

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE OF UKRAINE
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SYLLABUS
of a normative academic component

UKRAINE FOREIGN POLICY AND NATIONAL INTERESTS

Bachelor training
**Specialty 291 «International Relations, Public Communications and
Regional Studies»**
**Education and Professional Programme «International Information and Public
Communications»**

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The syllabus of academic component «Ukraine Foreign Policy and National Interests», 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».

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I. THE DESCRIPTION OF ACADEMIC COMPONENT

Indicator Name	Field of knowledge, specialty, educational and professional programme, education level	Characteristics of academic component
Full-time form of education	029 «International Relations»	Normative
Number of hours / credits 120/4	291 «International Relations, Public Communication and Regional Studies»	Year of study – 3.
Individual Student's Work: no	«International Relations» bachelor	Semester – 6.
		Lectures – 30 hours
		Seminars – 38 hours
		Independent work – 44 hours
		Consultations – 8 hours
		Form of control: Examination
Language of study		English

II. INFORMATION ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR

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III. DESCRIPTION OF THE ACADEMIC COMPONENT

1. A Course abstract

«Ukraine Foreign Policy and National Interests» is an important and necessary AC, which students of the Faculty of International Relations in the 3d year of study. Ukraine occupies a favourable geopolitical position between the West and the East. However, a favourable geopolitical position does not automatically ensure benefits for a country. This should be done by the country's foreign policy. The basic requirement in implementing Ukraine's foreign policy is to provide the country's national interests as fully and efficiently as possible.

The national interests of Ukraine in the field of international relations comprise three main groups: - strategic and geopolitical interests related to ensuring Ukraine's national security and protecting its political independence; - economic interests related to the integration of Ukraine's economy into the global economy; - regional, subregional, local interests related to the provision of various specific needs of the internal development of Ukraine.

2. Goal and tasks of the academic component

The goal is: to research the leading conceptual approaches of the foreign policy of Ukraine, their characteristic features and foreign policy priorities during the history of formation since independence, with a detailed consideration of the specifics of the content and principles evolution after the end of the «Cold War»: in the 1990s – at the beginning of the 21st century. The AC is aimed at forming an idea about: the foreign policy course of the Ukrainian state and its role in international relations at the end of the 20th – the beginning of the 21st century; participation in integration processes; clarifying the peculiarities of Kyiv's foreign policy activity in the post-bipolar era, the main approaches to solving global problems, forming a new system of international relations, ensuring regional and international security; development of bilateral interstate relations; expanding participation in European regional cooperation; cooperation within integration associations; membership in the UN and other universal international organizations.

The task is to form in the students a holistic idea of the direction and content of the foreign policy of the Ukrainian state at various stages of its development.

3. Learning outcomes (Competencies)

General Competences

GC 3. Ability to learn and master modern knowledge.

GC 4. Knowledge and understanding of the subject area and understanding of the professional activity.

GC 5. Ability to work in an international context.

GC 7. Ability to apply knowledge in practical situations.

GC 8. Ability to abstract thinking, analysis and synthesis.

GC 10. Ability to communicate in the state language orally and writing.

GC 12. Ability to search, process and analyze information from various sources.

GC 13. The ability to be critical and self-critical.

Special (professional) competencies

SC 5. 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.

SC 7. The ability to analyze international integration processes in the world and on the European continent, and the place of Ukraine in them.

SC 8. Awareness of the national interests of Ukraine on the international arena.

SC 9. 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.

SC 11. 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.

SC 13. Ability to analyze the activities of international non-state actors and transnational relations.

Learning outcomes

LO 04. To know the principles, mechanisms and processes of ensuring 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.

LO 06. To know the nature and character of interactions of individual countries and regions at the global, regional and local levels.

LO 08. Collect, process and analyze significant volumes of information about the state of international relations, foreign policy of Ukraine and other states, regional systems, international communications.

LO 10. Communicate freely in national and foreign languages at a professional level necessary for professional discussion, preparation of analytical and research documents.

LO 11. 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 set goals, prepare informative and analytical reports.

LO 13. Conduct a professional discussion on issues of international relations, international communications, regional studies, foreign policy activities, argue one's position, respect opponents and their points of view.

LO 16. Understand and defend the national interests of Ukraine in international activities.

4. Structure of the academic component

Name of the content module and topic	Total	Lectures	Seminars	Independent student's work	Cons.	Form of control/ grades
Content Module 1.						
<i>Foreign Policy of Independent Ukraine</i>						
Topic 1. Origins and foundations of Ukraine's foreign policy.	6.5	2	2	2	0.5	DS /2
Topic 2. Principles, main directions and mechanisms of foreign policy formation of Ukraine. National interests of Ukraine.	9.5	2	4	3	0.5	DS /2
Topic 3. Foreign policy challenges. Security course of foreign policy of Ukraine.	9.5	2	4	3	0.5	DS, SGW /3
Topic 4. Ukraine in international economic cooperation.	6.5	2	2	2	0.5	DS /2
Topic 5. Actual problems of Ukraine's foreign policy	7	2	2	3		DS /2
Total for Module 1	39	10	14	13	2	11
Content Module 2.						
<i>Development of Bilateral Interstate Relations</i>						
Topic 6. Priorities of Ukraine's activities in the post-Soviet space.	6.5	2	2	2	0.5	DS /2
Topic 7. «Ukrainian question» in European politics.	10	2	4	3	1	DS, SGW /3
Topic 8. Development of Ukraine's relations with the countries of Asia and Africa.	8.5	2	2	4	0.5	DS /2

Topic 9. Formation and development of Ukraine's relations with the countries of North America.	8.5	2	2	4	0.5	DS, SGW/3
Topic 10. Strengthening Ukraine's relations with the countries of Latin America.	6.5	2	2	2	0.5	DS, SGW/3
Total for Module 2	40	10	12	15	3	13
Content Module 3. <i>Activities of Ukraine in International Organizations</i>						
Topic 11. Ukraine in international governmental organizations.	9.5	2	4	3	0.5	DS/2
Topic 12. Activity of Ukraine national interests protection in non-governmental associations.	7.5	2	2	3	0.5	DS, SGW/3
Topic 13. Ukraine within the framework of subregional and regional formations.	8.5	2	2	4	0.5	DS/2
Topic 14. Prospective vectors of joining the EU and NATO.	7.5	2	2	3	0.5	DS/2
Topic 15. Ukrainian initiatives and formats of cooperation.	8	2	2	3	1	DS/2 SGW/5
Total for Module 3	41	10	12	16	3	16
MODULE TEST PAPER						60
TOTAL	120	30	38	44	8	100

Control methods: DS – discussion, DB – debate, T – tests, TR – training, PM/CM – problems/cases management, IST/ISW – individual task/individual work of the student, SGW – work in small groups, MTP/TP – module test paper/test paper, Ab – abstract, analytical note, analytical essay, analysis of the work.

5. Tasks for independent work

Independent work includes the theoretical study of issues related to the topics of lecture classes that were not included in the theoretical course, or were considered very briefly, their in-depth study according to the recommended literature, as well as the completion of homework in order to consolidate the theoretical material, study the literature for preparation for seminar classes, preparation for the exam.

Elements of the independent student's work

Elements of the independent student's work	Number of hours
reading literature for classes	10
carrying out research	6
data analysis and interpretation	6
execution of assignments and doing homework	6
preparation of report / presentation	6
final exam	10
Total	44

IV. EVALUATION POLICY

The instructor's evaluation policy regarding the student.

Class attendance is a mandatory component of the grade for which points are awarded. For objective reasons (for example, illness, international internship, participation in scientific events, etc.), training can take place during this period in online form or according to an individual plan in agreement with the teacher.

In the conditions of martial law or quarantine restrictions, the educational process at the university can be carried out in a mixed form of education, namely: face-to-face in the classroom or distant in Microsoft Teams [https://teams.microsoft.com/l/team/19%3arGbvrZfQl5FfN_EK7t73NwLpn9ijgCEtL8wqyHdsj-81%40thread.tacv2/conversations?groupId=c12473cf-e24e-4d18-b3ee-00981965e534 &tenantId=79cf2153-dcef-4e36-ab8c-86480ab/](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/team/19%3arGbvrZfQl5FfN_EK7t73NwLpn9ijgCEtL8wqyHdsj-81%40thread.tacv2/conversations?groupId=c12473cf-e24e-4d18-b3ee-00981965e534&tenantId=79cf2153-dcef-4e36-ab8c-86480ab/).

Academic Integrity Policy.

Zero tolerance for write-offs. Plagiarism and copying during written assignments and exams (in particular, using mobile devices) are gross violations of the principle of academic integrity and are unacceptable in the course study process.

Deadlines and Retaking policy.

Works that are submitted late without good reason will be assigned a lower grade. Rearranging the topics of seminar classes or tests for current control takes place if there are good reasons (for example, sick leave).

Passing and retaking the exam from the course is regulated by the Regulation on current and final assessment of knowledge of students of higher education of Lesya Ukrainka Volyn National University (https://ed.vnu.edu.ua/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/2022_Polozhprootzin%D0%A0%D0%B5%D0%B4_%D1%80%D0%B5%D0%B4%D0%9C%D0%95%D0%94.pdf).

V. FINAL CONTROL

The form of final control is an exam, the passing of which is mandatory. It is conducted orally. The exam ticket includes 3 questions: one from each content module (each semester). On the exam, the student receives from 0 to 60 points. The total number of points for the course is 100. It is formed as the sum of the points for the current assessment (40 points) and the final assessment (60 points).

Exam questions:

1. Principles of foreign policy of Ukraine.
2. National interests of Ukraine.
3. Formation of Ukraine's foreign policy.
4. Distribution of foreign policy functions.
5. Territorial integrity and inviolability of borders.
6. Nuclear guarantees for Ukraine.
7. Material and cultural losses of Ukraine after the collapse of the USSR.
8. Protection of the rights of Ukrainian citizens abroad.
9. Formation of the international image of Ukraine.

10. Ukrainian-Russian hybrid war.
11. The countries of the post-Soviet space in the politics of Ukraine.
12. Development of relations with neighboring countries.
13. Development of relations with EU member states.
14. Leading European countries in the foreign policy of the Ukrainian state.
15. Ukrainian initiatives: GUAM.
16. Ukraine in international organizations.
17. The main directions of Ukraine's foreign policy.
18. Multi-vectorness, pragmatism in foreign policy activities.
19. International recognition of Ukraine.
20. Territorial problems in Ukrainian-Russian relations.
21. Nuclear-free status of Ukraine. Describe the problems.
22. The Chernobyl disaster and the world's reaction to it.
23. Strategic partners of Ukraine.
24. Peculiarities of cooperation between Ukraine and the Republic of Poland.
25. Territorial issues in Ukrainian-Romanian relations.
26. The status of a neighboring country in Ukraine's relations with the EU.
27. Consequences of the expansion of the European Union for Ukraine.
28. Government program «European choice of Ukraine».
29. Information security of Ukraine.
30. Reveal the essence of the OPM and Ukraine's participation in them.
31. Partnership for Peace.
32. Forms of Ukraine's cooperation with the EU.
33. Regional crises in the post-Soviet space: essence and ways of resolution.
34. The Transnistrian problem. Ukraine's participation in its settlement.
35. Ukraine's participation in the regional security system.
36. Universalism of the UN and Ukraine.
37. Preventive diplomacy: essence and application.
38. Ukraine and neighboring countries: contemporary problems.
39. Visa regime of Ukraine - EU.
40. Memorandum on Ukraine's cooperation with NATO.
41. Neighborhood program.
42. Strategic partnership of Ukraine with the USA.
43. Jackson-Venick amendment.
44. Activities of the IMF and WB in Ukraine.
45. Ukrainian-Canadian special partnership.
46. Ukrainian-Cuban relations in the humanitarian sphere.
47. Ukraine is a founding member of the UN.
48. Participation of the Ukrainian delegation in the preparation of the UN Charter.
49. Global threats to humanity.
50. Fight against terrorism. Position of Ukraine.
51. Ukraine's participation in the creation of the world security system.
52. Regional organizations in the CEE: Ukraine's participation in them.
53. Status of stay in Ukraine of the Russian Black Sea Fleet.
54. Political reform in Ukraine about the foreign policy principles of the state.
55. The Law of Ukraine «On Ukrainian Abroad».
56. Resolution of issues regarding the Crimean Tatar population in Crimea.
57. Day of the Ukrainian diplomat. Justify the regularity of this date.
58. The main components of the foreign policy department of Ukraine.
59. Foreign policy principles of the Ukrainian state according to the Constitution of Ukraine.
60. Law of Ukraine «On the Basics of National Security of Ukraine».
61. NATO requirements for reforming the Ukrainian army.

62. Military exercises within NATO.
63. Helsinki process. OSCE and its activities in Ukraine.
64. Membership of Ukraine in the Council of Europe.
65. The European Court of Human Rights and Ukraine.
66. The role of PACE in the formation of democratic Ukraine.
67. Problems of labor migration in Ukraine's relations with the world.
68. The concept of «gray zone» in the politics of Ukraine.
69. Diplomatic Corps of the Ukrainian State.
70. Ukrainian scientific and technical projects - in cooperation with the European Union.
71. Use of transit advantages by Ukraine.
72. Protection of the rights of citizens of Ukraine abroad.
73. Cross-border cooperation (Carpathian Euroregion, Bug Euroregion, etc.).
74. European choice of Ukraine - government program of state development.
75. Cooperation of Ukraine with UNESCO.
76. Partnership and cooperation with NATO.
77. The Lublin Triangle, the Crimean Platform and the Eastern Partnership – the role of Ukraine.
78. Ukraine in international economic cooperation.
79. Actual problems of Ukraine's foreign policy.
80. Ensuring the national interests of Ukraine.
81. Priorities of Ukraine's activities in the post-Soviet space.
82. «Ukrainian question» in European politics.
83. Development of Ukraine's relations with the countries of Asia and Africa.
84. Formation and development of Ukraine's relations with the countries of North America.
85. Strengthening Ukraine's relations with the countries of Latin America.
86. Activity of protection of national interests of Ukraine in non-governmental associations.
87. Ukraine within the framework of subregional and regional formations.
88. Ukrainian initiatives and formats of cooperation.

6. VI. 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

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