MASTER'S IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Master's Programme in International Relations

A students' guide



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120 ECTS credits

The master's programme in international relations (IR) at Stockholm University (SU) aims to introduce and provide in-depth knowledge of the subject of IR as well as the main debates and theoretical starting points used in the field of research.

Within the programme, students are given the opportunity to critically discuss and analyze issues related to how states, organizations (governmental and non-governmental) and others act in the international system and its consequences nationally, regionally, globally and locally. Central questions for students are: How do conflicts arise and how can they be resolved, how is power and resources distributed and what significance do norms, institutions and national identities have for international cooperation? Central themes are international security, international institutions and international political economy.

The master's programme prepares students for a future academic career and professional activities with qualified positions in private and public activities, in various interest organizations and international organizations. The programme develops students' ability for independent and critical assessment, ability to independently solve problems and ability to follow the development of knowledge at the research front. The programme provides both breadth and depth within the scientific study of international relations, and develops the student's analytical ability and methodological skills.

The Department of Economic History & International Relations

The department consists of two clearly separated but closely interacting subjects: Economic History (EH) and International Relations (IR). Our ambition is to be a national leader and internationally prominent in these fields.

About sixty people work at the department, including teachers, researchers, doctoral students, and administrative staff. Approximately 450 students are registered each year.

Structure of the programme

The master's programme in international relations consists of optional courses and mandatory courses. All teaching is in English.

Term 1

Three mandatory courses of a total of 30 ECTS:

- Introduction to International Relations (15 ECTS)
- Quantitative Methods (7.5 ECTS)
- Qualitative Methods (7.5 ECTS)

Term 2

Optional courses (electives) of a total of 30 ECTS. Including possibility to study abroad or do internship (of 15 or 30 ECTS).

Term 3

Optional course/s (electives) of 15 ECTS (incl. possibility to do internship), followed by two mandatory courses:

- Research Design (7.5 ECTS)
- Advanced Qualitative Methods (7.5 ECTS) OR Advanced
- Quantitative Methods (7.5 ECTS)

Term 4

Mandatory master thesis/essay course in International Relations (30 ECTS)

More information on courses

For more information on the courses given within the IR master programme, please see the department's homepage:

su.se/ehir/master

Contact information

For questions regarding application, registration, eligibility, and more, please check antagning.se. If your question remains unanswered, please contact the student office.

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For questions on literature or other details regarding a specific course: please contact the course convener of the course in question.

All teachers' e-mail addresses: firstname.lastname@ekohist.su.se Department's homepage: su.se/ehir/master

Schedules: schema.su.se

Athena (SU's learning platform) athena.itslearning.com

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