

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE OF UKRAINE**  
**Lesya Ukrainka Volyn National University**  
**International Communications and Political Analysis Department**  
**International Relations Faculty**

**SYLLABUS**  
**of a normative academic component**

**QUALIFICATION THESIS**

**Bachelor Training**

**Field of Knowledge** «International Relations»

**Specialty 291** «International Relations, Public Communications and Regional Studies»

**Educational and professional programme** «International Information and Public Communications»

**Lutsk-2023**

**The syllabus of the academic component** Qualification Thesis, Education Level Bachelor, Field of Knowledge 29 International Relations, Specialty 291 International Relations, Public Communications and Regional Studies, Educational and professional programme International Information and Public Communications.

**Developer:**

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**Approved**

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Yevhenia Vozniuk

## 1. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE ACADEMIC COMPONENT

Indicator Name	Field of knowledge, educational and professional programme / education and research program, education level	Characteristics of academic component
Full-time form of education	29 International Relations, Specialty 291 International Relations, Public Communications and Regional Studies, International Information and Public Communications, Bachelor	Normative
Number of hours / credits		Year of study: IV
90 / 5		Semester: 8 <sup>th</sup>
		Independent work 84 hours
		Consultations 6 hours
Language of study: English		Form of control: state atestation

## 2. INFORMATION ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR

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## 3. DESCRIPTION OF AN ACADEMIC COMPONENT

### A Course Abstract

A bachelor's qualification thesis (QT) is a type of scientific work that gives an opportunity to reveal the level of scientific and professional training of a student from the International Information and Public Communications Program. Its implementation and defense before the State Examination Commission is a test of the specialist's preparation for independent activity from the chosen educational program in the specialty 291 "International relations, public communications and regional studies", his ability to independently analyze the state of problems in the field of international relations, develop the necessary proposals.

QT of the educational degree "bachelor" is an independent work of the student, which testifies to the author's ability to work with literature, summarize and analyze factual material, use theoretical knowledge and practical skills acquired during the mastering of the relevant educational and professional program; has elements of scientific research.

### Purpose and tasks of the educational component

- systematization, consolidation and deepening of theoretical and practical knowledge according to the relevant direction of training, formation of skills of applying this knowledge during the solution of specific practical, scientific-methodical and scientific-technical problems;
- development of skills of independent research work and mastering the methodology of theoretical, experimental and scientific-practical research used during qualification work;
- gaining experience in analyzing research results, formulating new conclusions and provisions, gaining experience in their public protection.

### Learning outcomes (competencies)

	<b>Effects</b>	<b>Criterion code</b>
<b>General Competencies (GC)</b>	The ability to realize one's rights and responsibilities as a member of society, to be aware of the values of civil society and the need for its sustainable development, the rule of law, the rights and freedoms of a person and a citizen of Ukraine.	<b>GC 1</b>
	The ability to preserve and multiply moral, cultural, scientific values and achievements of society based on an understanding of the history and patterns of development of the subject area, its place in the general system and knowledge about nature and society, and in the development of society, technology and technologies, to use various types and forms of motor activities for active recreation and leading a healthy lifestyle.	<b>GC 2</b>
	Ability to learn and master modern knowledge.	<b>GC 3</b>
	Knowledge and understanding of the subject area and professional activity.	<b>GC 4</b>
	Ability to work in an international context.	<b>GC 5</b>
	Ability to generate new ideas (creativity).	<b>GC 6</b>
	Ability to apply knowledge in practical situations.	<b>GC 7</b>
	Ability to think abstractly, analyze and synthesize.	<b>GC 8</b>
	Ability to use information and communication technologies.	<b>GC 9</b>
	Ability to communicate in the national language both orally and in writing.	<b>GC 10</b>
	Ability to communicate in a foreign language.	<b>GC 11</b>
	Ability to search, process and analyze information from various sources.	<b>GC 12</b>
	The ability to be critical and self-critical.	<b>GC 13</b>
<b>Special (professional) Competencies (SC)</b>	Ability to identify features and trends of development, to understand the nature, dynamics, principles of organization of international relations, public communications and / or regional studies.	<b>SC 1</b>
	Ability to analyze international processes in various contexts, including political, security, legal, economic, social, cultural and information ones.	<b>SC 2</b>
	The ability to assess the state and directions of research in international relations and world politics in political, economic, legal sciences, in interdisciplinary studies.	<b>SC 3</b>
	The ability to solve complex specialized tasks and practical problems in the field of international relations, foreign policy of states, public communications, regional studies.	<b>SC 4</b>

	The ability to analyze the influence of the world economy, international law and domestic politics on the structure and dynamics of international relations and the foreign policy of states.	<b>SC 5</b>
	The ability to analyze international integration processes in the world and on the European continent, and the place of Ukraine in them.	<b>SC 7</b>
	Awareness of the national interests of Ukraine in the international arena.	<b>SC 8</b>
	The ability to apply knowledge of the characteristics of the development of countries and regions, features and regularities of global processes and the place of individual states in them to solve complex specialized tasks and problems.	<b>SC 9</b>
	Ability to analyze the structure and dynamics of international public communications, to identify their impact on the international system, state and public institutions.	<b>SC 10</b>
	The ability to analyze the nature and evolution of international organizations, their place in the system of international relations, the main forms and perspectives of Ukraine's cooperation with them.	<b>SC 11</b>
	Ability to carry out communication and information-analytical activities in the field of international relations (in the Ukrainian and foreign languages).	<b>SC 12</b>
	Ability to analyze the activities of international non-state actors and transnational relations.	<b>SC 13</b>
<b>Learning Outcomes (LO)</b>	To know and understand the nature of international relations and regional development, the evolution, the state of theoretical studies of international relations and world politics, as well as the nature and sources of the policies of states in the international arena and the activities of other participants in international relations.	<b>LO 01</b>
	To know and understand the nature and dynamics of international security, to understand the features of its provision at the global, regional and national level, to know the nature and approaches to solving international and internationalized conflicts.	<b>LO 02</b>
	To know the nature of international cooperation, the nature of interaction between international actors, the relations of state and non-state actors in world politics.	<b>LO 03</b>
	To know the principles, mechanisms and processes to ensure the foreign policy of states, the interaction between foreign and domestic policies, the definition and implementation of the national interests of states on the international arena, the process of forming and implementing foreign policy decisions.	<b>LO 04</b>
	To know the nature and mechanisms of international communications.	<b>LO 05</b>

	To know the nature and character of interactions of individual countries and regions at the global, regional and local levels.	<b>LO 06</b>
	To carry out a description and analysis of the international situation, to collect from various sources the necessary information about international and foreign political events and processes.	<b>LO 07</b>
	To collect, process and analyze large amounts of information on the state of international relations, foreign policy of Ukraine and other states, regional systems, international communications.	<b>LO 08</b>
	To research the problems of international relations, regional development, foreign policy, international communications, using modern political, economic and legal theories and concepts, scientific methods and interdisciplinary approaches, to present research results, to provide appropriate recommendations.	<b>LO 09</b>
	To fluently communicate in the state and foreign languages at the professional level required for professional discussion, preparation of analytical and research documents.	<b>LO 10</b>
	To carry out an applied analysis of international relations, foreign policy of Ukraine and other states, international processes and the international situation in accordance with the objectives, prepare information and analytical.	<b>LO 11</b>
	To have the skills of professional oral and written translation from/to foreign languages, in particular, from the professional subject of international cooperation, foreign policy, international communications, regional studies, bilateral and multilateral international projects.	<b>LO 12</b>
	To conduct a professional discussion on issues of international relations, international communications, regional studies, foreign policy, to argue their position, to respect opponents and their views.	<b>LO 13</b>
	To use modern digital technologies, specialized software, databases and information systems to solve complex specialized problems in the field of international relations, public communications and/or regional studies.	<b>LO 14</b>
	To understand and apply current legislation, international normative documents and agreements, reference materials, current standards and technical conditions, etc., to solve complex specialized problems of international relations, public communications and regional studies.	<b>LO 15</b>
	To understand and defend the national interests of Ukraine in international activities.	<b>LO 16</b>
	To have the skills of self-determination of educational goals and learning, finding educational resources necessary for their achievement.	<b>LO 17</b>

*The Structure of the academic component*

Stages of writing the thesis	Hours		
	Total	Consult.	Indep. work
<i>Preparatory:</i> the student chooses a topic and draws up an individual plan-schedule; acquaintance with the state of the problem, review and analysis of similar studies (it is carried out during the period of industrial practice in the 7th semester).			
<i>Main:</i> implemented in accordance with the requirements for the organization of scientific research and involves the collection of factual material, its processing, writing the text of the work in accordance with its plan, formulating conclusions and recommendations for submission to the scientific supervisor for the purpose of verification; preparation of publications on the topic of research.	66	2	64
<i>Formal:</i> completed approximately one month before the defense of the final qualification work at the Attestation Commission (AC) meeting. At this stage, the work must be completely completed and checked by the supervisor.	12	2	10
<i>Final:</i> receiving feedback from the supervisor and a review of the final qualification work from a qualified specialist of the relevant profile; conducting a preliminary defense at the department meeting, receiving a recommendation from the graduation department on admission to the defense, submitting the work to the AC.	6	1	5
Preparation for the defense of work before the AC	6	1	5
<b>Total hours:</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>84</b>

Evaluation of the results of the defense of the qualification thesis is carried out in accordance with the procedure provided by the knowledge control system adopted at the University on a 100-point scale.

№	Components of the assessment	Points
<b>Assessment of the submitted thesis</b>		
1	Formulation of relevance, problem, hypothesis, goal and tasks, novelty and practical significance	15
2	Designing the work	10
3	Stylistics and logic of presentation of the material; correct use of special terminology and methodology.	10
4	Structure of work (presence of introduction, main sections, conclusions, bibliography); compliance with the requirements for the set volumes of the number of pages	15
5	Bibliography: a) availability of fundamental works; b) availability of works of the last five years; c) availability of works of university teachers; d) preparation of the bibliography in accordance with current standards	10
6	Compliance with the rules of academic integrity	10
<b>Defense of the thesis</b>		
1	The quality of the student's report (report form, content, evidence base, conclusions, proposals)	10

<b>2</b>	Completeness and logic of the answers to the questions	<b>10</b>
<b>3</b>	Quality of the presentation (quality of presented slides, their content, mastery of presentation material)	<b>10</b>
<b>Total:</b>		<b>100</b>

#### 4. EVALUATION POLICY

##### *The policy of the teacher regarding the student of education*

The subjects of the QT are offered to applicants at the beginning of the academic year. Applicants have the right to propose their topic with justification of the feasibility of its development. In such cases, preference is given to topics that are directly related to the place of the graduate's future professional activity.

##### *Academic Integrity Policy.*

Zero tolerance for plagiarism. Plagiarism is a gross violation of the principle of academic integrity and is unacceptable in the process of writing a qualification paper. All works are verified by StrikePlagiarism. The uniqueness of the works is at least 75%.

##### *Deadlines and Repassing Policy.*

In order to approve the topic of the QT and appoint a scientific supervisor, the applicant submits a written application to the dean of the faculty stating the topic no later than September 15 of the academic year. By September 25, the topics are approved at the department meeting and academic supervisors are appointed. Arbitrary change of the topic of the work by the applicant is not allowed.

After approval of the topic at the department, the applicant together with the academic supervisor develops an individual plan-schedule for the implementation of the QT with an indication of all stages and deadlines for its implementation, which is signed by the applicant, the academic supervisor and approved at a meeting of the relevant department. It is made in two copies, one of which is given to the recipient, the other is kept at the department. A change in the plan-schedule of the implementation of the graduation paper is possible only with the consent of the scientific supervisor.

Direct control over the implementation of the QT in accordance with the calendar plan is carried out by the scientific supervisor.

Information from academic supervisors about the progress of QT applicants is heard at department meetings twice during the academic year.

The department has the right not later than 20 days before the start of the state exams to recommend the suspension of the applicant from the performance of the work, if it will not be completed on time due to his disorganization or indiscipline, which must be fixed in the decision of the department. This is the basis for initiating a motion to deduct the applicant for non-fulfillment of the curriculum.

The volume of the QT should consist of 3 sections; the entire work is at least 50 pages.

Students undergo a preliminary defense of the QT at a meeting of the Department of International Communications and Political Analysis according to the established schedule, but no later than three weeks before the defense.

The preliminary defense may have the form of a speech and participation in scientific conferences of different levels (university, inter-university, all-Ukrainian, etc.).

For the preliminary defense, the applicant must submit a printed and checked text of the work by the academic supervisor.

The defense is held at a meeting of the department with the mandatory presence of the head of the department and the scientific supervisor and involves the following procedural stages:

- presentation of the author of the QT with messages about the main provisions of the work;



- detailed answers of the applicant to the oral and written questions of the members of the department regarding the content and essence of the work;
- speech of the scientific supervisor about the quality of the work, about the possibility of admitting the work to defense before the AC. The department makes a conclusion about the readiness of the work to be defended before the AC, sets the time for working on comments and the deadline for submitting the thesis, designed in accordance with the requirements, to the department.

The conclusion-excerpt from the meeting of the department is the basis for admitting the work to be defended before the AC.

Teachers of other departments or practitioners submit a review to the QT, which corresponds to the specifics of the EPP "International Information and Public Communications".

Repeated defense of the QT in order to increase the assessment is not allowed.

## 5. FINAL CONTROL

The defense is held at an open meeting of the AC. Anyone can attend the defense and participate in the discussion, without violating the order and procedure of the defense.

The protection procedure includes:

- the applicant's report on the content of the work;
- questions to the author;
- announcement of the feedback of the scientific supervisor and reviewer;
- the applicant's answers to the questions of AC members and persons present at the defense;
- closing speech of the acquirer;
- the commission's decision on work evaluation.

The decision of the AC on the evaluation of the QT is made at a closed meeting of the commission by an open vote by a majority of the members of the commission who participated in its meeting. In case of an equal number of votes, the vote of the Chairman of the AC is decisive.

In cases where the defense of the QT does not meet the requirements of the state certification level, the AC makes a decision that the student is uncertified, which is recorded in the minutes of the commission meeting. In this case, the AC establishes: can the applicant submit the same work with revisions for re-defense or must he work on a new topic determined by the relevant department of the educational institution. Repeated defense of the QT is allowed within three years after graduation from a higher educational institution, but not earlier than during the next state certification.

A student who received an unsatisfactory grade for the QT will be expelled from the higher education institution. He/she is issued an academic certificate of the established model.

## 6. GRADING SCALE

Scores	Linguistic Grade	ECTS Grading Scale	
		Grade	Definition
90-100	Excellent	A	outstanding performance
82-89	Very good	B	above the average standard
75-81	Good	C	generally sound work
67-74	Satisfactory	D	not bad
60-66	Sufficiently	E	performance meets the minimum criteria
1-59	Fail	Fx	needed to retake

## 7. RECOMMENDED LITERATURE AND INTERNET RESOURCES

### Educational and methodological publications

1. Кодекс академічної доброчесності Волинського національного університету імені Лесі Українки, 2020, <https://ra.vnu.edu.ua/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Kodeks-akademichnoyi-dobrochesnosti.pdf>
2. Положення про організацію освітнього процесу на першому (бакалаврському) та другому (магістерському) рівнях у Волинському національному університеті імені Лесі Українки, 2022, [https://ed.vnu.edu.ua/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/2022Polozhennya\\_pro\\_org\\_anizatsiyu\\_navch.\\_pr\\_otsesu\\_u\\_VNU\\_%D1%80%D0%B5%D0%B4.pdf](https://ed.vnu.edu.ua/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/2022Polozhennya_pro_org_anizatsiyu_navch._pr_otsesu_u_VNU_%D1%80%D0%B5%D0%B4.pdf)
3. ПОЛОЖЕННЯ про екзаменаційну комісію щодо атестації осіб, які здобувають перший (бакалаврський) та другий (магістерський) рівні освіти, 2022, <https://vnu.edu.ua/sites/default/files/2023-01/2022%20%D0%9F%D0%BE%D0%BB%D0%BE%D0%B6%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D1%8F%20%D0%BF%D1%80%D0%BE%20%D0%94%D0%95%D0%9A.pdf>
4. ПОЛОЖЕННЯ про випускні кваліфікаційні роботи (проекти), 2022, [https://ed.vnu.edu.ua/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/2022\\_%D0%9F%D0%9E%D0%9B%D0%9E%D0%96%D0%95%D0%9D%D0%9D%D0%AF\\_%D0%BF%D1%80%D0%BE\\_%D0%B2%D0%B8%D0%BF%D1%83%D1%81%D0%BA\\_%D1%80%D0%BE%D0%B1%D0%BE%D1%82%D0%B8-%D0%A0%D0%B5%D0%B4-1.pdf](https://ed.vnu.edu.ua/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/2022_%D0%9F%D0%9E%D0%9B%D0%9E%D0%96%D0%95%D0%9D%D0%9D%D0%AF_%D0%BF%D1%80%D0%BE_%D0%B2%D0%B8%D0%BF%D1%83%D1%81%D0%BA_%D1%80%D0%BE%D0%B1%D0%BE%D1%82%D0%B8-%D0%A0%D0%B5%D0%B4-1.pdf)
5. ПОЛОЖЕННЯ ПРО ПОРЯДОК І ПРОЦЕДУРИ ВИРІШЕННЯ КОНФЛІКТНИХ СИТУАЦІЙ У ВОЛИНСЬКОМУ НАЦІОНАЛЬНОМУ УНІВЕРСИТЕТІ ІМЕНІ ЛЕСІ УКРАЇНКИ, [https://vnu.edu.ua/sites/default/files/2021-02/Polozhennia\\_poriadok\\_vyrishennia\\_konfliktnykh\\_sytuatsii.pdf](https://vnu.edu.ua/sites/default/files/2021-02/Polozhennia_poriadok_vyrishennia_konfliktnykh_sytuatsii.pdf)
6. Положення про систему запобігання та виявлення академічного плагіату у науково-дослідній діяльності здобувачів вищої освіти і науково-педагогічних працівників ВНУ імені Лесі Українки, <https://ra.vnu.edu.ua/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Polozhennya-Antyplagiat.pdf>

### Main literature

1. Глосарій. Навчальний енциклопедичний словник-довідник із питань інформаційної безпеки. За заг. ред. д. політ. н., проф. Шуляк А. М. Київ: МПБП «Гордон», 2019.
2. Міжнародні відносини, суспільні комунікації та регіональні студії, <https://relint.vnu.edu.ua/index.php/relint>
3. Історико-політичні проблеми сучасного світу, <https://mhpi.chnu.edu.ua/index.php/issues>
4. Політичне життя, <https://jpl.donnu.edu.ua/index>