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Study programme Social Informatics

Basic information

Title of the programme	**Social Informatics**
Programme features	
Type	Master's degree
Cycle	second-cycle
KLASIUS-SRV	Master's degree (second Bologna cycle)/Master's education (second Bologna cycle) (17003)
ISCED	• social sciences (31)
KLASIUS-P	• Social Sciences (unspecified) (3100)
KLASIUS-P-16	• Interdisciplinary educational activities/outcomes, mainly social sciences, journalism and information science (0388)
Frascati	• Social sciences (5)
SOK level	SOK level 8
EOK level	EOK level 7
EOVK	Second-cycle
Areas/modules/field of study	• No breakdown (study programme) • Digital Service Design (module) • Data Analytics (module)
Members of the University of Ljubljana	• Faculty of Social Sciences, Kardeljeva ploščad 5, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia
Duration (years)	2
Number of credits per year	60
Study delivery methods	full-time, part-time

The main objectives of the programme

The main objective is the employment profile of a social information specialist who:

- is able to manage and carry out projects requiring the identification, theoretical analysis and critical evaluation of ICT-related social processes/phenomena; in particular Internet technologies, in terms of understanding their characteristics in the design, development and implications of their use;

- is able to evaluate, analyse and plan digital services in the various social environments that are inseparable from complex (especially internet-based) ICTs;

- is skilled in the substantive but technically (computationally) demanding analysis of the growing volume of (quantitative) data in modern societies;

- can work collaboratively within organisations to achieve goals more effectively, taking into account the multiple (societal, individual) aspects of ICT use, and can lead projects in digital service design and/or data analytics.

The key expected learning outcomes for both modules are:

- Analysis and evaluation of contemporary ICTs as socio-technical systems, and identification of the role and trends of digital services in different socio-cultural contexts.

- Synthesis of the theoretical background and formulation of hypotheses in the analysis of the role of ICTs in society.

- Critical evaluation of ICTs in terms of their societal implications and guidelines for further development.

- Basic statistical analysis of different types of data using modern software tools.

- Understanding and evaluating research approaches, methods and data, and developing research agendas in the field of social informatics.

- Use of ethically acceptable social science research methods that incorporate digital technologies (e.g. data privacy and security on the internet).

Additional expected learning outcomes for the Data Analytics module are:

- Design, implementation and interpretation of complex statistical analyses and data mining.

- Design and implementation of reporting automation in data analytics.

- Assessing the suitability and justifying the choice of different methods for data analysis and visualisation.

- Understanding, collecting and evaluating the quality of big data.

- Advanced evaluation of the use of digital technologies in social science research.

Additional expected learning outcomes for the Digital Service Design module are:

- Applying and evaluating methods for user experience research in ICT and digital service design.

- Applying social process theory to the management of online communities, analysing their social structures and processes.

- Application, evaluation, and synthesis of tools and techniques for designing interactive technologies.

- Knowledge of the factors and guidelines in the design and project implementation of a web presence.

- Design and analysis of business plans and market potential for ICT-enabled marketing and advertising.

General competences (learning outcomes)

Ability to think and reason abstractly and logically. Scientific scepticism, criticality. Ability to act professionally and ethically. Ability to work independently, collaboratively and in teams, and to communicate interpersonally. Project management and decision-making skills. Ability to communicate verbally and in writing in your area of expertise. Ability to design and deliver independent presentations in business contexts. Ability to formulate, present and critically evaluate the potential of innovative (business) ideas. Digital literacy for smart use of social media (reading, writing, interacting in groups, creating videos...). Ability to apply knowledge creatively to concrete examples.

Understanding the relationship between theory and experience (data). Understanding the complexity of interconnections between phenomena in the social sciences. Ability to analytically link research objectives with appropriate research approaches.

Course-specific competences (learning outcomes)

Both modules have the following competences in common: - Understanding and identification of paradigms, theories, indicators and current global developments in the field of ICT and in society. - Ability to independently formulate a theoretical framework, explanatory model, hypotheses and an empirical test to explain a selected Internet phenomenon. - Ability to take an analytical approach to the management, leadership and implementation of projects related to the information society in terms of content or implementation. - Ability to design, conduct and implement empirical research that focuses on or involves social aspects of digital or Internet services. - Statistical literacy and ability to use computer-based statistical methods in data analytics. - Knowledge of standards for the publication of statistics and analysis results in the field of Social Informatics.

Additional course-specific competences of the Data Analytics module: - Application of data management and visualisation principles. - Analysis, interpretation, discovery of meaning in data. - Application of data mining. - Application of statistical tools for data analysis and visualisation. - Ability to design sophisticated analyses in the field of data analysis and visualisation. - Ability to discover (social) networks and analyse them with modern methods for (large) network analysis. - Application and critical evaluation of digital technologies in social science research.

Additional course-specific competences of the Digital Service Design module: - Ability to be active on the Internet at technical and digital content production level. - Ability to analytically identify trends in the development of digital services. - Knowledge of the principles of designing online communities and of moderating and analysing the social processes within them. - Ability to identify and apply the appropriate approach, tools and techniques for user involvement (especially user experience research) in the different stages of the process of research and development of digital services and interactive technologies. - Knowledge of and ability to apply a range of user experience analysis methods and quality assurance approaches for digital services, taking into account usability standards. - Ability to plan, organise and manage interdisciplinary team projects in the field of user-centred design, user experience research and web performance (re)design.

Conditions for enrolment

The Master's programme in Social Informatics is open for enrolment to students who have completed:

a) a study programme of at least undergraduate level, evaluated by at least 180 credits in the following fields of study: social sciences, journalism and information, business and administrative sciences, educational sciences and teacher education, mathematics and statistics, computer science, humanities, law, technical sciences, production technologies, architecture and civil engineering, health, social work, personal services and environmental protection, or an equivalent study programme obtained in accordance with the existing regulations in the Republic of Slovenia or abroad;

b) a study programme of at least undergraduate level, evaluated by at least 180 credits in other fields of study, or an equivalent study programme obtained in accordance with the existing regulations in the Republic of Slovenia or abroad, provided that the student has completed the study requirements that are essential for the continuation of his/her studies, prior to enrolment. These obligations are determined by the Vice-Dean for the field of study, and range from 10 to a maximum of 60 credits.

Selection criteria in the event of restricted enrolment

The selection of candidates is based on:

- success in undergraduate studies (average grade) – 50% points

- the grade obtained in the oral selective exam in the field to which the study programme belongs is also taken into account – 50% points.

Criteria for the recognition of knowledge and skills acquired before enrolment in the programme

The study programme may recognise knowledge acquired through formal, non-formal or experiential learning, which may be recognised as part of the fulfilled study obligation. Recognition is based on certificates and other relevant documents or supporting documents. Recognition is carried out in accordance with the Assessment and Recognition of Education Act, the Criteria for transferring between study programmes and the Regulation on the Procedure and Criteria for the Recognition of Informally Acquired Knowledge and Skills. In accordance with the organisational rules or the relevant by-laws, this decision is taken by the Vice-Dean competent for the field of study.

Grading methods

The grading methods comply with the UL Statute and are specified in the syllabuses.

Conditions for advancing through the programme

Advancing to a higher year of study is possible with at least 51 credits in the current year (without a special application). However, in exceptional circumstances (as defined in the UL Statute), students who have accrued at least 42 credits in the current year of study may be admitted to the higher year of study on the basis of an approved application.

Conditions for transferring between programmes

Transfers between programmes are governed by the applicable laws and regulations. The decision on the transfer shall be based on the application, the student's written request, the certificate of the fulfilment of the study obligations of the studies up to the time of application and the approved syllabuses of the courses, whereby the following criteria shall be taken into account: - the meeting of conditions for enrolment in the study programme, - the number of available places for enrolment, - the applicants are transferring from a study programme which, at the end of their studies, provides for the acquisition of comparable competences, - the applicants are transferring from a study programme where at least half of the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) requirements from the study programme from which they are transferring and which relate to compulsory courses from another study programme, may be recognised according to the recognition criteria, - the applicants have completed the study programme from which they are transferring. In accordance with the organisational rules or the relevant by-laws, this decision is taken by the Vice-Dean competent for the field of study.

Conditions for completing the studies

Students complete their studies when they have fulfilled all the prescribed obligations of 120 credits from the course syllabus or recognised obligations.

Conditions for completion of the individual parts of the programme, if contained in the programme

The programme does not contain any parts that can be completed individually.

Professional, scientific or artistic title

Master of Social Informatics

Study programme curriculum Social Informatics

2026/2027

Name of study programme	**Social Informatics**
Programme characteristics	dual degree
Type	master's
Cycle	master
University of Ljubljana members	• Faculty of Social Sciences, Kardeljeva ploščad 5, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenija

Digital Services Design (module)

Year 1

				Contact hours									
	University Course Code	Course title	Lecturers	Lectures	Seminar	Tutorials	Clinical tutorials	Other forms of study	Individual student work	Total hours	ECTS	Semesters	Elective
1.	0101130	Social Sciences Research Methods	prof. dr. Valentina Hlebec	30	0	0	0	0	60	90	3	1st semester	no
2.	0100906	Foundations of data analytics	izr. prof. dr. Katja Lozar Manfreda	30	15	0	0	0	135	180	6	1st semester	no
3.	0100933	Digital presence practicum	izr. prof. dr. Andraž Petrovčič	30	30	0	0	0	210	270	9	1st semester	no
4.	0100920	Obvezni predmet iz seznama A		30	30	0	0	0	120	180	6	1st semester	no
5.	0643139	Predmet iz seznama C		30	30	0	0	0	120	180	6	1st semester	no
6.	0100921	Obvezni predmet iz seznama B		30	30	0	0	0	120	180	6	2nd semester	no

7.	0100911	Project Management in the Information Society	izr. prof. dr. Vesna Dolničar	30	30	0	0	0	210	270	9	2nd semester	yes
8.	0100913	Information-Communication Technology and Society	Sara Atanasova	30	30	0	0	0	210	270	9	2nd semester	no
9.	0100914	Zunanji izbirni predmet		30	15	0	0	15	120	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
		Total		270	210	0	0	15	1305	1800	60		

Courses from list A

				Contact hours									
	University Course Code	Course title	Lecturers	Lectures	Seminar	Tutorials	Clinical tutorials	Other forms of study	Individual student work	Total hours	ECTS	Semesters	Elective
1.	0101019	Interactive Technology Design	izr. prof. dr. Vesna Dolničar	30	30	0	0	0	120	180	6	1st semester	no
2.	0101022	Strategy for the development of digital services	doc. dr. Darja Grošelj	30	30	0	0	0	120	180	6	1st semester	no
		Total		60	60	0	0	0	240	360	12		

Only one of the two courses is carried out each year. In the year of study, the student enrols in the course being carried out that year. The student must enrol in both courses within two academic years.

Courses from list B

				Contact hours									
	University Course Code	Course title	Lecturers	Lectures	Seminar	Tutorials	Clinical tutorials	Other forms of study	Individual student work	Total hours	ECTS	Semesters	Elective

1.	0101020	Online communities	prof. dr. Gregor Petrič	30	30	0	0	0	120	180	6	2nd semester	no
2.	0101021	User experience research	izr. prof. dr. Andraž Petrovčič	30	30	0	0	0	120	180	6	2nd semester	no
		Total		60	60	0	0	0	240	360	12		

Only one of the two courses is carried out each year. In the year of study, the student enrols in the course being carried out that year. The student must enrol in both courses within two academic years

Digital Services Design (module)

Year 2

				Contact hours									
	University Course Code	Course title	Lecturers	Lectures	Seminar	Tutorials	Clinical tutorials	Other forms of study	Individual student work	Total hours	ECTS	Semesters	Elective
1.	0100934	Obvezni predmet iz seznama A		30	30	0	0	0	120	180	6	1st semester	no
2.	0100926	Internship	izr. prof. dr. Katja Lozar Manfreda	0	30	0	0	150	0	180	6	1st semester	no
3.	0100914	Zunanji izbirni predmet		30	15	0	0	15	120	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
4.	0100935	Obvezni predmet iz seznama B		30	30	0	0	0	120	180	6	2nd semester	no
5.	0117606	Predmet iz seznama D		30	30	0	0	0	120	180	6	1st semester	no
6.	0100937	Master thesis	izr. prof. dr. Bojana Lobe	0	30	0	0	0	870	900	30	All-year	no
		Total		120	165	0	0	165	1350	1800	60		

Data Analysis (module)

Year 1

				Contact hours									
	University Course Code	Course title	Lecturers	Lectures	Seminar	Tutorials	Clinical tutorials	Other forms of study	Individual student work	Total hours	ECTS	Semesters	Elective
1.	0101130	Social Sciences Research Methods	prof. dr. Valentina Hlebec	30	0	0	0	0	60	90	3	1st semester	no
2.	0100906	Foundations of data analytics	izr. prof. dr. Katja Lozar Manfreda	30	15	0	0	0	135	180	6	1st semester	no
3.	0100907	Statistical programming	prof. dr. Aleš Žiberna	30	30	0	0	0	210	270	9	1st semester	no
4.	0100908	Obvezni predmet iz seznama C		30	30	0	0	0	120	180	6	1st semester	no
5.	0643024	Predmet iz seznama A		30	30				120	180	6	1st semester	no
6.	0100909	Obvezni predmet iz seznama D		30	30	0	0	0	120	180	6	2nd semester	no
7.	0100911	Project Management in the Information Society	izr. prof. dr. Vesna Dolničar	30	30	0	0	0	210	270	9	2nd semester	yes
8.	0100913	Information-Communication Technology and Society	Sara Atanasova	30	30	0	0	0	210	270	9	2nd semester	no
9.	0100914	Zunanji izbirni predmet		30	15	0	0	15	120	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
		Total		270	210	0	0	15	1305	1800	60		

Data Analysis (module)

Year 2

				Contact hours									
	University Course Code	Course title	Lecturers	Lectures	Seminar	Tutorials	Clinical tutorials	Other forms of study	Individual student work	Total hours	ECTS	Semesters	Elective
1.	0100927	Obvezni predmet iz seznama C		30	30	0	0	0	120	180	6	1st semester	no
2.	0100916	Internship	izr. prof. dr. Katja Lozar Manfreda	0	30	0	0	150	0	180	6	1st semester	no
3.	0100914	Zunanji izbirni predmet		30	15	0	0	15	120	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
4.	0100928	Obvezni predmet iz seznama D		30	30	0	0	0	120	180	6	2nd semester	no
5.	0100929	Predmet iz seznama B		30	30	0	0	0	120	180	6	2nd semester	no
6.	0100932	Master thesis	izr. prof. dr. Bojana Lobe	0	30	0	0	0	870	900	30	All-year	no
		Total		120	165	0	0	165	1350	1800	60		

Courses from list C

				Contact hours									
	University Course Code	Course title	Lecturers	Lectures	Seminar	Tutorials	Clinical tutorials	Other forms of study	Individual student work	Total hours	ECTS	Semesters	Elective

1.	0100940	Analysis of large networks	prof. dr. Andrej Mrvar	30	30	0	0	0	120	180	6	1st semester	no
2.	0100941	Big data Analysis	izr. prof. dr. Damjan Škulj	30	30	0	0	0	120	180	6	1st semester	no
		Total		60	60	0	0	0	240	360	12		

Only one of the two courses is carried out each year. In the year of study, the student enrols in the course being carried out that year. The student must enrol in both courses within two academic years.

Courses from list D

				Contact hours									
	University Course Code	Course title	Lecturers	Lectures	Seminar	Tutorials	Clinical tutorials	Other forms of study	Individual student work	Total hours	ECTS	Semesters	Elective
1.	0100938	Data visualization and explorative data analysis	prof. dr. Aleš Žiberna	30	30	0	0	0	120	180	6	2nd semester	no
2.	0100939	Digital Technologies in Social Science Research	izr. prof. dr. Katja Lozar Manfreda	30	30	0	0	0	120	180	6	2nd semester	no
		Total		60	60	0	0	0	240	360	12		

Only one of the two courses is carried out each year. In the year of study, the student enrols in the course being carried out that year. The student must enrol in both courses within two academic years.

Faculty external elective courses

				Contact hours									
	University Course Code	Course title	Lecturers	Lectures	Seminar	Tutorials	Clinical tutorials	Other forms of study	Individual student work	Total hours	ECTS	Semesters	Elective
1.	0643918	Margins of Society	doc. dr. Jernej Kaluža, Eva Vrtačič	20	10				150	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
2.	0643916	Mixed Methods Designs: principles and procedures	izr. prof. dr. Bojana Lobe	30	30				120	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester, All-year	yes
3.	0643920	Communication Skills in German	lekt. mag. Matej Šetinc	15		15			150	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
4.	0643917	Future Studies	Natalija Majsova, doc. dr. Jasmina Šepetavc	20	10				150	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
5.	0643914	Trends and contemporary challenges in marketing communication and public relations	Ebru Uzunoglu	20	20			20	120	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
6.	0643919	Introduction to German Communication Skills	lekt. mag. Matej Šetinc	15		15			150	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
		Total		120	70	30	0	20	840	1080	36		

Course descriptions are available HERE

Study programme European Studies

Basic information

Title of the programme	**European Studies**
Programme features	
Type	Master's degree
Cycle	second-cycle
KLASIUS-SRV	Master's degree (second Bologna cycle)/Master's education (second Bologna cycle) (17003)
ISCED	• social sciences (31)
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Frascati	• Social sciences (5)
SOK level	SOK level 8
EOK level	EOK level 7
EOVK	Second-cycle
Areas/modules/field of study	• No breakdown (study programme)
Members of the University of Ljubljana	• Faculty of Social Sciences, Kardeljeva ploščad 5, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia
Duration (years)	2
Number of credits per year	60
Study delivery methods	full-time, part-time

The main objectives of the programme

The European Studies programme aims to provide students with:

1. a multi-faceted understanding of European integration and how the EU works in the world,
2. application, synthesis, critical evaluation of theoretical concepts and empirical approaches,
3. professional articulation of skills in the European working language, and transfer to the workplace.

At the same time, the programme aims to ensure that the Master's student is able to articulate this knowledge clearly and professionally in written and verbal expression in more than one European language, and to transfer it to the workplace. By delivering these objectives, we increase the chances of Master's graduates gaining employment in the local-regional, national, European or global labour market. Furthermore, the aim of the programme is to provide the Master's graduate with a study background such that, if motivated to continue

his/her studies, he/she will be able to continue his/her studies in the 3rd cycle, either in the more in-depth aspects of European Studies, or in the broader spectrum of specific disciplines/programmes related to European Studies.

The first generation of students are fully employed, according to alumni members, and according to data collected by the Chair of International Relations through alumni, about two thirds of them work in the public sector and about one third in the private sector (about 40% of them are currently working abroad).

The key substantive learning outcomes are:

1. Students understand and can apply theories of European integration to the analysis of (current) European problems,
2. Students understand and compare the functioning, decision-making processes and impact of different European policies on the development of the EU,
3. Students analyse, synthesise and critically evaluate the processes of European economic integration, economic policy and the EU's performance in the global economy,
4. Students interpret and critically evaluate the institutional set-up of the European Union and all phases of its political process, are able to analyse individual EU public policies, anticipate the effects of policies, and are able to plan and prescribe policies,
5. Students are able to explain social relations and processes in Europe through an understanding of the dynamics between social groups that transcend national borders and the political governance of states and international organisations in Europe,
6. Students acquire the ability to observe and interpret the cultural dimension of Europe's phenomenon, in particular its dynamic relationship with the Balkans, and master the debate on the development and meaning of multiculturalism in Europe or the global social community,
7. Students will be able to analyse, synthesise and critically evaluate the changing role of the European Union in the world, particularly in the areas of diplomatic and security efforts in foreign policy, in a theoretical and application-oriented manner,
8. Students apply in-depth theoretical and conceptual tools from different social science fields, and are able to work in an interdisciplinary environment,
9. Students communicate competently and eloquently in their own language and in foreign languages on the basis of appropriate professional terminology, including the use of these languages for the preparation of written submissions, SWOT analyses, development reports, diplomatic notes, expert reports, trade and investment profiles, foreign policy analyses, academic essays, policy papers, a country's negotiating position, a resolution draft, a decision draft, a directive draft, etc., the drafting of minutes, rules of procedure, the drafting of scenarios, and verbal communication in the form of international negotiations.

10 Students are able to work in an intercultural environment.

11. Design and implementation of their own 60-page scientific research.

2nd cycle graduates have a combination of up-to-date practical skills in individual and group problem-solving, in-depth methodological and scientific research skills, advanced scientific writing and verbal communication of research based on the use of information and communication technology, negotiation skills in a multicultural environment, proficiency in foreign professional languages and familiarity with project management.

General competences (learning outcomes)

1. the ability to work in an interdisciplinary team, 2. an understanding of diversity and multiculturalism and the ability to work in a multicultural team, to build international professional networks that enable students to connect globally, 3. a deep knowledge of the field of study, 4. the ability to apply knowledge of European Studies in practice, 5. the ability to adapt to new situations, to solve problems, 6. ability to learn and monitor changes in processes, 7. ability to be critical and self-critical, 8. decision-making and project management, 9. information literacy (text editors, databases, other tools), 10. interpersonal and negotiation skills, 11. communication skills in social and public spheres, verbal and written communication in mother tongue and two foreign professional languages, 12. basic research skills.

Course-specific competences (learning outcomes)

1. understanding and applying theories of European integration, 2. distinguishing the decision-making processes and influence of different European international institutions, 3. economic analysis of European integration and the EU's functioning and role in the global economy, 4. understanding the role of Central and Eastern European countries in Europe, 5. conducting policy analysis of EU public policies and evaluating the impact of these policies, 6. sociological and political science comparison and explanation of the dynamics between social groups and state actors in Europe, 7. a culturalist interpretation of the phenomenon of Europe, in particular its relationship with the Balkans, 8. foreign policy analysis, synthesis and critical evaluation of EU's actorness in the world, 9. legal knowledge of the European human rights regime, 10. interdisciplinary application of theoretical, conceptual and strategic tools, 11. ability to communicate in one's own and foreign languages on the basis of professional terminology, 12. ability to function in a multicultural environment.

Conditions for enrolment

The Master's programme in European Studies is open for enrolment to students who have completed:

a) a study programme of at least undergraduate level, evaluated by at least 180 credits in the fields of Social Sciences, Journalism and Information Science; Humanities (except languages); Languages; Business and administrative sciences, law or an equivalent study programme obtained in accordance with the existing regulations in the Republic of Slovenia or abroad;

b) a study programme of at least undergraduate level, evaluated by at least 180 credits in other fields of study, or an equivalent study programme obtained in accordance with the existing regulations in the Republic of Slovenia or abroad, provided that the student has completed the study requirements that are essential for the continuation of his/her studies, prior to enrolment. These obligations are determined by the Vice-Dean, and range from 10 to a maximum of 60 credits.

Selection criteria in the event of restricted enrolment

• success in undergraduate studies (average grade) is taken into account in the selection of the candidates – 50% points,

• the grade obtained in the oral selective exam in the field to which the study programme belongs is also taken into account – 50% points.

Criteria for the recognition of knowledge and skills acquired before enrolment in the programme

The study programme may recognise knowledge acquired through formal, non-formal or experiential learning, which may be recognised as part of the fulfilled study obligation. Recognition is based on certificates and other relevant documents or supporting documents. Recognition is carried out in accordance with the Assessment and Recognition of Education Act, the Criteria for transferring between study programmes and the Regulation on the Procedure and Criteria for the Recognition of Informally Acquired Knowledge and Skills. In accordance with the organisational rules or the relevant by-laws, this decision is taken by the Vice-Dean competent for the field of study.

Grading methods

The grading methods comply with the UL Statute and are specified in the syllabuses.

Conditions for advancing through the programme

Advancing to a higher year of study is possible with at least 52 credits in the current year (without a special application). However, in exceptional circumstances (as defined in the UL Statute), students who have accrued at least 44 credits in the current year of study may be admitted to the higher year of study on the basis of an approved application.

Conditions for transferring between programmes

Transfers between programmes are governed by the applicable laws and regulations. The decision on the transfer shall be based on the application, the student's written request, the certificate of the fulfilment of the study obligations of the studies up to the time of application and the approved syllabuses of the courses, whereby the following criteria shall be taken into account: - the meeting of conditions for enrolment in the study programme, - the number of available places for enrolment, - the applicants are transferring from a study programme which, at the end of their studies, provides for the acquisition of comparable competences, - the applicants are transferring from a study programme where at least half of the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) requirements from the study programme from which they are transferring and which relate to compulsory courses from another study programme, may be recognised according to the recognition criteria, - the applicants have completed the study programme from which they are transferring, in accordance with the organisational rules or relevant by-laws. This decision is taken by the Vice-Dean competent for the field of study.

Conditions for completing the studies

Students complete their studies when they have fulfilled all the prescribed obligations of 120 credits from the course syllabus or recognised obligations.

Conditions for completion of the individual parts of the programme, if contained in the programme

The programme does not contain any parts that can be completed individually.

Professional, scientific or artistic title

Master in European Studies

Study programme curriculum European Studies

2026/2027

Name of study programme	**European Studies**
Programme characteristics	
Type	master's
Cycle	master
University of Ljubljana members	• Faculty of Social Sciences, Kardeljeva ploščad 5, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenija

Year 1

				Contact hours									
	University Course Code	Course title	Lecturers	Lectures	Seminar	Tutorials	Clinical tutorials	Other forms of study	Individual student work	Total hours	ECTS	Semesters	Elective
1.	0103578	European Human Rights Protection	doc. dr. Milan Brglez	25	0	20	0	0	135	180	6	1st semester	no
2.	0103579	European Union as a global actor	prof. dr. Ana Bojinović Fenko	20	25	0	0	0	135	180	6	2nd semester	no
3.	0103580	EU Public Policies	prof. dr. Damjan Lajh	30	30	0	0	0	120	180	6	2nd semester	no
4.	0101130	Social Sciences Research Methods	prof. dr. Valentina Hlebec	30	0	0	0	0	60	90	3	1st semester	no
5.	0103584	European Union Development	prof. dr. Marko Lovec	0	30	0	0	0	120	150	5	1st semester	no

6.	0103585	Theories of European integration	Jure Požgan	30	0	0	0	0	150	180	6	1st semester	no
7.	0103586	EU in global economy	prof. dr. Andreja Jaklič	20	25	0	0	0	135	180	6	2nd semester	no
8.	0643621	Programme elective course		30	15	0	0	0	135	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
9.	0643621	Programme elective course		30	15	0	0	0	135	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
10.	0103582	Zunanji izbirni predmet		30	15	0	0	0	75	120	4	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
11.	0101082	Zunanji izbirni predmet		30	15	0	0	15	120	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
		Total		275	170	20	0	15	1320	1800	60		

Year 2

				Contact hours									
	University Course Code	Course title	Lecturers	Lectures	Seminar	Tutorials	Clinical tutorials	Other forms of study	Individual student work	Total hours	ECTS	Semesters	Elective
1.	0103589	Traineeship	Danijel Crnčec	5	0	0	0	145	0	150	5	1st semester	no
2.	0118168	Cross-cultural negotiations	prof. dr. Boštjan Udovič	30	0	0	0	0	90	120	4	2nd semester	no
3.	0643621	Programme elective course		30	15	0	0	0	135	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
4.	0643621	Programme elective course		30	15	0	0	0	135	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
5.	0643621	Programme elective course		30	15	0	0	0	135	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes

6.	0133505	Zunanji izbirni predmet		30	15	0	0	0	45	90	3	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
7.	0103909	Master thesis	prof. dr. Andreja Jaklič	0	19	0	0	0	881	900	30	All-year	no
		Total		155	79	0	0	145	1421	1800	60		

Elective courses of the programme

				Contact hours									
	University Course Code	Course title	Lecturers	Lectures	Seminar	Tutorials	Clinical tutorials	Other forms of study	Individual student work	Total hours	ECTS	Semesters	Elective
1.	0118185	Contemporary development problems	Marko Hočevar	0	30	0	0	0	150	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
2.	0104142	Contemporary issues of the EU Integrations	prof. dr. Marko Lovec	15	30	0	0	0	75	120	4	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
3.	0103913	Balkan Studies	prof. dr. Mitja Velikonja	30	15	0	0	0	195	240	8	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
4.	0103911	Social inequalities and politics	prof. dr. Hajdeja Iglič	30	15	0	0	0	135	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
5.	0104141	European social policy	Anja Kopač Mrak	30	15	0	0	15	120	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
6.	0103919	European Business and Economic Competitiveness	izr. prof. dr. Anže Burger	30	15	0	0	0	75	120	4	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
7.	0101915	Indicators of social development	doc. dr. Otto Gerdina	30	15	0	0	0	135	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
8.	0104410	Multiculturalism	izr. prof. dr. Ksenija Šabec	30	15	0	0	0	195	240	8	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes

9.	0103910	Comparative interest group politics	Meta Novak	30	30	0	0	0	120	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
10.	0103917	Comparative Industrial Relations	doc. dr. Miroljub Ignjatović	30	0	0	0	0	90	120	4	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
11.	0100911	Project Management in the Information Society	izr. prof. dr. Vesna Dolničar	30	30	0	0	0	210	270	9	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
12.	0103920	Common Agricultural Policy EU	prof. dr. Marko Lovec	30	15	0	0	0	75	120	4	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
13.	0104144	Security in South East Europe	prof. dr. Ljubica Jelušič	30	15	0	0	0	135	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
14.	0104408	Security and Defence Policy of the EU	izr. prof. dr. Jelena Juvan	30	15	0	0	0	135	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
		Total		375	255	0	0	15	1845	2490	83		

Faculty external elective courses

				Contact hours									
	University Course Code	Course title	Lecturers	Lectures	Seminar	Tutorials	Clinical tutorials	Other forms of study	Individual student work	Total hours	ECTS	Semesters	Elective
1.	0643918	Margins of Society	doc. dr. Jernej Kaluža, Eva Vrtačič	20	10				150	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
2.	0643916	Mixed Methods Designs: principles and procedures	izr. prof. dr. Bojana Lobe	30	30				120	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes

3.	0643920	Communication Skills in German	lekt. mag. Matej Šetinc	15		15			150	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
4.	0643917	Future Studies	Natalija Majsova, doc. dr. Jasmina Šepetavc	20	10				150	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
5.	0643914	Trends and contemporary challenges in marketing communication and public relations	Ebru Uzunoglu	20	20			20	120	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
6.	0643919	Introduction to German Communication Skills	lekt. mag. Matej Šetinc	15		15			150	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
		Total		120	70	30	0	20	840	1080	36		

Course descriptions are available HERE

Study programme International Relations

Basic information

Title of the programme	**International Relations**
Programme features	
Type	Master's degree
Cycle	second-cycle
KLASIUS-SRV	Master's degree (second Bologna cycle)/Master's education (second Bologna cycle) (17003)
ISCED	• social sciences (31)
KLASIUS-P	• International Relations (3133)
KLASIUS-P-16	• Political Science, individual-society-state relations (0312)
Frascati	• Social sciences (5)
SOK level	SOK level 8
EOK level	EOK level 7
EOVK	Second-cycle
Areas/modules/field of study	• No breakdown (study programme)
Members of the University of Ljubljana	• Faculty of Social Sciences, Kardeljeva ploščad 5, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia
Duration (years)	2
Number of credits per year	60
Study delivery methods	full-time, part-time

The main objectives of the programme

The objectives of the programme are:

1. to provide postgraduate students with the general and specific knowledge of international relations, international law and international economics to enable them to function adequately as subject-matter experts, as national representatives or international officials, and as diplomats;
2. to equip students with the necessary theoretical insights and methodological tools for analytical, advisory, research, practical (including in business, media content production, etc.) and diplomatic work at bilateral level or multilaterally (in international organisations);
3. to develop the autonomous, critical and creative thinking skills that will enable Master's graduates in International Relations to acquire new knowledge and to adapt to the demands and challenges they will face in the contemporary international community;
4. to develop a profile of international relations professionals who will be the logical choice of employers dealing with international issues or managing international relations;

5. to provide the basis for further academic training (at doctoral level) in the field of international relations.

The postgraduate programme in International Relations builds on the already acquired interdisciplinary foundations of the undergraduate study programme in International Relations, but is also designed to enable graduates of other social science disciplines included in the study programme in International Relations, such as law, economics and political science, to acquire in-depth knowledge in the field of international relations.

The borders of nation states are rapidly blurring in the processes of globalisation, with more and more segments of social action taking place across national borders. With a broad social science background and an understanding of the international environment (through an excellent knowledge and understanding of the actors, the processes and relationships between them, the objective factors and norms that guide actors' actions) and of how they operate within it at different levels (global, regional, sub-regional, bilateral, national and local) in different domains (economic, security, political, diplomatic), the graduates of the Master's study programme in International Relations will be excellent practitioners of these processes.

The key learning outcomes of the programme are:

1. The student masters the in-depth theoretical and methodological tools of the discipline of International Relations, and uses them for the purpose of competent data collection, analysis and critical evaluation of international relations;
2. The student analyses, synthesises and evaluates the role of the economic factor in international relations by analysing and assessing the realities of the Sustainable Development Goals, simulating budgeting and analysing/planning business strategies of companies;
3. The student classifies the sources and objects of international law, knows and understands the process of international norm-making and analyses international law jurisprudence, and, on the basis of this extensive background knowledge, analyses developments in practice and assesses what is and is not in conformity with international law, especially in the field of minority rights and the management of ethnic diversity;
4. The student classifies, analyses and evaluates the strength and impact of the activities of the courses of international relations in the regime of international governance, understands the functioning of international institutions, their capacities and limitations, especially in the field of international finance and international development;
5. The student has in-depth conceptual and applied knowledge in the field of the chosen module; or in the field of diplomacy or selected topics in international politics (regionalism and conflict management);
6. The student is fluent in written and verbal professional terminology in his/her own language and in foreign languages;
7. The student is able to communicate professionally both in the form of short individual and group public presentations, as well as in the form of complex short and longer research and analytical papers (trade and investment profile, foreign policy analysis, SWOT analysis, development report, research report, scientific essay, legal opinion, policy paper, country's negotiating position, negotiation report, dossier, memo, resolution draft, decision draft, directive draft, etc., minutes, drafting of rules of procedure, etc.) and in the form of negotiation;
8. The student is able to design his/her own scientific research of 60 pages, and to carry it out and present it publicly using information technology.

General competences (learning outcomes)

1. a broad social scientific outlook; 2. an excellent understanding of the international community in its developmental and structural dimensions; 3. knowledge of the functioning of international institutions and their organisational and administrative cultures and procedures; 4. the ability to think and act independently in the field of international relations and in the international community; 5. professional competence in formal and informal decision-making processes and their legalities; 6. broad analytical skills in matters relating to international relations; 7. the ability to synthesise analytical findings; 8. knowledge and understanding of other cultures, societies and political communities; 9. organisational and managerial skills that enable knowledge and coordination of the different areas of international relations; 10. active knowledge of foreign professional languages; 11. information literacy; 12. communication skills in social and public spheres and the establishment of international professional networks that enable students to be globally connected.

Course-specific competences (learning outcomes)

1. the ability to reflect strategically and take decisions in the field of work, 2. ability to work in a multicultural team, to lead and coordinate, 3. analytical and research skills for independent research work in the field of international relations, 4. the ability to apply methodological approaches and analytical tools to address specific issues related to the functioning of actors in international relations, 5. broadened and deepened knowledge of the discipline of International Relations, more closely linked to knowledge of the politics of international law, the protection of minority rights and conflict management, 6. broadened and deepened knowledge of the discipline of International Relations, more closely related to international finance, international development and development cooperation (which addresses the problem of inequality and how to reduce it) and international business, 7. a broadened and deepened knowledge of the discipline of International Relations, more closely related to knowledge of international governance (international institutions, processes, norms), including the field of diplomacy, and the functioning of these institutions at both the universal and regional levels, 8. in-depth knowledge of specific issues, which postgraduate students acquire through elective courses in modules, 9. knowledge and use of professional terminology in foreign languages, 10. argumentation and negotiation skills, including how to work and negotiate in a cross-cultural environment.

Conditions for enrolment

The Master's programme in International Relations is open for enrolment to students who have completed:

a) a study programme of at least undergraduate level, evaluated by at least 180 credits in the field of International Relations, or an equivalent study programme obtained in accordance with the existing regulations in the Republic of Slovenia or abroad;

b) a study programme of at least undergraduate level, evaluated by at least 180 credits in other fields of study, or an equivalent study programme obtained in accordance with the existing regulations in the Republic of Slovenia or abroad, provided that the student has completed the study requirements that are essential for the continuation of his/her studies, prior to enrolment. These obligations are determined by the responsible Vice-Dean, and range from 10 to a maximum of 60 credits.

Selection criteria in the event of restricted enrolment

• success in undergraduate studies (average grade) is taken into account in the selection of the candidates – 50% points,

• the grade obtained in the selective exam in the field to which the study programme belongs is also taken into account – 50% points.

Criteria for the recognition of knowledge and skills acquired before enrolment in the programme

The study programme may recognise knowledge acquired through formal, non-formal or experiential learning, which may be recognised as part of the fulfilled study obligation. Recognition is based on certificates and other relevant documents or supporting documents. Recognition is carried out in accordance with the Assessment and Recognition of Education Act, the Criteria for transferring between study programmes and the Regulation on the Procedure and Criteria for the Recognition of Informally Acquired Knowledge and Skills. In accordance with the organisational rules or the relevant by-laws, this decision is taken by the Vice-Dean competent for the field of study.

Grading methods

The grading methods comply with the UL Statute and are specified in the syllabuses.

Conditions for advancing through the programme

Advancing to a higher year of study is possible with the completion of at least 47 credits (ECTS) in the current year (without a special application), but only if one of the missing requirements is the study unit Internship (5 ECTS).

However, in exceptional circumstances (as defined in the UL Statute), students who have accrued at least 44 credits (ECTS) in the current year of study may be admitted to the higher year of study on the basis of an approved application.

Conditions for transferring between programmes

Transfers between programmes are governed by the applicable laws and regulations. The decision on the transfer shall be based on the application, the student's written request, the certificate of the fulfilment of the study obligations of the studies up to the time of application and the approved syllabuses of the courses, whereby the following criteria shall be taken into account: - the meeting of conditions for enrolment in the study programme, - the number of available places for enrolment, - the applicants are transferring from a study programme which, at the end of their studies, provides for the acquisition of comparable competences, - the applicants are transferring from a study programme where at least half of the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) requirements from the study programme from which they are transferring and which relate to compulsory courses from another study programme, may be recognised according to the recognition criteria, - the applicants have completed the study programme from which they are transferring, in accordance with the organisational rules or relevant by-laws. This decision is taken by the Vice-Dean competent for the field of study.

Conditions for completing the studies

Students complete their studies when they have fulfilled all the prescribed obligations of 120 credits from the course syllabus or recognised obligations.

Conditions for completion of the individual parts of the programme, if contained in the programme

The programme does not contain any parts that can be completed individually.

Professional, scientific or artistic title

Master in International Relations

Study programme curriculum International Relations

2026/2027

Name of study programme	**International Relations**
Programme characteristics	
Type	master's
Cycle	master
University of Ljubljana members	• Faculty of Social Sciences, Kardeljeva ploščad 5, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenija

Year 1

				Contact hours									
	University Course Code	Course title	Lecturers	Lectures	Seminar	Tutorials	Clinical tutorials	Other forms of study	Individual student work	Total hours	ECTS	Semesters	Elective
1.	0104419	Politics of International Law	doc. dr. Milan Brglez	30	30	0	0	0	210	270	9	1st semester	no
2.	0104420	Global Governance	prof. dr. Zlatko Šabič	30	30	0	0	0	210	270	9	2nd semester	no
3.	0104421	International Business	prof. dr. Andreja Jaklič	30	0	0	0	0	180	210	7	1st semester	no
4.	0104423	International finance	Mojmir Mrak	30	30	0	0	0	180	240	8	1st semester	no
5.	0104424	Theories and Policies of International Development	prof. dr. Marko Lovec	30	15	0	0	0	195	240	8	2nd semester	no
6.	0104425	International Protection of Minorities	prof. dr. Petra Roter	25	35	0	0	0	210	270	9	1st semester	no

7.	0118194	Zunanji izbirni predmet		30	30	0	0	0	90	150	5	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
8.	0643626	Programme elective course		30	30				90	150	5	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
		Total		235	200	0	0	0	1365	1800	60		

Year 2

				Contact hours									
	University Course Code	Course title	Lecturers	Lectures	Seminar	Tutorials	Clinical tutorials	Other forms of study	Individual student work	Total hours	ECTS	Semesters	Elective
1.	0104415	Research Seminar	prof. dr. Petra Roter	30	30	0	0	0	240	300	10	1st semester	no
2.	0129257	Cross-cultural negotiations	prof. dr. Boštjan Udovič	30	0	0	0	0	90	120	4	2nd semester	no
3.	0104417	Master Thesis	prof. dr. Ana Bojinović Fenko	7	8	0	0	0	885	900	30	1st semester, 2nd semester	no
4.	0643626	Programme elective course		30	30				90	150	5	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
5.	0643627	Elective course		30	30	0	0	0	120	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
6.	0104414	Traineeship	prof. dr. Zlatko Šabič	0	10	0	0	140	0	150	5	2nd semester	no
		Total		127	108	0	0	140	1425	1800	60		

Elective courses of the programme

				Contact hours									
	University Course Code	Course title	Lecturers	Lectures	Seminar	Tutorials	Clinical tutorials	Other forms	Individual student work	Total hours	ECTS	Semesters	Elective

								of study					
1.	0104429	Diplomacy	prof. dr. Boštjan Udovič	15	30	0	0	0	105	150	5	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
2.	0104430	Selected Issues of International Law	doc. dr. Milan Brglez	0	30	0	0	0	120	150	5	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
3.	0104431	Modern diplomacy challenges	prof. dr. Boštjan Udovič	15	30	0	0	0	105	150	5	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
4.	0104432	International Conflict Management	prof. dr. Petra Roter	10	30	0	0	5	105	150	5	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
5.	0104433	International regionalism	prof. dr. Ana Bojinović Fenko	8	22	0	0	0	120	150	5	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
6.	0104434	International institutions and contemporary issues	prof. dr. Zlatko Šabič	15	30	0	0	0	105	150	5	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
7.	0104435	Sustainable Development Goals	Maja Bučar	15	30	0	0	0	105	150	5	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
8.	0118195	Contemporary development problems	Marko Hočevar	0	30	0	0	0	150	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
		Total		78	232	0	0	5	915	1230	41		

Five elective courses are carried out each year.

Faculty external elective courses

				Contact hours									
	University Course Code	Course title	Lecturers	Lectures	Seminar	Tutorials	Clinical tutorials	Other forms	Individual student work	Total hours	ECTS	Semesters	Elective

								of study					
1.	0643918	Margins of Society	doc. dr. Jernej Kaluža, Eva Vrtačič	20	10				150	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
2.	0643916	Mixed Methods Designs: principles and procedures	izr. prof. dr. Bojana Lobe	30	30				120	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
3.	0643920	Communication Skills in German	lekt. mag. Matej Šetinc	15		15			150	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
4.	0643917	Future Studies	Natalija Majsova, doc. dr. Jasmina Šepetavc	20	10				150	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
5.	0643914	Trends and contemporary challenges in marketing communication and public relations	Ebru Uzunoglu	20	20			20	120	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
6.	0643919	Introduction to German Communication Skills	lekt. mag. Matej Šetinc	15		15			150	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
		Total		120	70	30	0	20	840	1080	36		

Course descriptions are available HERE

Study programme Political Science - Political Theory, Global and Strategic Studies

Basic information

Title of the programme	**Political Science – Political Theory, Global and Strategic Studies**
Programme features	
Type	Master's degree
Cycle	second-cycle
KLASIUS-SRV	Master's degree (second Bologna cycle)/Master's education (second Bologna cycle) (17003)
ISCED	• social sciences (31)
KLASIUS-P	• Political Science, individual-society-state relations (unspecified) (3130)
KLASIUS-P-16	• Political Science, individual-society-state relations (0312)
Frascati	• Social sciences (5)
SOK level	SOK level 8
EOK level	EOK level 7
EOVK	Second-cycle
Areas/modules/field of study	• No breakdown (study programme) • Globalisation and Strategic Studies (module) • Political Theory (module)
Members of the University of Ljubljana	• Faculty of Social Sciences, Kardeljeva ploščad 5, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia
Duration (years)	2
Number of credits per year	60
Study delivery methods	full-time, part-time

The main objectives of the programme

- the creation of a profile of a political scientist (political theory and globalisation and strategic studies), - the creation of specific sub-profiles linked to the programme, which allows for a large number of elective courses, - the acquisition and deepening of theoretical knowledge in the field of the fundamental notions and concepts of political science, and the deepening of knowledge of the fundamental trends in the history of political thought, - deepening methodological knowledge and learning to apply methods of research and analysis, - deepening the ability to communicate and write in a foreign professional language, - competence in written and verbal expression The programme provides graduates with the

knowledge, skills and competences agreed at European level between political science associations for the degree of Master's Graduate in Political Science.

General competences (learning outcomes)

The Master's graduate has the knowledge, skills and competences agreed at European level between political studies associations for the degree of Master's Graduate in Political Science. General competences acquired through the programme: The graduate is able to use a variety of research methods and analyse situations, describe them and present them to the public in written and verbal form. The programme provides in-depth skills in expressing himself/herself professionally in writing, is able to precisely formulate professional ideas in various forms, to make advanced public speeches, to lead and participate in debates, to work in a group, to work analytically on his/her own, and to use state-of-the-art technical and electronic means; Has the ability to work in an interdisciplinary team, understands social, political and professional diversity and multiculturalism, is able to apply knowledge in practical situations, including the ability to adapt to new situations and the ability to learn, is able to reflect and self-criticise, and to express himself/herself in writing and verbally in Slovene and, for easier subjects, also in English.

Course-specific competences (learning outcomes)

The subject-specific competences of the Master's graduate are related to the content, forms of work, teaching methods and study results of each subject and are reflected in the curricula of the subjects. Due to the specific nature of the study programme, graduates acquire additional theoretical, methodological and epistemological knowledge that enables them to cooperate and to be independent in research projects. At the second level of study, the student deepens and extends the knowledge and competences acquired during his/her undergraduate studies.

Below are some of the subject-specific competences linked to the programme, namely:

- the ability to convert political science problems into research problems,

- a deeper understanding and mastery of different research approaches,

- the ability to develop competences of professionalism, communication, analytical and synthesis skills,

- the ability to formulate their own proposals and solutions to problems in the field of the political system and its components,

- the ability to place interpretations of research results in a political science context,

- increased ability to critically assess the appropriateness of research approaches, methods and techniques in published work,

- the ability to resolve conflicts, multi-objective group processes, team leadership, group problem-solving and solution-finding, and consensus-building,

- in-depth knowledge of theoretical and conceptual concepts,

- ability to apply the knowledge acquired in practice,

- advanced knowledge of political processes,

- professional, responsible and creative use of different research methods and techniques,

- using computer support for data collection and analysis,

- ability to understand and present results in depth (reporting),

- ability to identify political science content, actors and doctrines,

- ability to analyse complex political situations,

- ability to analyse complex political power relations, doctrinal relationships and the relationships between actors at local, national and global levels,

- establishing international professional networks that enable students to connect globally.

Conditions for enrolment

The Master's study programme in Political Science - Political Theory, Globalisation and Strategic Studies is open to students who have completed: a study programme of at least undergraduate level, evaluated by at least 180 credits in any field of study, or for candidates in all fields of study or an equivalent study programme obtained in accordance with the existing regulations in the Republic of Slovenia or abroad.

Selection criteria in the event of restricted enrolment

In the event of restricted enrolment, the selection of candidates is based on their success in the undergraduate studies (average grade).

Criteria for the recognition of knowledge and skills acquired before enrolment in the programme

The study programme may recognise knowledge acquired through formal, non-formal or experiential learning, which may be recognised as part of the fulfilled study obligation. Recognition is based on certificates and other relevant documents or supporting documents. Recognition is carried out in accordance with the Assessment and Recognition of Education Act, the Criteria for transferring between study programmes and the Regulation on the Procedure and Criteria for the Recognition of Informally Acquired Knowledge and Skills. In accordance with the organisational rules or the relevant by-laws, this decision is taken by the Vice-Dean competent for the field of study.

Grading methods

The grading methods comply with the UL Statute and are specified in the syllabuses.

Conditions for advancing through the programme

Advancing to a higher year of study is possible with at least 50 credits in the first year of study (without a special application). However, in exceptional circumstances (as defined in the UL Statute), students who have completed at least 45 credits in the first year of study may be admitted to the higher year of study on the basis of an approved application.

Conditions for transferring between programmes

Transfers between programmes are governed by the applicable laws and regulations. The decision on the transfer shall be based on the application, the student's written request, the certificate of the fulfilment of the study obligations of the studies up to the time of application and the approved syllabuses of the courses, whereby the following criteria shall be taken into account: - the meeting of conditions for enrolment in the study programme, - the number of available places for enrolment, - the applicants are transferring from a study programme which, at the end of their studies, provides for the acquisition of comparable competences, - the applicants are transferring from a study programme where at least half of the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) requirements from the study programme from which they are transferring and which relate to compulsory courses from another study programme, may be recognised according to the recognition criteria, - the applicants have completed the study programme from which they are transferring, in accordance with the organisational rules or relevant by-laws. This decision is taken by the Vice-Dean competent for the field of study.

Conditions for completing the studies

Students complete their studies when they have fulfilled all the prescribed obligations of 120 credits from the course syllabus or recognised obligations.

Conditions for completion of the individual parts of the programme, if contained in the programme

The programme does not contain any parts that can be completed individually.

Professional, scientific or artistic title

Master of Political Science

Study programme curriculum Political Science – Political Theory, Global and Strategic Studies

2026/2027

Name of study programme	**Political Science – Political Theory, Global and Strategic Studies**
Programme characteristics	
Type	master's
Cycle	master
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Globalisation and Strategic Studies (module)

Year 1

				Contact hours									
	University Course Code	Course title	Lecturers	Lectures	Seminar	Tutorials	Clinical tutorials	Other forms of study	Individual student work	Total hours	ECTS	Semesters	Elective
1.	0101335	Strategic Issues of Globalisation	prof. dr. Jernej Pikalo	30	30	0	0	0	240	300	10	1st semester	no
2.	0101336	Political Science Research Methods	prof. dr. Žiga Vodovnik	30	30	0	0	0	240	300	10	2nd semester	no
3.	0101337	Contemporary Issues in Political Science	prof. dr. Žiga Vodovnik	30	20	0	0	0	250	300	10	1st semester	no
4.	0101339	Ideologies	prof. dr. Žiga Vodovnik	30	20	0	0	0	220	270	9	1st semester	no
5.	0101346	Cosmopolitan Democracy	izr. prof. dr.	30	20	0	0	0	220	270	9	2nd semester	no

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6.	0100914	Zunanji izbirni predmet		30	15	0	0	15	120	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
7.	0100914	Zunanji izbirni predmet		30	15	0	0	15	120	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
		Total		210	150	0	0	30	1410	1800	60		

Globalisation and Strategic Studies (module)

Year 2

				Contact hours									
	University Course Code	Course title	Lecturers	Lectures	Seminar	Tutorials	Clinical tutorials	Other forms of study	Individual student work	Total hours	ECTS	Semesters	Elective
1.	0101349	Political Institutions and Political Processes	prof. dr. Jernej Pikalo	30	30	0	0	0	300	360	12	1st semester	no
2.	0101145	Security Studies and Security Policy	prof. dr. Rok Zupančič	30	30	0	0	0	120	180	6	1st semester	no
3.	0101082	Zunanji izbirni predmet		30	15	0	0	15	120	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
4.	0101082	Zunanji izbirni predmet		30	15	0	0	15	120	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
5.	0101353	Master thesis	prof. dr. Žiga Vodovnik	0	0	0	0	0	900	900	30	2nd semester	no
		Total		120	90	0	0	30	1560	1800	60		

Political Theory (module)

Year 1

				Contact hours									
	University Course Code	Course title	Lecturers	Lectures	Seminar	Tutorials	Clinical tutorials	Other forms of study	Individual student work	Total hours	ECTS	Semesters	Elective
1.	0101335	Strategic Issues of Globalisation	prof. dr. Jernej Pikalo	30	30	0	0	0	240	300	10	1st semester	no
2.	0101336	Political Science Research Methods	prof. dr. Žiga Vodovnik	30	30	0	0	0	240	300	10	2nd semester	no
3.	0101337	Contemporary Issues in Political Science	prof. dr. Žiga Vodovnik	30	20	0	0	0	250	300	10	1st semester	no
4.	0101338	Selected Problems of Political Theories	izr. prof. dr. Andrej Kurnik	30	30	0	0	0	210	270	9	2nd semester	no
5.	0101339	Ideologies	prof. dr. Žiga Vodovnik	30	20	0	0	0	220	270	9	1st semester	no
6.	0100914	Zunanji izbirni predmet		30	15	0	0	15	120	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
7.	0100914	Zunanji izbirni predmet		30	15	0	0	15	120	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
		Total		210	160	0	0	30	1400	1800	60		

Political Theory (module)

Year 2

				Contact hours									
	University Course Code	Course title	Lecturers	Lectures	Seminar	Tutorials	Clinical tutorials	Other forms of study	Individual student work	Total hours	ECTS	Semesters	Elective

1.	0101349	Political Institutions and Political Processes	prof. dr. Jernej Pikalo	30	30	0	0	0	300	360	12	1st semester	no
2.	0101350	Racism and sexism	doc. dr. Blaž Vrečko Ilc	30	0	0	0	0	150	180	6	1st semester	no
3.	0101082	Zunanji izbirni predmet		30	15	0	0	15	120	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
4.	0101082	Zunanji izbirni predmet		30	15	0	0	15	120	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
5.	0101353	Master thesis	prof. dr. Žiga Vodovnik	0	0	0	0	0	900	900	30	2nd semester	no
		Total		120	60	0	0	30	1590	1800	60		

Faculty external elective courses

				Contact hours									
	University Course Code	Course title	Lecturers	Lectures	Seminar	Tutorials	Clinical tutorials	Other forms of study	Individual student work	Total hours	ECTS	Semesters	Elective
1.	0643918	Margins of Society	doc. dr. Jernej Kaluža, Eva Vrtačič	20	10				150	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
2.	0643916	Mixed Methods Designs: principles and procedures	izr. prof. dr. Bojana Lobe	30	30				120	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
3.	0643920	Communication Skills in German	lekt. mag. Matej Šetinc	15		15			150	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
4.	0643917	Future Studies	Natalija Majsova, doc. dr.	20	10				150	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes

			Jasmina Šepetavc										
5.	0643914	Trends and contemporary challenges in marketing communication and public relations	Ebru Uzunoglu	20	20			20	120	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
6.	0643919	Introduction to German Communication Skills	lekt. mag. Matej Šetinc	15		15			150	180	6	1st semester, 2nd semester	yes
		Total		120	70	30	0	20	840	1080	36		

Course descriptions are available HERE