

## Competences. Master's in International Security

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### 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 and analyse critically texts, facts, phenomena and ideas.

**CG2.** Demonstrate the ability to foresee, organise and plan their own study.

**CG3.** Develop projects aimed at tackling theoretical and practical challenges and problems.

**CG4.** Develop the ability to adapt to new situations.

**CG5.** Develop personal initiative and the ability to lead.

**CG6.** Put forward new ideas and increase creative capacity.

**CG7.** Acquire the capacity to promote other cultures, customs and ways of thinking.

## **TRANSVERSAL COMPETENCES**

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

**T2.** Acquire and consolidate 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.

**T3.** Recognize and dominate the qualitative and quantitative techniques and tools of academic research and information management (finding sources of information, assessing and selecting them).

## **SPECIFIC COMPETENCES**

**E1.** Master and apply specific knowledge of contemporary international relations, security, and global governance from a comprehensive and multidisciplinary perspective.

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

**E3.** Identify the main authors, approaches and ideas in the study of international security, as well as its debates and explanatory limits.

**E4.** Design and carry out specialised information searches on subjects related to international security, as well as to analyse results obtained following the rules of the scientific method.

**E5.** Develop an independent reflection for decision-making aimed at solving the specific problems and challenges of international security.

**E6.** Have a command of and apply the dynamics, processes and factors that interact in local, national and international decision-making, as well as the instruments used for its implementation.

**E7.** Command the knowledge acquired about the actors, dynamics, processes and factors of international security in order to analyse the results of the daily practice of governments, non-governmental organizations, governmental organizations, companies, etc.

## Learning Outcomes. Master's in International Security

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### MODULE I: Basic Fundamental Module in International Security (22 ECTS, compulsory)

#### *Subject 1: Theory and Practice of International Security*

- Know in detail the main contemporary theories on international security and their conceptual foundations.
- Master the most relevant issues in current debates on international security, both in the private and public spheres.
- Prepare reports and studies commonly used in discussions and debates on international security (reports, foreign policy memoranda, resolutions, provisions, agreements, etc.).
- Formulate policy recommendations on the most relevant issues and challenges in international security.
- Assess the political and security aspects of public policies with a strong international dimension: protection of the environment, assistance in cases of humanitarian emergency, development of the most disadvantaged societies, etc.

#### *Subject 2: Research Methods in International Security*

- Design and develop specialised databases for research on issues related to international security.
- Apply various social science research methodologies to the study of the problems and dynamics of international security.
- Use social analysis techniques to assess political and security aspects of 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 INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

### *Subject 1: War and Conflict Studies*

- Know in detail the main theories about war and violent conflicts and their conceptual foundations.
- Master the most relevant issues in current debates on war and armed conflict, both at the international and intra-state levels.
- Formulate policy recommendations on the most relevant issues and challenges concerning international armed conflicts.

### *Subject 2: Intelligence Studies*

- Identify intelligence techniques and their potential for security policies.
- Elaborate policy recommendations on the most relevant issues and challenges in international security.
- Understand the inner workings of intelligence services and systems and their implications for international security.

### *Subject 3: International Security and Strategy*

- Analyse strategic and security thinking in the field of international relations.
- Know in detail the systems of defence, military organization and the relations between politics, society and army.
- Develop a detailed perception of the threats and potentials of armed conflict in international politics.
- Identify the threats of unconventional weapons and the use of ABC weapons for international security.
- Analyse post-conflict situations and assess the security risk situation.

### *Subject 4: Peace Studies and Conflict Prevention*

- Master debates, concepts and interpretations on peace processes and conflict prevention.
- Know the instruments for conflict management and for the management of post-conflict situations.
- Identification of potentialities of state, ethnic and/or territorial conflicts.
- Apply techniques and methodologies for conflict resolution and reconciliation.

### *Subject 5: Security and Governance*

- Learn about the actors involved in security and governance.
- Know the political processes involved in international security.
- Follow up on key human security debates.
- Identify the negotiation and implementation of international agreements in the field of security.

## **MODULE III. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, AREA STUDIES AND COMPARED POLICY (elective courses)**

### *Subject 1: Advanced Issues and Debates in International Relations*

- Learn about the political processes involved in the sectorial public policies in the international arena.
- Learn about the historical context of international relations and international security.
- Foundations of political theory and international justice
- Identify international organisations and their decision-making processes.
- Learn about the theories of governance and their application in a global environment.

### *Subject 2: Area Studies*

- Develop policy recommendations on the most relevant international policy issues and challenges at the selected national and regional levels.
- Monitor international politics and its political processes.
- Learn about regional and inter-regional institutions.

### *Subject 3: Development and Political Economy*

- Get to know theories about development and state.
- Be able to perform economic analyses of inequality, poverty and development.
- Learn about institutional design and development.
- Learn about international economics and political relations.

- Be able to write reports and policy recommendations on development problems in their international context.

#### *Subject 4: Foreign Policy*

- Identify the main foreign policy doctrines and approaches.
- Analysing foreign policy as a public policy.
- Analyse and evaluate foreign policy programs.
- Be able to participate in debates on foreign policy guidelines.
- Learn about 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)**

#### *Subject 1. Final Research Project*

- Make a clear scientific presentation, in particular the articulation of the argument and the ability to convey basic concepts related to the project and/or empirical data.
- Master the theoretical and methodological tools used, 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 development, showing expertise on the current state of the issue.
- Familiarise the student with 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. Master's in International Security

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### MODULE I: Basic Fundamental Module in International Security (22 ECTS, compulsory)

#### *Subject 1: Theory and Practice of International Security*

Type of activity	Hours
Master classes	60
Seminars	12
Tutorials	10
Individual work	80
Group work	40
Self-study	80
Conferences	18

#### *Subject 2: Research Methods in International Security*

Type of activity	Hours
Master classes	48
Seminars	12
Tutorials	8
Individual work	64
Group work	32
Self-study	64
Workshops	22



## MODULE II: IN-DEPTH STUDIES IN INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

### *Subject 1: War and Conflict Studies*

Type of activity	Hours
Master classes	72
Tutorials	10
Individual work	80
Group work	40
Self-study	90
Conferences	8

### *Subject 2: Intelligence Studies*

Type of activity	Hours
Master classes	72
Tutorials	10
Individual work	80
Group work	40
Self-study	90
Conferences	8

### *Subject 3: International Security and Strategy*

Type of activity	Hours
Master classes	72
Tutorials	10
Individual work	80
Group work	40
Self-study	90
Conferences	8

*Subject 4: Peace Studies and Conflict Prevention*

Type of activity	Hours
Master classes	72
Tutorials	10
Individual work	80
Group work	40
Self-study	90
Conferences	8

*Subject 5: Security and Governance*

Type of activity	Hours
Master classes	72
Tutorials	10
Individual work	80
Group work	40
Self-study	90
Conferences	8

**MODULE III. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, AREA STUDIES AND COMPARED POLICY (elective courses)**

*Subject 1: Advanced Issues and Debates in International Relations*

Type of activity	Hours
Master classes	72
Tutorials	10
Individual work	80
Group work	40
Self-study	90
Conferences	8

*Subject 2: Area Studies*

Type of activity	Hours
Master classes	72
Tutorials	10
Individual work	80
Group work	40
Self-study	90
Conferences	8

*Subject 3: Development and Political Economy*

Type of activity	Hours
Master classes	72
Tutorials	10
Individual work	80
Group work	40
Self-study	90
Conferences	8

*Subject 4: Foreign Policy*

Type of activity	Hours
Master classes	84
Tutorials	12
Individual work	100
Group work	50
Self-study	100
Conferences	8

## MODULE IV: INTERNSHIP (4 ECTS credits, elective)

### *Subject 1. Internship*

Type of activity	Hours
Tutorials	10
Internship	120-1200
Reports	10

## MODULE V: FINAL RESEARCH PROJECT (10 ECTS credits)

### *Subject 1. Final Research Project*

Type of activity
Seminars /Tutorials
Data mining / Self-study information