

**INTERNATIONAL STUDIES BA**  
**University of Miskolc**  
**6 semester**  
**full time**

## **The aim of the program**

The aim of the bachelor's program in international studies is to train intellectuals who are able to navigate the world of international relations, represent national and regional interests appropriately, are sensitive to global issues, are capable of dealing with the challenges arising from the European integration process, and who are open to learning about other cultures, and who are capable of maintaining international relations, creative problem solving, and flexible solutions to complex tasks at domestic or international companies, governmental and non-governmental organizations, and who are prepared to continue their studies in a master's program.

**Language:** English

**Teaching mode: on-site**

**Language requirements:**

**English (IELTS 6.0 or equivalent)**

**ECTS credits to collect**

**180 credits**

**Lecture, seminar – practice**

**60% (lecture) – 40% (seminar, practice)**

**Specializations (differentiated professional knowledge):**

- America
- China and East Asia

## **Competencies to be acquired during the program**

### **Knowledge**

- Is knowledgeable about the generally accepted trends, characteristics, and data of Hungarian and universal political, economic, and cultural phenomena.
- Interprets international, European, and regional political, legal, economic, and civilizational knowledge and events generally related to their field of expertise in context.
- Is aware of current research questions and methods of analysis and interpretation in the social sciences.
- Knows the basic technical terms and all the important elements of the terminology of the various areas of the field, and understands the connections between them.
- Knows the forms, tools, and techniques of international communication.
- Knows the functioning, powers, and policies of the European Union's institutional system.

### **Skills**

- Able to independently acquire and systematize knowledge in historical, social, economic, legal, and political issues.
- Able to navigate professional literature in at least two foreign languages, with particular regard to specialized terminology.
- They are able to navigate international contexts, follow, understand, and process processes and changes, share them effectively and efficiently, and apply them in practice.
- They are able to interpret international relations from the perspective of at least one culture and ideology outside Europe.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They are capable of project-based work, have the ability to cooperate based on the division of labor, and recognize individual contributions to joint success.</li> <li>• They are capable of independently preparing written analyses and presenting their completed tasks to a professional audience, both orally and in writing.</li> <li>• Able and suitable to perform tasks related to promoting international cooperation in small and medium-sized enterprises, as well as tasks arising from international cooperation in the multinational and large enterprise sector.</li> <li>• Able to perform tasks related to the planning and implementation of EU-supported projects.</li> <li>• Is capable of performing tasks related to international, European, and regional cooperation in the private sector, non-governmental organizations, local governments, government agencies, and state institutions.</li> </ul>
<b>Attitude</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understands and accepts that economic, political, and cultural phenomena are historically and socially determined and subject to change.</li> <li>• Represents the religious and social, historical and contemporary diversity of Hungarian and European identity.</li> <li>• Has a desire to embrace European national cultures and learn about cultures outside Europe.</li> <li>• Considers the possibility of a multifaceted methodological approach to problems.</li> <li>• It strives to continuously develop its knowledge of political science, law, social sciences, international economics, and history.</li> <li>• It develops a demand for the critical analysis and processing of information.</li> <li>• It is open to all forms of professional innovation and is both receptive and critical of theoretical, practical, and methodological innovations.</li> <li>• Strives to develop a sense of professional vocation and self-education.</li> <li>• Accepts and implements a health-conscious approach and lifestyle in practice.</li> </ul>
<b>Autonomy and responsibility</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Takes responsibility for their professional texts in their native and foreign languages and is aware of their possible consequences.</li> <li>• Applies the knowledge acquired in their field to self-education and self-awareness.</li> <li>• Consciously represents the methods used in their field and accepts the different methodological characteristics of other disciplines.</li> <li>• Cooperates effectively with domestic and international professional and scientific communities related to their field.</li> <li>• Professional questions are answered and problems are solved independently or in cooperation with others, with individual responsibility and in compliance with the ethical standards of the profession.</li> <li>• Independent, constructive, and strong advocate in forms of cooperation within and outside the institution.</li> <li>• Performs complex tasks in accordance with the professional expectations of the given workplace.</li> <li>• Is familiar with the ethical standards and rules of their field and is able to comply with them in the performance of professional tasks, human relations, and communication.</li> <li>• Continuously develops their writing skills in relation to their tasks.</li> </ul>

### **Disciplines and fields of study leading to professional qualification that make up the program:**

#### **General social science knowledge and competencies**

20-60 credits:

- economics,
- basic legal knowledge,
- philosophy,

- political science,
- sociology,
- history (modern Hungarian and universal history),
- information technology

#### **Methodological and skills development knowledge**

20-30 credits:

- statistics
- social statistics
- qualitative and quantitative methodology
- technical language exercises

**Professional knowledge related to international studies 50-100 credits, including the credit value of the thesis, as follows:**

#### **History of international relations**

5-40 credits:

- history of international relations from 1815 to 1989,
- history of Hungarian foreign policy,
- history of diplomacy,
- international relations in the new world order (since 1989)

#### **Theory and practice of international politics**

5-40 credits:

- Major schools and theories of international political theory
- Theory and practice of diplomacy

#### **International law**

5-40 credits:

- International public law
- International private law
- International treaties
- International institutions and organizations

#### **International economics**

- international economics, foreign economic policy, international finance, world economics, economics of international companies

#### **Regional and civilizational studies**

5-40 credits:

- history of civilization, history of European civilization, regional studies

#### **European Union**

5-40 credits:

- history of the European Union,
- EU institutions and decision-making,
- EU law,
- EU powers and policies,
- Hungary in the European Union,
- preparation of EU applications and project management

#### **Practical international relations**

5-40 credits:

- techniques of international relations,
- international events,
- diplomatic protocol,
- negotiation techniques

#### **Professional practice**

Professional practice consists of at least four consecutive weeks of professional practice as specified in the program curriculum.

Job opportunities after graduation

International organizations, government agencies, civil society organizations, private organizations, companies, as an expert responsible for international relations, or as an international affairs officer. Research institutes, diplomatic positions, border protection authorities, organizations.

**Further information:**

<https://atti.uni-miskolc.hu/kepzesek.htm>

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