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The curriculum has been elaborated by the National University of Public Service Faculty of Public Governance and International Studies on the basis of the following legislation and documents:

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2. Act CXXXII of 2011 on the National University of Public Service and on Public Administration, Law Enforcement and Military Higher Education;
3. Government Decree No. 87/2011. (IV. 9.) on the implementation of certain provisions of the Act CXXXII of 2011;
4. Government Decree No. 363/2011. (XII. 30.) on the implementation of certain provisions of Act CXXXII of 2011 on the National University of Public Service and on Public Administration, Law Enforcement and Military Higher Education;
5. Decree 139/2015 on the list of qualifications obtained in higher education and on the listing of new qualifications (VI. 9.) Government Decree (hereinafter: 139/2015. (VI. 9.) Kr.);
6. Decree of the Ministry of Human Capacities No. 8/2013. (I. 30.) modified by the Decree of the Ministry of Human Capacities No. 18/2016. (VIII. 5.) specifying the training and output requirements of bachelor's and master's programs and of certain teacher training programs;
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1. Name of the Master's program:

Master's of International Relations

2. Training area, as defined in Article 3 National University of Public Service

Social Sciences

3. Elective specializations during the MA program

- International Economic Relations
- European Studies
- Regional and Civilization Studies

4. Name of the degree obtained

Master's degree (magister, master; abbrev: MA)

5. The name of the qualification to be obtained in the master's program as specified in the diploma

Qualification: expert in international relations

6. Training objectives and professional competences to be acquired

The aim of the training is to train experts who have adequate knowledge and are capable of examining current political and economic tendencies. They are prepared to understand the interconnections of the globalizing international system, based on their knowledge related to international economics, international law, IR theory, regional-civilization and interdisciplinary studies as well as specialized foreign language skills. They can conduct an in-depth analysis of the economic, political and social conditions of a given region. They might start PhD studies.

6.1. The knowledge that can be acquired in the master's program**6.1.1. Expert in international relations****a) knowledge****The graduates of the master's program know:**

How to interpret and examine at a proficient level the most important interdependencies of social sciences, in line with the demands of self-confident, practical usage.

The major paradigms of the IR theory and the Great Debates.

The major civilization and culture theories and are aware of the economic, political and social tendencies of particular regions.

The system of interdependencies of the outstanding international conflicts and crises of the 21st century.

The major tendencies in world economy and the economic development of different regions, with special regard to the economic situation of the European Union.

The current issues and dilemmas of the Hungarian foreign policy.

The human rights and minority rights regimes as well as their regional systems.

The decision-making mechanism and functioning of the United Nations, and the concepts related to its reform.

The foreign policy of Great Powers and their place in world economy.

The characteristics of the major civilizations, cultures and religions of the world.

Understand those national, European and global social problems that define the basic tendencies of social science thinking.

Understand specialized foreign language related to their scope of studies.

The Hungarian political system as well as political systems in and outside Europe, furthermore, the dominant types of government systems in the international arena.

The data collection, processing and analysis techniques of social sciences, the particular features of political investigations.

The deeper interdependences of international political, economic, legal and social institutions and processes.

b) skills

The graduates of the master's program are capable of

Interpreting a particular international political conflict and crisis from a foreign policy point of view, based on their acquired interdisciplinary knowledge.

Profoundly understanding the changes in world economy and analyzing the economic challenges facing the European Union and Hungary.

Making comparative economic analyses, based on their economic and statistical knowledge and world economy theories.

Understanding the decision making mechanisms of international organizations and interpreting the foreign policy decision making mechanisms of the Great Powers defining the economic and political interests of the actors of the international system and their interdependencies.

Analyzing new results achieved in the field of social developments, disclosing new scientific data, forming their own professional concepts.

Making outlook reports for the active and efficient use of related fields of science.

Joining international research projects of their professional field as well as participating in project administration.

Analyzing and assessing as part of their professional tasks and synthesizing different conclusions.

Conducting social science data collection and analysis in and outside their homeland, and putting into practice the obtained research results.

Preparing scientifically sound and effective reports on special areas of his field of expertise.

Directing work processes on a level adequate for their preparation and cooperating with partners in and outside the workplace in an efficient way.

Adapting to changes and making their adaptation concept be accepted by the colleagues and other partners.

Forming their own professional standpoint and are able to defend their view in debates even in a foreign language.

Using political science concepts in a consistent manner.

Understanding complex social problems and interacting with expertise in research related to identifying the causes of such conflicts.

c) attitude

The personal endowments and skills necessary for exercising the profession

Open, tolerant and respectful towards the views, forms of thinking and ways of life of those social groups with which he/she comes into contact during their professional work as social science researchers.

Open to taking up a critical stance if processes opposed to their professional perceptions begin in their social environment.

Open towards the international research results of their field of expertise and committed to the dissemination of the useful new knowledge at home.

Build their professional career in a responsible manner and support the professional advancement of the people who work under their direction.

Committed to professional values and interests.

Use their expertise in a responsible way during the activities performed at the organization and/or institution, and exert influence for the appreciation of quality work.

Make individual and responsible decisions in work and social conflict situations, consistently representing the interests of those entrusted to them.

Continuously improve professional knowledge through individual learning, self-development and self-evaluation, have respect for the political opinion of the others in everyday life.

Develop an analytic mind-set, creativity and methodological awareness.

d) autonomy and responsibility

He / she is an independent and responsible actor in his / her field of science, represents professional principles and shares research results in every possible forum.

He /she makes autonomous and responsible decisions in work with respect to his / her own scientific labour and with respect to the work programs of those who are employed under his / her control.

He / she responsibly assumes a clear transfer of his / her scientific knowledge to participants in social forums.

He / she is responsible for running his work organization, developing, discussing and implementing professional concepts.

He / she responsibly participates in the creation and management of work organization units.

He / she is responsible in his / her professional work for adhering to the strict ethical rules of social science research and analysis, and for raising and answering new ethical questions.

He / she has independent and responsible roles in the domestic and international operation of professional organizations and in the work of advocacy forums.

7. Time factors of the training

Training time in semesters: 4 semesters

Training time in semesters detailed:

The number of credits necessary for obtaining the master's degree	120 credits
Students' study hours in total	3600 hours
Studies per semester:	30 credits on average
Average number of classes per semester (full-time)	287 classes
Weekly classes an average (in part-time studies the number of contracted	20,5 classes in average, of which the credit assigned is 20,5 on average
Average number of classes per semester (part-time)	83 classes on average
Optional professional practice:	8 weeks / 320 hours

8. The structure of the training

8.1. Disciplines leading to the qualification, which make up the specializations

Knowledge in social sciences based on training (Methodology of Social Science Research, Comparative State Law, History of Political Thought, History of Economic Theory) 5-20 credits;

80-100 credits of professional knowledge related to International Studies, including the preparation of a thesis as follows:

- Theory and Practice of International Relations [Security Studies, Geopolitical Theories, Foreign Policy Decision Making, Diplomacy, Cultural Diplomacy, Conflict and Crisis Management, Global Governance] 5-40 credits;
- Regional-civilization studies [especially: Civilization Theory, Regional Integrations, Middle East Studies, China Studies, Balkan Studies, Latin American Studies, Indian Studies, Japanese Studies, USA Studies, Southeast-Asia Studies, Africa Studies, Australia Studies, Mediterranean Studies, Russia Studies, Post-Soviet Region and Central Asia, European Studies] 5-40 credits;
- Practice in International Law [International Case Studies in Law, Diplomatic and Consular Law, Human and Minority Rights, Regional International Organizations, Non-governmental Organizations] 5-40 credits;
- International Economics [Development Theories, International Development Policy, Regions of the World Economics, Theory and Practice of Economic Integrations, Hungary's Economy and Foreign Relations, Economic Governance, Economics of Globalization] 5-40 credits;
- Specialised professional international relations and EU language training and professional knowledge in foreign language 5-30 credits.

- The specialization offered by the training institution is theoretical and practical knowledge suitable for cultivating the field, developing personal abilities and generating specific competences related to individual interest. Profession-specific knowledge earned credits of at least 30 credits throughout the training.

8.2. additional disciplines, specializations and credit ratios for the specializations / specific competencies leading to specific competencies:

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8.3. credit value for thesis preparation: 10 credits

8.4 minimum credit value for continuous practical training outside the institution: 0 credit

8.5 a minimum credit value for elective courses: 6 credits

The structure of the curriculum - according to the professional characteristics defined in the training and output requirements (KKK) - is as follows: core material (compulsory and optional subjects; in case of specialisation the specific courses), degree thesis preparation, optional practice, elective courses, criterion requirements.

9. The class-, credits- and exams-plans:

The class-, credit and exams-plans shall include the followings for each period of study of all courses:

- (a) the NEPTUN code of the courses,
- (b) the nature of the courses (compulsory, optional, elective, criterion requirement),
- (c) semesters when they are offered,
- (d) the number of classes per week and per semester or per semester, broken down by type of courses,
- (e) credit for courses,
- (f) the method of assessing student performance (assignments);
- (g) the department responsible for the courses and the course director.

Abbreviations for class types:

- lecture: L
- seminar: S
- practice: G

The class-, credits- and exams-plans are included in Annex 1.

10. Order of previous studies

The curriculum defines when courses require prior or simultaneous completion of other subjects (pre-study order).

The order of previous studies is included in Annex 2.

11. Knowledge verification system

The knowledge of the curriculum can be tested and evaluated:

- (a) during semester, written or oral examination in class, written (closed-ended) assignment, homework assignment, or mid-term assignment and assessment;
- (b) an exam during the examination period;
- (c) based on the mid-term assignments and exam in the examination period.

In the case of a non-credit criterion, the signature may be a condition for its fulfilment.

The student finishes his / her studies with a final exam. The final exam is a test and assessment of the knowledge, skills and abilities necessary to obtain a diploma, in which the student must also demonstrate that he or she can apply the knowledge acquired.

Abbreviations for grading types:

- Mid term mark (((course unit with closing exam((F(Z))))
- Practical mark (((course unit with closing exam((G(Z))))
- Exam (((course unit with closing exam((K(Z))))
- Three scale grading (B)
- General exam (AV)
- Comprehensive examination (S)
- Complex exam (KO)
- Course unit with closing exam (Z)

The procedures for evaluating and verifying knowledge are set out in detail according to the applicable legislation and in the NUPS Regulations on Studies and Exams:

- in the course programs of this curriculum, and
- point 12 of this chapter for the final examination.

12. Final exam

12.1. The preconditions of starting the final exam

- Obtaining the final certificate (*absolutorium*),
- Preparing a diploma work, which can be submitted for defense.

12.2. Parts of the final exam

- Defending the diploma work;
- Oral exam of the course-units specified below.

Defending the diploma work successfully is a precondition of commencing the oral final exam.

Final exam course-units

Code	Course units	Credits
ANKDM06	Diplomatic History	3
AKNGTM08	World Economics	4
AEUTTM09	EU Governance, Interest Representation and Policy-making	6
ANKDM01	International Relations in the Post-bipolar World	3
ANKDM04	Geopolitics and the Theory of International Relations	3
Final exam course-units' credits in total:		22

12.3 Final exam results

The result of the final exam, based on the NUPS Regulations on Studies and Exams, is the simple average of the diploma work's mark and the oral final exam's mark as follows:

$$FE = (DW + OFE)/2$$

Failure to pass any any part on any element will result in the failure of the final exam. Each element of the final exam must be awarded a separate grade. Unless otherwise stated, the calculation method specified in Article 54 (3) of the NUPS Regulations on Studies and Exams may be incorporated.

13. The diploma work

The diploma work is an independent, creative work demonstrating the acquired knowledge, the ability to apply this in practice as well as the ability that the student is able to synthesize results and solve problems creatively. It is supervised by a supervisor or consultant.

The student can earn 10 credits for completing the diploma work. Submitting and defending the thesis is not a prerequisite for absolutorium.

Course:

- ÁNETAMDM001, Degree Thesis Preparation, 10 credits

The procedure of the preparation of the thesis, its content and formal requirements are further specified in the Regulations on Studies and Exams.

14. Diploma

14.1. Condition of receiving the diploma

Prerequisite for issuing the diploma:

- Successful final exam;
- foreign language requirements as specified in the training and output requirements (KKK);
- In order to obtain an MA diploma, it is necessary to have a proficiency exam in a foreign language (complex, C1) and an intermediate exam in another foreign language (complex, B2), or equivalent. Min. one of the exams has to be a specialized foreign language exam, in line with the field of study: social sciences, law, economic sciences and political sciences (international relations, diplomacy, economic management, economics, tourism, law and public administration, military, trade, finance, business) or an equivalent certificate or Baccalaureate.

14.2. Assessment of the grade of the diploma

According to the provisions of the NUPS Regulation on Studies and Exams, the grade of the diploma shall comprise of the simple average of the following:

- a) the mark of defending the diploma work;
- b) the mark of the oral part of the final exam;
- c) the study averages (up to two decimal points) of completed semesters rounded up to a whole number:

$$(DW + FE + ((Av1 + \dots + Avn)/n) / 3$$

The grade of the diploma shall be assessed by taking into account the following limits and the values calculated with the above method:

- a. excellent with merits, if the average is 5.00
- b. excellent, if the average is 4.51-4.99
- c. good, if the average is 3.51-4.50
- d. mediocre, if the average is 2.51-3.50
- e. sufficient, if the average is at least 2.00 – but not more than 2.50;

The diploma qualification is excellent with merits when the grade of the diploma is excellent with merits. He or she will also score excellent with merits, when the diploma is excellent and he or she has at least 4.51 grade point average on all exams and practice courses.

15. Professional practice

Students might opt for doing a professional practice of min. 8 weeks as a 6-credit elective course. In line with the training and output requirements of the program, it is not obligatory to complete a professional practice.

During the professional practice the student shall acquire knowledge about the structure, the operation, the contacts and the everyday work processes of the selected organisation. At the end of the professional practice the student shall prepare a short summary on the experiences gained and the tasks performed at the host organisation. The summary shall be attached to the certificate on the professional practice signed by the head of the organisation or the person supervising the practice.

The professional practice can be completed at any place of professional practice having a cooperation agreement with the university. The selected organisation and the student shall sign a cooperation agreement or, when necessary, a student's work contract on performing the professional practice.

Completion of the professional practice shall be verified by registering to the course-unit "professional practice" and by obtaining a duly issued certificate of completion.

A certificate including a detailed evaluation shall be prepared on completing the professional practice to be submitted by the student to the Education Management Division upon the expiry of the term of the professional practice. During the professional practice a working log can be kept when requested by the host organisation.

Professional practice course:

ÁNETAMSZGY001, Professional practice, 8 credits

16. Study periods for international student mobility (mobility window)

The *Erasmus + program* provides graduate students the opportunity to receive study mobility or internship grants.

Study mobility allows successful students to spend a semester at one of the university's partner institutions and the credits earned there to be included in their home studies. The so-called exchange programs allow students to study tuition-free at that institution.

Applicants are allowed to travel to all EU countries, as well as to Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway, Turkey and Macedonia, institutions with which the University has concluded an inter-institutional agreement. The list of eligible universities is available on the university's website. Within the framework of *International Credit Mobility* (outside Europe), the university currently has relationships with partner institutions in Israel, Kazakhstan and China. Students with the best grade point average can also apply for *Campus Mundi Scholarships* to support their semester part-time training.

The number of bilateral agreements concluded by the Faculty with each partner institution is constantly increasing. Due to the objectives of the training, the Faculty encourages students to participate in international mobility. It provides students with a preferential course of study abroad, and the Faculty Credit Transfer and Validation Committee extensively accepts courses completed abroad as compulsory or optional ones.

Due to the structure of the training, semesters 2 and 3 may be suitable for study abroad.

17. Additional specific requirements

17.1. Conditions of choosing a specialization

Students can choose a specialization towards the end of their first year of studies. Specializations are chosen via the Neptun.net system within the registry period.

After choosing a specialization, students must complete the obligatory courses assigned to their specialization according to the class-, credits-, and exams-plan.

Obligatory differentiated courses assigned to a particular specialization can be chosen as elective courses by students of other specializations. The order of previous studies applies in this case, too.

17.2 Conditions of entry to the master's program

17.2.1. The training programs accepted as previous studies when entering the Master's program:

- Programs accepted for entry without further conditions: International Relations BA, International Public Administration BA.
- The bachelor's programs that can be taken into account with priority for the entry by completing the credits specified in point 17.2.2.: programs of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities, Economics and Law as well as programs belonging to the field of Political Sciences.
- Any bachelor's programs can be taken into account for the entry by completing the credits specified in point 17.2.2. as well as programs classified by the LXXX law on higher education, which is accepted by the Credit Transfer Committee of the higher institution upon comparing fields of knowledge.

17.2.2. Minimum requirements for entry to the master's program for those having diplomas specified under point 17.2.1:

Students should have at least 60 acknowledgeable credits from their previous studies in the following fields of knowledge:

- Social Sciences: Sociology, Psychology, Philosophy, Anthropology,
- Legal Sciences and Management: Public Law and Private Law, Constitutional Law, Public Administration, Public Governance, Business Law,
- Economic Sciences: Economics, Macro- and Microeconomics, Business Economics, Basics of Finance, International Economics,
- Political Sciences: Political Thinking, Political History, International Relations ,
- Culture and Linguistics: Economic History, Social History, Cultural History, Linguistics, Philology.

It is the condition of entry to the master's training that the student should have at least 30 credits in the knowledge fields listed. The missing credits must be obtained parallel with the master's program within two semesters upon admittance.

17.2.3. Missing credits must be obtained as specified in the NUPS Regulations on Studies and Exams. Missing credits must be completed during the first two semesters of active study. According to Article 10 (6) of the NUPS Regulations on Studies and Exams, if a student has not obtained the credits required for admission to the Master's program during the first two semesters, measures must be taken to terminate his / her student status due to academic failure.

The missing credits can be obtained by completing the courses specified in the decision of the Faculty Credit Transfer and Validation Committee during the preliminary credit approval procedure. Faculty Credit Transfer and Validation Committee - depending on the student's prior studies and completed courses presented in the preliminary credit recognition procedure, may require a pre-study obligation in the following subjects:

Code	Course	Credits
ÁNKDB02	History and theory of international relations (ENG)	3
ÁNKDB01	History of Hungarian Foreign Policy	3
ÁEUTTB03	History of European integration and the institutions of the EU (ENG)	3
HNBTTB01	International Organisations (ENG)	3
ÁNJTB05	International Law 1.	3
ÁNJTB06	International Law 2.	3
ÀEKMTB03	The System of EU Law (ENG)	4
ÁKNGTB03	International Economics (ENG)	4
ÁEUTTB06	Sectoral Policies of the EU (ENG)	3
ÁKNGTB06	European Economic Integration	4
ÁAÖKTB06	Sytems of European Governance and Administration	3
ÁKNGTB10	Intorduction to Community Economics (ENG)	4

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List of course units in the program

I. General course units

Course code	Course title
ÁNKDM10	Practical aspects of conducting foreign service I.
ÁNKDM11	Practical aspects of conducting foreign service II.
ÁNJTM02	International legal protection of human rights
ÁTKTMO02	Regulatory aspects of online communication
ÁEUTTM18	Diplomatic Protocol
ÁNKDM06	Diplomatic History
ÁKNGTM02	Decision making in international environment
HNBTTM01	System of EU's Foreign Relations
ÁEUTTM08	History of European Thought and Politics
ÁKNGTM09	European Economic Integration
ÁNKDM04	Geopolitics and the Theory of International Relations
ÁKKT23	Comparative Study of Systems of Government
ÁEUTTM17	Research Methodology
ÁNKDM03	Hungarian Foreign Policy Thinking in the 20th Century
HNBTTM02	Hungarian foreign and security policy after the Cold War
ÁNJTM01	Case Studies in International Law
ÁNKDM01	International relations in the post-bipolar world
ÁKNGTM05	International Finance
ÁAÖKTM06	Comparative Constitutional Law
ÁNKDM09	Regional Security
ÁNKDM07	Regional Studies
ÁKNGTM07	Sectoral diplomacy
ÁNKDM02	Ethics in international relations
ÁKTKM01	Negotiating in the International Context
ÁEUTTM09	EU Governance, Interest Representation and Policy-making
ÁKNGTM08	World Economics

I. Course units of specializations

II.1. International Economic Studies Specialization

Course code	Course title
ÁKTTM01	The Chinese Economy

ÁEKMTM04	The Law of International Economic Relations
ÁKNGTM01	Development economics
ÁKNGTM03	Economic Policy
ÁKNGTM04	International Management
ÁKNGTM06	Statistical Analysis and Economic Forecasting

II.2. European Studies Specialization

Course code	Course title
ÁEUTTM02	Strategic issues for Europe
ÁEUTTM16	EPSO preparatory course
ÁEUTTM10	EU Narratives and Identity
ÁEUTTM25	Negotiations technics and modelling of the European Union
ÁKPTM03	EU public finance
ÁEUTTM15	EU policies of Member States

II.3. Regional and Civilization Studies Specialization

Course code	Course title
ÁNKDM05	American Studies
ÁEUTTM23	Balkan Studies
ÁNKDM14	East and Central Europe I.
ÁNKDM15	East and Central Europe II.
ÁKTTM02	China Studies
ÁNKDM08	Middle East and Mediterranean studies

III. Degree Thesis

Course code	Course title
ÁNETAMDM001	Degree Thesis Preparation

IV. Eelctive course units

The optional course units are listed in. Annex No. 1.1. - FPGIS Elective course in foreign language – MA level.