

Competences. Research Master in International Studies

BASIC COMPETENCES

CB6. To possess and understand the knowledge that provides a basis or opportunity to be original in the development and/or application of ideas, usually in a research context.

CB7. That students know how to apply the knowledge they acquire, and have the capacity to solve problems in new or little-known (multidisciplinary) environments beyond their area of study.

CB8. That students are capable of integrating knowledge and tackle the complexity of formulating judgments from incomplete information that include reasoning about social and ethical responsibility related to the application of their knowledge.

CB9. That students know how to communicate to specialists and non-specialists in a clear and unambiguous manner their conclusions, and the knowledge and reasoning, which support them.

CB10. That students possess the learning skills that enable them to pursue self-directed or autonomous learning.

GENERAL COMPETENCES

CG1. Discuss about international policies critically based on the available empirical evidence and current theoretical debates.

CG2. Demonstrate organizational and planning capacity to study complex issues, developing self-learning formulas.

CG3. Design and apply research projects aimed at analyzing challenges and problems of a theoretical and practical nature.

CG4. Demonstrate personal initiative and the ability to lead and adapt to new challenges.

CG5. Articulate the knowledge and tools necessary to test research hypotheses.

CG6. Analyse and promote other cultures, customs and ways of thinking.

TRANSVERSAL COMPETENCES

T1. Demonstrate the ability to work in an international context, with recognition and appreciation of diversity and multiculturalism.

T2. Demonstrate the ability to work in a team and in coordination to develop a specific task, actively participating in team discussions and reflection and promoting interaction within the team.

COMPETENCIAS ESPECÍFICAS

E1. Analyse critically and independently international relations, international development, international security and global governance from an integrated and multidisciplinary approach.

E2. Identify the main sources of bibliographic information on issues related to international development studies, including specialised periodicals and primary source collections.

E3. Identify the main authors, approaches and ideas in the study of the development process, as well as its debates and explanatory limits.

E4. Analyze the results obtained in accordance with the standards of the scientific method and identify the techniques and instruments of quantitative and qualitative analysis most appropriate to each case or problem.

E5. Demonstrate the ability to conduct independent and critical analysis for decision-making aimed at solving the specific problems and challenges in international scenarios, through the application of research and analysis methods in social sciences.

E6. Identify and know the dynamics, processes and factors that interact in local, national and international decision-making, as well as the instruments used for its implementation.

E7. Apply advanced research methods to the study of international institutions, processes and actors, based on the knowledge acquired in international relations and politics.

Learning outcomes. Research Master in International Studies

MODULE I: Basic Fundamental Module in International Studies

Subject 1: Theory and Practice of International Studies

- Analyse the main contemporary theories in the field of politics and international relations and their conceptual foundations.
- Master the most relevant topics of the current debates on development, international security, global governance.
- Prepare reports and studies commonly used in discussions and debates about international politics (reports, memoranda, resolutions, provisions, agreements, etc.).
- Formulate policy recommendations on the most relevant issues and challenges of international politics and related areas.

Subject 2: Research Methods in International Studies

- Design and develop specialised databases for research on issues related to international studies.
- Apply various social science research methodologies to the study of the problems and dynamics of international level.
- Use social analysis techniques to evaluate public policies with a strong international dimension.
- Interpret and describe the results of statistical analysis.
- Master the statistical software required to implement the techniques studied in the course.

MODULE II: IN-DEPTH STUDIES IN ANALYSIS METHODS

Subject 1: Advanced Research Techniques and Methods

- Use social analysis techniques to evaluate public policies with a strong international dimension.
- Interpret and describe the results of statistical analysis.
- Master the statistical software to implement the techniques studied.

- Understand and apply various research methodologies in social sciences to the study of problems and dynamics of the international area.

MODULE III. COMPLEMENTARY MODULE: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AREA STUDIES AND COMPARED POLICY (elective courses)

Subject 1: Advanced Issues and Debates in International Relations

- Identify the political processes involved in sectoral public policies at the international level.
- Understand the historical context of international relations and international security.
- Identify the foundations of political theory and international justice.
- Compare international organisations and their decision-making processes.
- Identify theories of governance and their implementation in a global environment.

Subject 2: Actors and Institution in Development Governance

- Recognize the main actors involved in development governance both globally and nationally.
- Master the most relevant topics of the current debates on the management and provision of regional and global public goods.
- Understand the emergence of new emerging powers as well as the action of transnational social movements linked to sustainability.

Subject 3: Comparative and International Political Economy

- List theories about development and the role of the state.
- Master the economic analysis on inequality, poverty and growth.
- Recognize institutional designs for development, as well as the action of international cooperation.
- Cite the fundamentals of international economics and political relations.
- Articulate reports and policy recommendations on development problems in their international context.

- Articulate the knowledge of the Economic Policy from a comparative and international perspective.

Subject 4: Area Studies

- To develop policy recommendations on the most relevant international policy issues and challenges at the selected national and/or regional levels.
- Monitor international politics and its political processes.
- Identify regional and inter-regional institutions.
- Recognize political research belonging to the different geographical regions, national or cultural.

Subject 5: International Security

- Recognize the leading actors in security governance.
- Classify the political processes involved in international security.
- Follow up on the main debates on human security.
- Identify the negotiation and implementation of international agreements in the field of security.

Subject 6: Foreign Policy

- Identify the main foreign policy doctrines and approaches.
- Analyse foreign policy as a public policy.
- Analyse and assess foreign policy programs.
- Interpret foreign policy guidelines.
- Describe the historical context of foreign policy.

MODULE IV: INTERNSHIP (4 ECTS credits, elective)

Subject 1. Internship

- Use the knowledge acquired during the school year through applied and theoretical practices.
- Apply the theoretical knowledge acquired to support the management of real cases of development problems and their specific international dimension.
- Use acquired techniques and methodologies to support reconstruction and post-conflict processes.
- Program professional activities related to analysis and evaluation in the field of international development.
- Search and analyse data and information through social research techniques to solve specific demands of the professional activity.

MODULE V: FINAL RESEARCH PROJECT (10 ECTS credits)

Materia 1. Final Research Project

- Make a clear scientific presentation, in particular the presentation of the theoretical framework, showing the ability to convey basic concepts related to the project and / or empirical data.
- Master the theoretical and methodological tools used in research, their strengths and limitations, and their impact on research design.
- Answer the questions and remarks made by the assessment panel and demonstrate mastery on the subject.
- Further the knowledge of a particular topic of interest in the field of international studies, showing expertise on the current state of the issue.
- Design and elaborate the research process and identify future lines of research.
- Use various research methods, both qualitative and quantitative, and show their coherence in the conclusions.

Teaching activities. Research Master in International Studies

MODULE I: Basic Fundamental Module in International Studies

Subject 1: Theory and Practice of International Studies

Type of activity	Hours
Master classes	168
Seminars	40
Workshops	20
Individual work	170
Group work	50
Group tutorials	22
Self-study	100
Conferences	30

Subject 2: Research Methods in International Studies

Type of activity	Hours
Master classes	142
Seminars	12
Tutorials	24
Individual work	140
Group work	80
Self-study	140
Workshops	12

MODULE II: IN-DEPTH STUDIES IN ANALYSIS METHODS

Subject 1: Advanced Research Techniques and Methods

Type of activity	Hours
Master classes	48
Tutorials	12
Individual work	50
Group work	40
Self-study	42
Conferences	8

MODULE III. COMPLEMENTARY MODULE: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AREA STUDIES AND COMPARED POLICY (elective courses)

Subject 1: Advanced Issues and Debates in International Relations

Type of activity	Hours
Master classes	122
Tutorials	20
Individual work	140
Group work	52
Self-study	150
Conferences	16

Subject 2: Actors and Institution in Development Governance

Type of activity	Hours
Master classes	122
Tutorials	30
Individual work	150
Group work	80

Self-study	100
Conferences	20

Subject 3: Comparative and International Political Economy

Type of activity	Hours
Master classes	120
Tutorials	30
Individual work	150
Group work	80
Self-study	100
Conferences	20

Subject 4: Area Studies

Type of activity	Hours
Master classes	125
Tutorials	24
Individual work	150
Group work	59
Self-study	118
Conferences	24

Subject 5: International Security

Type of activity	Hours
Master classes	120
Tutorials	17
Individual work	134
Group work	66
Self-study	150
Conferences	13

Subject 6: Foreign Policy

Type of activity	Hours
Master classes	120
Tutorials	17
Individual work	144
Group work	71
Self-study	137
Conferences	11

MODULE IV: INTERNSHIP (4 ECTS credits, elective)

Subject 1. Internship

Type of activity	Hours
Tutorials	10
Internship	80
Report writing	10

MODULE V: FINAL RESEARCH PROJECT (30 ECTS credits)

Subject 1. Final Research Project

Type of activity	Hours
Tutorials	20
Individual work	690
Seminars	30