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Understand how states, regions, international organizations, non-state and other actors compete for their interests in international relations.

International Relations

The American University
with a Global Perspective

Master of Arts (MA) in International Relations

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Learn to analyze the interests and behavior of actors as well as the mechanisms of policy and decision-making in order to understand the complexity of the globalized world.

Webster Vienna's Master of Arts in International Relations offers you a comprehensive and outstanding scholarly experience for your future academic and professional career. Besides a thorough theoretical and methodological education, we offer the possibility to specialize in different fields such as European Integration studies, US foreign policy, Energy and Environmental Security, Europe-Asia relations, Middle East Area Studies as well as other topical and regional issues.

The program draws from a faculty of leading scholars and experts, the connectivity to research institutions in Europe, the United States, Asia and the Middle East, and the cooperation with the international organizations in Vienna. This offers students a unique opportunity to learn and combine the scholar's and the practitioner's world of International Relations.

The MA in International Relations at Webster Vienna requires students to take core courses, specific topical courses, elective courses and to write and defend a Master's thesis. The structure and sequence of courses follow a modular system in order to deepen the theoretical, methodological and contextual understanding.

Flexible Schedules

Courses are scheduled to accommodate the needs of the working professional. Classes usually meet in block periods of four hours, one evening a week. You can profit from Webster's worldwide system and study abroad at another campus for a term or semester. If you are studying part-time you can also take a term off if needed. Payments are made on a course-by-course basis.



Linda Eid
TECHNICAL COOPERATION
COORDINATOR,
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»My two-year experience at Webster was global and enriching in every sense: it offered high-quality education on a wide variety of topics by a cohort of professors from all around the world to a multicultural student body. This diversity was key in developing my capabilities and knowledge on many levels, but also strengthened a dynamic interaction with other colleagues and created life-long friendships. The value of what I learned at Webster makes it far more than a renowned educational institution, it is a family.«

Graduates of the program will be able to:

- Demonstrate a profound knowledge of international relations studies.
- Demonstrate strong research skills.
- Critically analyze and explain developments and events in international relations.
- Use and apply theories of international relations.
- Demonstrate skills to write scholarly papers as well as policy papers.
- Show competence and apply an in-depth knowledge of their chosen area of expertise.

Strengthen Your Network

Your time at Webster is an excellent opportunity to meet new people and enhance your skills in a more informal setting. The Webster Vienna community includes a number of student-run activities and groups. The students in the International Relations department is a tight-knit community that organizes events ranging from the yearly Model United Nations conference with participants from all around the world to strategy games, movie nights and reading clubs.

Furthermore, our students use the opportunity to apply for internships for example at the UN (UNIDO, UNODC, etc.), IAEA, OPEC, the OSCE, CTBTO, embassies and other relevant institutions.

As an international relations student you also benefit from regularly hosted guest lectures and events organized by the department. These occasions are unique opportunities for you to meet and network with renowned scholars and experts in different fields of international relations.

EXAMPLES OF COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

The MA in International Relations program requires a student to successfully complete 36 credit hours.

DURATION: 14 MONTHS – 2 YEARS

CORE COURSES

INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

INTL 5000

Examine the basics of structure and process as these relate to the ongoing operation of international affairs. Course content focuses on the complex dynamics at work within the world community.

RESEARCH METHODS AND PERSPECTIVES

INTL 5100

Learn the skills, methodological issues, and bibliographic resources, which enhance your ability to evaluate critically and to conduct research in the field of international relations.

ADVANCED RESEARCH METHODS

INTL 5900

This course supports students preparing a proposal for a Master Thesis. It deepens topics of INTL 5100 and includes workshops on more advanced research methods.

COMPARATIVE POLITICS

STUDENTS TAKE TWO COURSES FROM THIS CLUSTER.

COMPARATIVE POLITICS

INTL 5050

Explore how to use comparison to theorize about politics and to identify both what holds across cultures and nations and what is idiosyncratic, requiring area-studies expertise. Topics may include democratization, state and nation building, stability and decay of institutions, systems of representation, parliamentary versus presidential governance, political development, and ideology.

POLITICS OF DEVELOPMENT

INTL 5580

Examine problems of social, economic, and political development in Third World nations. Course content focuses on the problems of nation building in the postcolonial era and the role of developing nations in world politics. The course may be repeated for credit if content differs.

MIDDLE EAST AREA STUDIES

INTL 5625

Examine the history, culture, politics, and economic systems of the Middle East.

ASIAN AREA STUDIES

INTL 5645

Examine the history, culture, politics, and economic systems of Asia.

INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

STUDENTS TAKE FOUR COURSES FROM THIS CLUSTER.

INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY

INTL 5400

Explore, historically and conceptually, the interplay of economics and politics at the global level. Examine such phenomena as the clash of the market and state, the North-South conflict, and the worldwide impact of technological change, transnational corporations, and the competition for accumulation.

THEORIES OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

INTL 5510

Consider the growing literature on international relations theory, classical and modern, including realism, idealism, behavioralism, globalism, and Marxist and imperialist theories, and the people who have elaborated these ideas and the context in which they did so. Methodologically critique and compare theories, as well as gain an appreciation for the relevance of theory for international relations.

INTERNATIONAL LAW

INTL 5530

Survey trends and practices that are part of the process of adjudication across national boundaries. Some historical background is provided. Current cases and procedures are the major focus of course content.

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

INTL 5540

Explore various approaches to international organizations, and examine the contribution of these organizations to peace and economic and social progress. Current issues facing e.g. the United Nations, the European Union and other international organizations are discussed within this context.

WAR AND DIPLOMACY

INTL 5550

Examine the evolution of diplomacy and warfare. The specific approach (conceptual or historical) and time period may vary from term to term. The course may be repeated for credit if content differs.

U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

INTL 5560

Examine the issues, agents, and models surrounding the American foreign policy decision-making process and the issues facing the United States in contemporary international relations.

COMPARATIVE FOREIGN POLICY

INTL 5570

Study the formulation and implementation of foreign policy by major world powers. Attention is given to East-West relations in the period since World War II, including the roles of such nations as China and Japan. The course may be repeated for credit if content differs.

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

INTL 5590

Analyse the causes and consequences of international conflict. This course examines age-old questions of war and peace, but also tackles more modern topics such as nuclear proliferation, terrorism, and drone warfare. It requires students to assess several of the field's most prominent theories of conflict, coercion, bargaining, and cooperation in terms of both historical and contemporary case studies.

ISSUES IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

INTL 5860

Examine in depth such issues and topics as nuclear and conventional arms control, negotiation and conflict resolution, peace studies theory, economic conversion from military to domestic production, as well as energy and environmental security. The course may be repeated for credit if content differs.

TERRORISM IN WORLD POLITICS

INTL 5890

Examine the causes and political responses to terrorism in world politics. Issues examined may include the origins and goals of major terrorist organizations, tensions that arise between protecting civil liberties and ensuring security when responding to terrorism, and how to distinguish between terrorism and other forms of violence.

For a complete list of courses please see webster.ac.at/international-relations

Dr. Franco Algieri

HEAD OF THE
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DEPARTMENT

»Be it for studying abroad, pursuing a PhD, an internship or starting a professional career, students can profit from the IR department's links to prestigious universities as well as international organizations.«



Career Opportunities

The specific nature of the program opens doors to a wide range of international relations careers in academia, national administrations, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, business and international corporations, or journalism. The program is also recommended if you are planning to pursue a PhD.

Questions?

If you have further questions, please consult the International Relations Department's website for contact details and specifics on a Master of Arts degree in International Relations at webster.ac.at/international-relations.

Visit Us

You are always welcome to meet our admissions team to get answers to specific questions you might have and discuss how Webster can help you achieve your career goals.

If you would like to sit in on one of our classes to help you decide whether Webster Vienna's MA in International Relations program is right for you, please contact our Admissions Department at admissions@webster.ac.at.

We would be happy to set up a visit. To learn more about our upcoming events and weekly guided tours, please visit our website: webster.ac.at.

How to Apply

To apply to the MA in International Relations degree program, please contact our Admissions Department at admissions@webster.ac.at or apply online at webster.ac.at/apply-now.

Accreditations



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Webster University is accredited in the United States by the Higher Learning Commission. The accreditation, which was first awarded in 1925, includes undergraduate and graduate degree programs at all locations worldwide where Webster University offers its programs.



Webster Vienna Private University has been accredited by the Agency for Quality Assurance and Accreditation Austria (AQ Austria) as an Austrian Private University since 2001.

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