AND INFORMATION ABOUT</b>	PhD in Economics, Associate Professor of International Relations and Regional Studies Department. Research topics: modern international relations, modern development of world economy, regional policy, European cross-border cooperation and development of productive forces of European countries. Knowledge of foreign languages: English (B2 certificate), German, Polish.
<b>FORM OF IMPLEMENTATION</b>	Lecture – 30 hours, seminars – 26 hours
<b>ECTS CREDITS</b>	4 credits
<b>FORM OF CONTROL</b>	Exam
<b>METHODS AND FORMS OF STUDENTS 'WORK EVALUATION (CRITERIA AND FORM OF ASSESSMENT OF RECEIVING CREDIT FOR THE DISCIPLINE)</b>	While performing the tasks of the current assessment, the student is able to get 40 points, and, having written appropriate modular tests, – another 60 points. The total amount of points a student can receive during the study of this discipline is 100 points.  If the final semester score is not less than 75 points, then, with the consent of the student, it can be counted as the final score of the discipline. In the opposite case the student passes the exam. At the same time, the points scored on the results of modular control works are canceled. The examination score is determined in scores (from 0 to 60) based on the results of the examination tasks. Module test: 45 minutes, 30 questions.
<b>DISCIPLINE POLICY</b>	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. Zero write-off tolerance threshold. 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. 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.
<b>PURPOSE AND TASKS OF DISCIPLINE</b>	The aim of the course is to examine the theoretical foundations and concepts of international relations, problems difference decrease between foreign and domestic policy, explore development of democratization, globalization of the world, factors of multipolarity of the international system .  The main objectives of the course are:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-to analyze the essence of the modern system of international relations;</li> <li>-to define the essence and give the own assessment of the multypolarities of modern international relations;</li> <li>-to reveal the role of modern democratic processes in international relations;</li> <li>-to analyze the state and current problems of international security;</li> <li>-to comprehend the processes, perspectives and consequences of modern integration and disintegration processes;</li> <li>-to argue their own views on the main contradictions of the forces of the Sea and Land.</li> </ul>
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**DESCRIPTION OF THE DISCIPLINE**  
**THE DISCIPLINE IS DIVIDED INTO 13 TOPICS DURING THE SEMESTER**

No.	TOPIC
1.	Theoretical aspects of the study of international relations.
2.	Blurring the boundaries between domestic and foreign policy.
3.	Democratization of modern international relations.
4.	Multipolarity of modern international relations.
5.	International security in international relations
6.	Modern world and international order.
7.	The role of information in modern international relations.
8.	The phenomenon of economic, social and political integration and disintegration in modern international relations.
9.	Globalization of international relations.
10.	Planetary dualism in modern international relations.
11.	The digital revolution and modern international relations
12.	The impact of environmental change, emergencies and pandemics on the development of international relations.
13.	Ukraine in modern international relations

**RECOMMENDED REFERENCES**

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2. Теорія міжнародних відносин. Міжнародні відносини та світова політика : навч. посіб. / М. П. Требін, Л. М. Герасіна, В. Л. Погрібна та ін. ; за ред. М. П. Требіна. Харків: Право, 2016. 540 с.
3. McGlinchey S. International Relations. URL: <http://www.e-ir.info>

**OBLIGATORY REFERENCES**

1. Balak I., Pikulyk O. Modern tendencies of the international relations. *Actual problems of regional researches*: materials V International. scientific-practical Internet conference (Lutsk, December 11, 2020). Lutsk, 2020. P. 202–204.

	<p>2. Кузь О. М. "Європа регіонів" як ідентичний проект / О. М. Кузь. <i>Політико-правова ментальності українського соціуму в умовах європейської інтеграції</i> : монографія / [О. О. Безрук, В. С. Бліхар, Л. М. Герасіна та ін.] ; за ред. М. П. Требіна. Харків : Право, 2019. С. 149–165.</p> <p>3. Dontoh M. E., Balak I. O. Modern Angola's foreign policy. <i>Актуальні проблеми регіональних досліджень</i>: матеріали IV Міжнар. наук.-практ. інтернет-конференції (Луцьк, 12–13 грудня 2019 р.) / за ред. В. Й. Лажніка. Луцьк: Вежа-Друк, 2019. С. 239–241.</p> <p>4. Nambili L. N., Balak I. O. Namibia's foreign trade policy by goods and services. <i>Актуальні проблеми регіональних досліджень</i>: матеріали IV Міжнар. наук.-практ. інтернет-конференції (Луцьк, 12–13 грудня 2019 р.) / за ред. В. Й. Лажніка. Луцьк: Вежа-Друк, 2019. С. 293–296.</p> <p>5. European Union. URL: <a href="https://europa.eu/">https://europa.eu/</a></p>
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## EFFECTS OF LEARNING

	<b>Effects</b>	<b>The corresponding criterion code</b>
<b>General competencies</b>	The ability to isolate characteristics and trends of development, to understand the nature, dynamics, principles of organization of international relations, public communication and/or regional studies.	<i>GC3</i>
	Knowledge and understanding of the subject area and understanding of professional activity	<i>GC4</i>
	The ability to work in an international context	<i>GC5</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>
	The ability to search, process and analyze information from various sources	<i>GC12</i>
	<b>Effects</b>	<b>The corresponding criterion code</b>
<b>Special (professional) competencies</b>	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 analyze international processes in various contexts, including political, security, legal, economic, social, cultural and informational ones	<i>SC2</i>
	The ability to analyze the influence of the world economy, international law and domestic politics on the structure and dynamics of international relations and the states foreign policy	<i>SC5</i>
	The ability to apply knowledge of the characteristics of the development of countries and regions features and regularities of global processes and the place of individual states in them to solve complex specialized tasks and problems	<i>SC9</i>
	The ability to analyze the nature and evolution of international organizations, their place in the system of	<i>SC11</i>

	international relations, the main forms and prospects of Ukraine cooperation with them	
<b>Learning outcomes</b>	<b>Effects</b>	<b>The corresponding criterion code</b>
	To know and understand the nature and dynamics of international security, to realize the peculiarities of its provision at the global, regional and national level, to know the nature and approaches to solving international and internationalized conflicts.	<i>LO02</i>
	To know the nature of international cooperation, the nature of interaction between international actors, the ratio of state and non-state actors in world politics.	<i>LO03</i>
	To know the principles, mechanisms and processes of ensuring the states' foreign policy, the interaction between foreign and domestic policies, the definition and implementation of the national interests of states on the international arena, the process of forming and implementing foreign policy decisions.	<i>LO04</i>
	To know the nature and mechanisms of international communications.	<i>LO05</i>
	To know the nature and character of interactions of individual countries and regions at the global, regional and local levels.	<i>LO06</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.	<i>LO08</i>
	To conduct a professional discussion on issues of international relations, international communications, regional studies, foreign policy activities, argue one's position, respect opponents and their points of view.	<i>LO13</i>
	To have the skills of self-determination in educational goals and learning, finding educational resources necessary for their achievement.	<i>LO17</i>

### METHODS OF WORK AND LOADING

<b>ECTS credits (1 ECTS = 25-30 hours of student work)</b>	4
<b>Total (hours)</b>	120
<b>Lectures</b>	30
<b>Seminars</b>	26
<b>Consultations</b>	8
<b>Individual work</b>	56

Elements of the student's individual work	Number of hours
reading literature for classes	10
constant review of the press and other media	10
execution of design works	-
conducting research	-
designing a research tool	-
data collection	2
data analysis and interpretation	2
preparation for IT classes	10
doing assignments and doing homework	10
group work outside the classroom	10
inter-semester tests	-
final test	1
inter-semester written assignments	-
final written assignment	-
preparation of a report / presentation	-
preparation of a written report	-
final exam	1
<b>Total number of hours</b>	<b>56</b>