

International University of Sarajevo (IUS)												
Faculty of Business and Administration (FBA)												
Political Science and International Relations: Second Cycle (MA) Curriculum - 120 ECTS												
Academic year: 2025–2026												
Semester I						Semester II						
Code	Title	Prerequisite	T	P	ECTS	Code	Title	Prerequisite	T	P	ECTS	
IR502	International Relations Theories		3	0	6	xxx	Program Elective III	See Table 1			6	
POLS500	Political Theory		3	0	6	xxx	Program Elective IV	See Table 1			6	
SPS501	Methodology in Social Sciences		2	1	6	xxx	Program Elective V	See Table 1			6	
xxx	Program Elective I	See Table 1			6	xxx	Program Elective VI	See Table 1			6	
xxx	Program Elective II	See Table 1			6	xxx	Program Elective VII	See Table 1			6	
Semester Total = 30						Semester Total = 30						
Semester III						Semester IV						
Code	Title	Prerequisite	T	P	ECTS	Code	Title	Prerequisite	T	P	ECTS	
xxx	Program Elective VIII	See Table 1			6	POLS594	Master's Thesis		0	12	24	
xxx	Program Elective IX	See Table 1			6							
xxx	Program Elective X	See Table 1			6							
xxx	Program Elective XI	See Table 1			6							
POLS589	Master's Thesis Proposal		0	0	12							
Semester Total = 36						Semester Total = 24						
Abbreviations: T (Theory), P (Practice)						No. of Courses						14
Total Credits Required for Graduation						Average ECTS Credit Load Per Semester						30
Total Credits of Electives						Elective Ratio						55%

The 120 ECTS PSIR consists of three required courses (18 ECTS), elective options (66 ECTS), a Master's Thesis Proposal (12 ECTS), and a Master's Thesis (24 ECTS).

Out of elective options, a minimum of two courses (with teaching load) from MA level (5xx code) must be taken.

Table 1: Program Elective Courses

Code	Title	Prerequisite	T	P	ECTS	Code	Title	Prerequisite	T	P	ECTS
IR503	Conflicts and Conflict Resolution		3	0	6	POLS503	Advanced Studies in Political Sociology		3	0	6
IR505	Religion and World Politics		3	1	6	POLS505	Special Topics in Political Theory		3	0	6
IR506	IR506 European Security and the Transatlantic		3	1	6	SPS502	Advanced Studies in European Politics		3	0	6
IR507	Special Topics in Regional Studies		3	1	6	SPS506	Comparative European Politics		3	0	6
IR508	Special Topics in International Relations		3	1	6	SPS509	EU and Energy Politics		3	0	6
IR509	Great Power Politics and the International		3	1	6	SPS510	History and Theory of the European Integrations		3	0	6
IR510	Theories of Peace and Conflict		3	0	6	SPS511	History of the Balkans		3	0	6
IR514	Transitional Justice Approaches		3	0	6	SPS512	Political Economy of the Balkans		3	0	6
IR515	Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity		3	0	6	SPS513	Peace and Conflict Studies in the Balkans		3	0	6
IR516	Mediation and Negotiation		3	0	6	SPS514	Politics, Religion and Society of the Balkans		3	0	6
IR520	International Security		3	0	6	SPS515	International Politics and the Balkans		3	0	6
IR521	Foreign Policy Analysis		3	0	6	SPS516	Balkans in the World Culture		3	0	6
IR522	EU Foreign and Security Policy		3	0	6	SPS518	Turkish Foreign Policy Towards Balkans		3	0	6
IR551	Global Political Economy		3	0	6	SPS519	Contemporary Political Systems in the Balkans		3	0	6
IR571	International Organizations		3	0	6	SPS521	Social Movements, Democracy, and Cultural		3	1	6
IR580	Internship		0	0	12	SPS522	Ethnic and National Identity		3	1	6
IR591	Research Activity I - Research in Practice		0	0	6	IUS Free	Up to 48 ECTS can be taken from PSIR undergraduate program elective courses				6
IR592	Research Activity II - Conference		0	0	6	Elective	that are approved by Advisor				
IR593	Research Activity III - Journal Paper		0	0	12						

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