



CURRICULUM FOR BACHELOR OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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❖ Objectives

Bachelor's program in International Relations is to provide high-quality human resources, not only to effectively and efficiently serve the diplomatic sector but also to meet the needs of society in fields that require knowledge of international relations. The program places emphasis on the ability to adapt and integrate into diverse international settings.

This program aims to equip graduates with foundational knowledge of history, politics, economics, culture, society, and law as well as a profound understanding of international relations. It is also to develop professional and practical skills necessary to effectively work both independently and in teams in the fields that require knowledge of international relations. Graduates will attain proficiency in at least one foreign language, possess the capacity for research, strategic forecasting, and professional leadership. The program also fosters self-directed learning for continuous personal and career development and knowledge dissemination. Graduates will be proficient in information technology to support their work, and demonstrate political awareness, ethical standards, and social responsibility.



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❖ Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program for BA in International Relations, graduates will be able to:

No	Types of PLOs	PLO Description	Level
I. KNOWLEDGE			
1	PLO 1	Explain key concepts and topics of political philosophy and ideology in Vietnam as well as fundamental knowledge of economics, culture, society, and law	2/6
2	PLO 2	Apply principles and laws of history, politics and society to examine events and developments in international relations	3/6
3	PLO 3	Apply interdisciplinary knowledge of international economics, international law, and international communication to explore central issues of international relations and foreign policy.	3/6
4	PLO 4	Utilize practical knowledge and comprehensive theoretical understanding of the history of international relations, political theories, and Vietnamese diplomacy... to address current international relations and foreign policy issues.	3/6



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5	PLO5	Analyze practices of international relations, politics, and foreign policy on the basis of fundamental knowledge of international relations theory, international relations research methods, policy analysis, strategic forecasting, and research planning, project design, and proposal writing.	4/6
6	PLO6	Apply in-depth knowledge of global issues, international politics, international security, area studies, and foreign policy to <i>analyze</i> and evaluate Vietnam's international relations and foreign policy.	4/6
II. SKILLS			
7	PLO7	Execute analytical, reasoning, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills in international relations and diplomatic activities.	4/5
8	PLO8	Practice basic diplomatic skills, including protocol, organizing international events, hosting foreign delegations, diplomatic communication, and negotiation, and drafting documents, preparing reports, creating briefing notes, and delivering presentations to address practical tasks.	3/5
9	PLO9	Demonstrate competence in conducting research, pursuing self-directed learning, enhancing knowledge, working independently and collaboratively, and communicating effectively in the field of international relations.	3/5



10	PLO10	Perform proficiency in using at least one foreign language (equivalent to B2, CEFR or another recognized international standard) and in applying analytical academic writing skills, including synthesizing information, preparing research-based reports, and presenting professional topics in international relations.	3/5
11	PLO11	Execute basic information technology competency as required by the National Qualifications Framework (level 6), including searching, processing, and managing information and documents to support professional tasks.	3/5
III. AUTONOMY AND RESPONSIBILITY			
12	PLO12	Value self-direction and adaptability in diverse work environments, including ongoing self-learning and the accumulation of knowledge and experience to enhance professional competence.	3/5
13	PLO13	Integrate political awareness, ethical conduct, respect, and professional responsibility to meet societal and diplomatic expectations in the context of international integration.	4/5



❖ Program Content

1. General Knowledge: 13 credit points

(The total number of credits (13) excludes those of Digital Competence, Physical Education, and National Defense Education)

	Course unit title	Course unit code	Credit points	Language of instruction
1	Marxist-Leninist Philosophy	FC.001.03	03	Vietnamese
2	Marxist-Leninist Political Economy	FC.002.02	02	Vietnamese
3	Scientific Socialism	FC.003.02	02	Vietnamese
4	Ho Chi Minh's Ideology	FC.004.02	02	Vietnamese
5	History of the Communist Party of Vietnam	FC.005.02	02	Vietnamese
6	Introduction to Vietnam's Legal System	IL.003.02	02	Vietnamese
7	<i>Digital Competence</i>	<i>IT.002.02</i>	<i>02</i>	<i>Vietnamese</i>
8	<i>Physical Education</i>	<i>AAD.001.03</i>	<i>03</i>	<i>Vietnamese</i>
9	<i>National Defense Education</i>	<i>AAD.002.08</i>	<i>08</i>	<i>Vietnamese</i>

2. Foreign Language Knowledge: 24 credit points

Students can study at the appropriate level (beginner, intermediate or advanced) and can choose (conditionally) (*) to study either 01 foreign language (foreign language I: 24 credits) or 02 foreign languages (foreign language I: 15 credits and foreign language II: 09 credits).



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	Course unit title	Course unit code	Number of credits	Language of instruction
1	Language I		24 or 15	Language I
2	Language II		0 or 09	Language II

•*In regard to Language I, students can choose to study 01 out of 05 languages: English, Chinese, French, Japanese, or Korean. In regard to Language II, students can choose 01 out of the following languages: English, Chinese, French, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, or German.*

•*(*) Only students with the intermediate level or higher in their primary foreign language can choose to study a second foreign language. Students at an elementary level must complete 24 credits of foreign language I.*

3. Complementary Knowledge: 09 credits

Students choose **03** courses from the following combination. Complementary courses are selected and registered based on the number of credits and must be completed by the end of semester VIII.

No	Course unit title	Course unit code	Number of credits	Language of instruction
1	Public International law	IL.005.03	03	Vietnamese
2	Constitutional Law of Vietnam and Other Countries	IL.003.03	03	Vietnamese
3	Introduction to International Communication	IC.061.03	03	Vietnamese
4	Cultural Diplomacy	IC.010.03	03	Vietnamese
5	International Economic Relations	IE.006.03	03	Vietnamese
6	International Business	IE.042.03	03	Vietnamese



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4. Professional Knowledge and Skills: 65 credits

No	Course unit title	Course unit code	Number of credits	Language of instruction
<i>1. Foundational Professional Knowledge: 28 credits</i>				
1	History of World Civilization	FC.007.02	02	Vietnamese
2	Introduction to Sociology	FC.009.02	02	Vietnamese
3	Introduction to Politics	FC.010.02	02	Vietnamese
4	History of Vietnam's Diplomacy	IR.001.02	02	Vietnamese
5	History of Political Ideologies	IR.002.02	02	Vietnamese
6	International Relations Research Methodology	IR.003.03	03	Vietnamese/ Foreign Language
7	Modern History of International Relations (History 1) (1648 – 1945)	IR.040.03	03	Vietnamese
8	Contemporary History of International Relations (History 2) (1945 – present)	IR.041.03	03	Vietnamese
9	Vietnam's Foreign Policy from 1945 to 1975	IR.006.03	03	Vietnamese/ Foreign Language
10	Vietnam's Foreign Policy since 1975	IR.007.03	03	Vietnamese, Foreign Language
11	International Relations Theories	IR.008.03	03	Vietnamese, Foreign Language



b. Specialized Professional Knowledge: 27 credits

Compulsory: 09 credits

12	Foreign Policy Analysis	IR.031.03	03	Vietnamese/ Foreign Language
13	Global Governance	IR.032.03	03	Vietnamese/ Foreign Language
14	Major Power Relations after the Cold War	IR.011.03	03	Vietnamese/ Foreign Language

Elective: 18 credits (Students choose 06 out of 16 following courses)

15	Multilateral Diplomacy	IR.013.03	03	Vietnamese/ Foreign Language
16	International Conflicts after the Cold War	IR.015.03	03	Vietnamese/ Foreign Language
17	Asia - Pacific Security	IR.016.03	03	Vietnamese/ Foreign Language
18	Security Policy Analysis	IR.018.03	03	Vietnamese/ Foreign Language
19	Chinese Studies	IR.019.03	03	Vietnamese/ Foreign Language
20	American Studies	IR.020.03	03	Vietnamese/ Foreign Language



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21	ASEAN Studies	IR.021.03	03	Vietnamese/ Foreign Language
22	EU Studies	IR.022.03	03	Vietnamese/ Foreign Language
23	Russian Studies	IR.023.03	03	Vietnamese/ Foreign Language
24	Indian Studies	IR.033.03	03	Vietnamese/ Foreign Language
25	Religions in International Relations	IR.035.03	03	Vietnamese/ Foreign Language
26	Nationalism in International Relations	IR.036.03	03	Vietnamese/ Foreign Language
27	INGOs and International Relations	IR.037.03	03	Vietnamese/ Foreign Language
28	International Institutions	IR.038.03	03	Vietnamese/ Foreign Language
29	Middle Eastern Studies	IR.039.03	03	Vietnamese/ Foreign Language
30	Geopolitics in International Relations	IR.042.03	03	Vietnamese/ Foreign Language



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<i>c. Professional Skills: 10 credits</i>				
31	Text-drafting Techniques	IR.024.02	02	Vietnamese
32	Diplomatic Services *	IR.025.03	03	Vietnamese/ Foreign Language
33	International Negotiations	IR.026.03	03	Vietnamese/ Foreign Language
34	International Event Analysis **	IR.027.02	02	Vietnamese
35	Academic Writing Skills in International Relations **	IR.043.02	02	Vietnamese/ Foreign Language
35	International Event Management and Diplomatic Protocol *	IR.044.03	03	Vietnamese

*Students are required to complete 04 course units. Course units IR.024.02 and IR.026.03 are compulsory. The two remaining course units include 01 unit marked as * and 01 unit marked as ***



5. Career-Orientation and Graduation: 12 credits *

No	Course unit title	Course unit code	Number of credits	Language of instruction
1	<i>Career-Orientation</i>	<i>AAD.028.02</i>	<i>02</i>	Vietnamese
2	<i>Internship</i>	<i>IR.029.03</i>	<i>03</i>	Vietnamese
3	Graduation Thesis or 04 elective courses for graduation selected from the Specialized Professional Knowledge (Elective) (**)	IR.030.12	12	Vietnamese/ Foreign Language

(*) *The total number of credits (12) excludes those of Career-Orientation and Internship.*

(**) *This is subject to students' academic performance and the availability of suitable supervisors.*