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WORKING PROGRAM OF THE DISCIPLINE

# "The methodology of writing a scientific project in the field"

Level of higher education: Second (master's) level

Field of knowledge: C Social sciences, journalism, information and international relations

Specialty: C3 International relations

(code and name of specialty)

Educational and professional program: International relations, public communications and

regional studies

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# 1. Description of the discipline "The methodology of writing a scientific project in the field"

|                      |  | Characteristics of the academic discipline |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Name of indicators   | Field of study, specialty, specialization, level of higher education | full-time<br>education                     | correspondence<br>form of<br>education |  |  |  |
|                      |  | Full-time education                        | External form of education             |  |  |  |
| Total number: ECTS-5 | Field of study   | Mandatory /                                | Selective course                       |  |  |  |
| hours - 150          | C Social sciences, journalism, information and international         | 1,   |  |  |  |  |
| content medules 2    | relations  | Year of studies:                           |  |  |  |  |
| content modules - 3  | Specialty C3 International relations                                 | 1st  | -and                                   |  |  |  |
|                      | C5 international relations   | Semester                                   |  |  |  |  |
|                      | Level of higher education:   | 1st  | -and                                   |  |  |  |
|                      | Second (master's)  | <u> </u>                                   |  |  |  |  |
|                      |  | 14   | hours                                  |  |  |  |
|                      |  | Practica                                   | <b>ıl,</b> seminar                     |  |  |  |
|                      |  | 36   | hours                                  |  |  |  |
|                      |  | Labo                                       | oratory                                |  |  |  |
|                      |  | hours                                      | hours                                  |  |  |  |
|                      |  |  | dent work                              |  |  |  |
|                      |  | 100 hours                                  | hours                                  |  |  |  |
|                      |  |  | ssessment:                             |  |  |  |

# 2. Purpose and objectives of the discipline

**The purpose of the discipline** is to consider the theoretical and methodological foundations of scientific research in the field of international relations.

The objectives of the discipline:consist in students learning: the necessary amount of knowledge in the field of scientific research, preparing them for independent performance of scientific work, familiarization with the methodology of preparing reports, reports, scientific articles, master's theses.

The process of studying the discipline is aimed at forming elements of the following **competencies**:

- 1. The ability to conduct research at the appropriate level (ZK1).
- 2. The ability to generate new ideas (creativity) (ZK5).
- 3. The ability to evaluate and ensure the quality of performed works (ZK9).
- 4. Ability to carry out applied analytical research on problems of international relations and world politics, public communications, regional studies, professionally prepares analytical materials and references (SK7).

**Expected learning outcomes.** As a result of studying the academic discipline, the student should

- Apply modern scientific approaches, methodologies and techniques for researching problems of international relations and foreign policy (RN3).
- Collect, process, and analyse information about the state of international relations, world politics and foreign policy of states (RN5).
- Develop and implement applied research projects of international relations, foreign and world politics (RN10).
- Formulate modelling tasks, create and research models of objects and processes of international relations, foreign policy, public communications and regional studies (RN12).

# 3. The content of the discipline

## **CONTENT MODULE I. Master thesis as scientific research**

# <u>Topic1.Methodicalinstructions to the master thesis</u>

Master thesisasqualifyingresearch. The purposeand features of scientific research. The process of scientific research, its characteristics and stages of implementation. Scientific problem. Experimental and final stage of the process of scientific research. Scientific language. Systematization of the results of scientific research in IR. The structure of the master thesis. Requirements for completing a master thesis in IR. Design of sources and literature (list of references).

# <u>Topic2</u>. Epistemologyresearch:empiricismandinterpretivism

Basic concepts: method, technique, tool, and action algorithm. Objective basis of methods applicability. Typology of methods. Forms and methods of empirical and theoretical knowledge. Methodology as philosophical discipline. General scientific methodological principles: requirements to theories, verifiability, maximum community, simplicity, prognosticop portunities. Methodological traditions and theories: empiricism, rationalism, conventionalism, pragmatism, critical rationalism, relativism, and historicism. Methodological support of interdisciplinary researches.

# Topic3.Researchquestionandresearch design

Empirical and interpretive research. The impact of the empirical-interpretive gaponthe choice of theoretical framework. Research

basedonquestions:definition.Disclosure"puzzles"inempiricalresearch.Dependentvariable(object)and independentvariablecausesdependentvariable.Explanatorycategories:"agent—structure" debate.Questioninempiricalresearch.Questionininterpretiveresearch.Processresearchanddevelopmen tstudies:the main stages.Designof empiricalresearch.Designof interpretiveresearch.

# <u>Topic4.Writingliterature review</u>

Review: definition. Dualobjectives of literature review. Stages of preparation. Writing literature review: basicstrategies. Research ethics. Plagiarism.

# **CONTENT MODULE II. Methodology of the scientific project**

### Topic 5. Qualitative methods in IR

Conceptandclassificationof informativesoftware ofscientificresearch.Roleandfunction ofscientificinformation.Definitionof systemindicators of collection. Search systems in Internet. Electronic resources: funds, libraries, books, magazines, collections of materials, etc. Work in libraries. Conducting analytical work inscientific researchprocess.Conceptualcontextof research.Methodologyof research as the basis of a scientific component(systemic)approach,abstractproject. Methods theoretical research: of logical, analysis and synthesis, deduction induction. Comparative-historical and (comparative, cross-cultural). Typological method. Structural-functional approach. The method of the complex approach.Descriptive method.Correlation analysis.Factor analysis. Applied research. Archival or documentary research. Primary and secondary sources. Interviews (structured, semi-structured and unstructured). The methodof focus groups.Internet research.Online archives. Social networks.

# Topic6.Quantitative and mixed methods in IR

Appliedanalyticalmethodsfor research of situations and processes in IR. Quantitative and qualitative discourse analysis and content analysis. Event analysis. Cognitive mapping. Role of experts' evaluation sinpolitical practice. Formal modeling. Formal methods and games theory in IR. Design of surveys and question naires. Statistical analysis (regression analysis, two-dimensional regressive analysis, multidimensional regression). Innovative methods: imitative models. A gency modeling. Triangulation of methods. Stylistic features of applied research in IR. Key definitions in

the case-study. Case-study design (five case selection strategies). Causalmechanisms and process-tracing.

# Topic 7.Discourse analysisinIR

Advantagesanddisadvantagesof discourse analysis.Usingdiscourse analysisinUkrainianpolitical science.Criticaldiscourse analysis.Methodology of CDA.

### **CONTENTMODULEIII.IR Theories.**

# $\underline{Topic 8. Classical Realism and Structural Realism vs Liberalism and Neoliberalism$

Thucydidesasfather of Realismin IR.ClassicalRealismaboutorderandstability.Classical Realism and changes. Classical Realism about the nature of theory. Considerationof problematicsituation(case study):analysisofcampaigninIraq. "Politics among Nations: The Struggle for Power and Peace" by Morgenthau. Why power? does the state want How manypowers areenough?"TheoryofInternationalPolitics"by KennethWaltz.Reasonsof the beginning of the warbythe great state. Case-study: May Chinadevelop peacefully? Liberalism and the four great peace"by world."Ways of warand MichaelDoyle."Epidemiology" international conflicts. Analysis of the world experience in one century. Are democracies generally Self-preservation system. Case-study:EuropeanUnion.Promotionof peaceful? orderinanarchy.Power,hegemony,andliberalism.Definitionof Neoliberalism.Historyof Neoliberalism occurrence.Barriersonthe way ofinternational cooperation. "Cooperationat Anarchy" by KennethOya.Studiesof international institutes by Neoliberalism.Case-study:WTO.

# <u>Topic9</u>. EnglishSchoolandConstructivism

Stages of development of the English School.International Community in EnglishSchool.Internationalcommunity:definition,properties,variations.Typesof internationalcommunity."On GlobalOrder.Power, Values, and the Constitution of International Society"by Andrew Harrell. International society: between the system and the world community. Case-study: human rights. Constructivism as a critique of traditional IR theories."Anarchy is WhatStatesMakeofIt"by AlexanderWendt.Currents of Constructivismandimplementation in research.Case-study: War withterror.

# Topic 10. Normative theory, feminism, poststructuralism, and postcolonialism

Normative theory of

 $international relations (international political theory). Communitarian is {\it m}, cosmopolitis {\it m}, de onto logy, and consequential is {\it m}. History and influences. Study$ 

ofhiddenethicalassumptions. «JustandUnjustWars: AMoralArgumentwithHistoricalIllustrations» byMichaelWalzer. Genderaspectininternationalrelations. "Nimo's War, Emma's War: Making Feminist Sense of the Iraq War" by CynthiaEnloe. Typology of Feminismin IR. Genderaspect, security and worldpolicy. Case-study: UNsanctions against Iraq. Interdisciplinary context of Poststructuralism. Reaction on Poststructuralism. Critical attitude to Poststructuralism. Understanding discourse. "The Poverty of Neorealism" by Richard C. Ashley. Discourses of world politics. Case-study: Images of humanitarian crises. International norms of conduct and ethics in works of Postcolonialists. Orientalism and identities. Power and legitimacy in the international order. Case-study: Crisis in Sueschannel. "Challenging Postcolonialism: To Alternative Worlds" by Kuz Venn.

4. Structure of the discipline

| Topics Hours   |            |    |       |    |          |     |        |          |            |      |      |     |
|--|------------|----|-------|----|----------|-----|--------|----------|------------|------|------|-----|
| Topics   | Full-time  |    |       |    |          | 1   | orresp | onde     | nco        | form |      |     |
|  |            |    |       |    |          |     |        |          |            |      |      |     |
|  | Total      | -  |       |    | uding    |     | Total  |          |            |      | ding | T - |
|  | _          |    | L     | P  | -        | I   | _      | I        |            | P    | -    | I   |
| 1  | 2          |    | 3     | 4  | 5        | 6   | 7      | 8        | 3          | 9    | 10   | 11  |
| Content module 1. Master's thesis as a scientific research |            |    |       |    |          |     |        |          |            |      |      |     |
| Topic 1. Methodical  | 10         | 2  |       | 2  |          | 6   |        |          |            |      |      |     |
| instructions   |            |    |       |    |          |     |        |          |            |      |      |     |
| Topic 2. Empiricism  | 12         | 2  |       | 2  |          | 8   |        |          |            |      |      |     |
| and interpretivism   | 1.0        | _  |       |    |          |     |        |          |            |      |      |     |
| Topic 3. Research  | 16         | 2  |       | 6  |          | 8   |        |          |            |      |      |     |
| question and design  | 10         | _  |       | 2  |          |     |        |          |            |      |      |     |
| Topic 4. Writing a   | 12         | 2  |       | 2  |          | 8   |        |          |            |      |      |     |
| literature review  | <b>7</b> 0 |    |       | 10 |          | 20  |        |          |            |      |      |     |
| Total in module 1  | 50         | 8  | 0.17  | 12 | 4 8 60   | 30  |        |          |            |      |      |     |
| Content module 2.M   |            |    | of th |    | ntific p |     | ;<br>I |          |            | 1    |      |     |
| Topic 5. Qualitative methods in IR                         | 16         | 2  |       | 4  |          | 10  |        |          |            |      |      |     |
| Topic 6.   | 16         | 2  | 2 4   |    |          | 10  |        |          |            |      |      |     |
| Quantitative and   |            |    |       |    |          |     |        |          |            |      |      |     |
| mixed methods  |            |    |       |    |          |     |        |          |            |      |      |     |
| Topic 7. Discourse   | 16         | 2  |       | 4  |          | 10  |        |          |            |      |      |     |
| analysis   |            |    |       |    |          |     |        |          |            |      |      |     |
| Total in module 2  | 48         | 6  |       | 12 |          | 30  |        |          |            |      |      |     |
| Content module 3.IR  | theories   | 5  |       | •  | <u>'</u> |     | •      | <u> </u> |            |      |      |     |
| Topic 8. Classical   | 14         | -  |       | 4  |          | 10  |        |          |            |      |      |     |
| realism and  |            |    |       |    |          |     |        |          |            |      |      |     |
| structural realism vs.                                     |            |    |       |    |          |     |        |          |            |      |      |     |
| liberalism and   |            |    |       |    |          |     |        |          |            |      |      |     |
| neoliberalism  |            |    |       |    |          |     |        |          |            |      |      |     |
| Topic 9. English   | 18         | -  |       | 4  |          | 14  |        |          | · <u> </u> |      |      |     |
| school and   |            |    |       |    |          |     |        |          |            |      |      |     |
| constructivism   |            |    |       |    |          |     |        |          |            |      |      |     |
| Topic 10. Normative  | 20         | -  |       | 4  |          | 16  |        |          |            |      |      |     |
| theory, feminism,  |            |    |       |    |          |     |        |          |            |      |      |     |
| post-structuralism   |            |    |       |    |          |     |        |          |            |      |      |     |
| and post-colonialism                                       |            |    |       |    |          |     |        |          |            |      |      |     |
| Total in module 3  | 52         | -  |       | 12 |          | 40  |        |          |            |      |      |     |
| Total hours  | 150        | 14 | 4     | 36 |          | 100 |        |          |            |      |      |     |

# **5.** Topics of seminar classes

According to the curriculum seminar classes are not provided.

6. Topics of practical classes

| 0. Topics of practical classes |   |       |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------|---|-------|--|--|--|--|
| N                              | Topic name  | Numbe |  |  |  |  |
| 0                              |   | r of  |  |  |  |  |
| s/p                            |   | hours |  |  |  |  |
| 1                              | Methodicalinstructions to the master's degreework | 2     |  |  |  |  |
|                                | Question for discussion.                          |       |  |  |  |  |
|                                | 1. Goalandfeaturesscientificresearch.             |       |  |  |  |  |

|   | 2. Scientificproblem.  |   |
|---|--|---|
|   | 3. The structure of the master's thesis.   |   |
|   | 4. Designsourcesandliterature(listreferences).   |   |
| 2 | Empiricism and interpretivism. Research question and design.  Question for discussion.  1. Question-based research: definition.  2. Dependent variable (object) and independent variable, which causes the dependent variable.  3. Explanatory categories: the agent-structure debate.  4. Questions in empirical and interpretive research.  5. Design of empirical and interpretive research.    | 2 |
| 3 | Researchquestionanddesignresearch  Question for discussion.  1.Empirical and interpretive research.  2.  Dependentvariable(object)andindependentvariable, what causes dependent variable.  3. Explanatory categories: debate "agent—structure".  4. Question in empirical research.  5. Question in interpretive research.   | 6 |
| 4 | Writingreviewliterature  Question for discussion.  1. Review: definition.  2. Writingreviewliterature: basicstrategies.  3. Plagiarism.  | 2 |
| 5 | Qualitative methods in IR.  Question for discussion.  1.Methods of theoretical research: component(systemic)approach,abstract-logical,analysisandsynthesis. Deduction.Induction.  2. Relatively historicalmethod(comparative,cross-cultural,comparative).  3. Factor analysis.  4. Archival or documentary research.  5. Primary and secondarysources.  6. Internet research.  7. Online archives. | 4 |
| 6 | Quantitative and mixed methods in IR  Question for discussion.  1. Quantitative and qualitative discourse analysis and content analysis. Role of experts' evaluation sin political practice.  2. Triangulation methods.  3. Key definitions in the case-study.  4. Case-study design (five case selection strategies).  5. Causalmechanisms and process-tracing.                                   | 4 |
| 7 | Discourse analysisinIR  Question for discussion.  1. Advantagesanddisadvantagesdiscourse analysis.   | 4 |

|    | <ol> <li>Usingdiscourse analysisinUkrainianpolitical science.</li> <li>Criticaldiscourse analysis.</li> <li>Methodology of CDA.</li> </ol>  |    |
|----|---|----|
| 8  | Classical realism and structural realism vs liberalism and neoliberalism. <i>Question for discussion.</i> 1. Classical realism. "Politics among Nations: The Struggle for Power and Peace" by H.J. Morgenthau. "Theory of International Politics" by K. Waltz.  2. Liberalism. "Ways of War and Peace" by M. Doyle.  3. Neoliberalism. "Cooperation under anarchy" by K. Oya.   | 4  |
| 9  | English school and constructivism.  Question for discussion.  1. English school. "On world order: power, values and the constitution of the international community" by E. Harrell.  2. Constructivism. "Anarchy is What States Make of It" by A. Wendt.  | 4  |
| 10 | Normative theory, feminism, poststructuralism and postcolonialism.  Question for discussion.  1. Normative theory. "Just and Unjust Wars: A Moral Argument with Historical Illustrations" by M. Walzer.  2. Feminism. "Nimo's War, Emma's War: Making Feminist Sense of the Iraq War" by S. Enloe.  3. Poststructuralism. "The Poverty of Neorealism" by R. Ashley.  4. Postcolonialism. "The Challenge of Postcolonialism: Towards Alternative Worlds" by K. Venn. | 4  |
|    | Total   | 36 |

**7.Topics of laboratory classes**According to the curriculum laboratory classes are not provided

8. Independent work

| No  | Title of the topic/types of tasks                            | Number of |
|-----|--|-----------|
| s/p |  | hours     |
| 1   | Topic 1. Methodical instructions                             | 6         |
|     | Questions for independent preparation                        |           |
|     | 1. Master's thesis as a qualification study.                 |           |
|     | 2. Basic requirements for the master's thesis.               |           |
|     | 3. Selection of literature and sources.                      |           |
|     | 4. Making a plan.  |           |
|     | 5. Characteristics of the main parts of the work.            |           |
|     | 6. Scientific apparatus of research.                         |           |
|     | 7. Technical design of scientific work: standards adopted in |           |
|     | Ukraine, their features and advantages                       |           |
| 2   | Topic 2. Empiricism and interpretivism                       | 8         |
|     | Questions for independent preparation                        |           |
|     | 1. Empirical research.                                       |           |
|     | 2. Interpretive research.                                    |           |
|     | 3. Question-based research.                                  |           |
|     | 4. Unraveling the "puzzle" in empirical research.            |           |

|   | 5 Department and independent association                             |     |
|---|--|-----|
|   | 5. Dependent and independent variable.                               |     |
| 2 | 6. Explanatory categories: the agent-structure debate.               | 0   |
| 3 | Topic 3. Research question and design                                | 8   |
|   | Questions for independent preparation                                |     |
|   | 1. Questions in empirical research.                                  |     |
|   | 2. Questions in interpretive research.                               |     |
|   | 3. Research process and research development: main stages.           |     |
|   | 4. Design of empirical studies.                                      |     |
|   | 5. Design of interpretive research.                                  |     |
| 4 | Topic 4. Writing a literature review                                 | 8   |
|   | Questions for independent preparation                                |     |
|   | 1. Literature review: goals and stages of preparation.               |     |
|   | 2. Writing a Literature Review: Basic Strategies.                    |     |
|   | 3. Research ethics.  |     |
|   | 4. Plagiarism.   | 1.0 |
| 5 | Topic 5. Qualitative methods in IR                                   | 10  |
|   | Questions for independent preparation                                |     |
|   | 1. Archival or documentary research.                                 |     |
|   | 2. Primary and secondary sources.                                    |     |
|   | 3. Interview.  |     |
|   | 4. The method of focus groups.                                       |     |
|   | 5. Internet research.  |     |
|   | 6. Online archives.  |     |
|   | 7. Social networks.  | 1.0 |
| 6 | Topic 6. Quantitative and mixed methods                              | 10  |
|   | Questions for independent preparation                                |     |
|   | 1. Quantitative and qualitative discourse analysis.                  |     |
|   | 2. Quantitative and qualitative content analysis.                    |     |
|   | 3. Causal mechanisms and process-tracing.                            |     |
|   | 4. Formal methods and games theory in IR.                            |     |
|   | 5. Statistical analysis.   |     |
|   | 6. Simulation models.  |     |
|   | 7. Agent modelling.  |     |
|   | 8. Case study as a special method outside the dichotomy              |     |
|   | "quantitative - qualitative methods".                                |     |
|   | 9. Five case selection strategies.                                   | 10  |
| 7 | Topic 7. Discourse analysis  | 10  |
|   | Questions for independent preparation                                |     |
|   | 1. Critical discourse analysis.                                      |     |
|   | 2. The use of discourse analysis in Ukrainian political science.     |     |
| 0 | 3. Triangulation of methods.   | 10  |
| 8 | Topic 8. Classical realism and structural realism vs. liberalism and | 10  |
|   | neoliberalism  |     |
|   | Questions for independent preparation                                |     |
|   | Classic realism about order and stability.                           |     |
|   | 2. Structural realism.   |     |
|   | 3. Liberalism and four great changes in the world.                   |     |
|   | 4. Neoliberalism about barriers to international cooperation.        | 1.4 |
| 9 | Topic 9. English school and constructivism                           | 14  |
|   | Questions for independent preparation                                |     |
|   | 1. Stages of development of the English school.                      |     |
|   | 2. International community: definition, properties, variations,      |     |

|       | types.   |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|-------|--|-----|--|--|--|--|--|
|       | 3. Constructivism as a critique of traditional theories of IR.   |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|       | 4. Currents of constructivism and their research.  |     |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10    | Topic 10. Normative theory, feminism, poststructuralism and  | 16  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10    | postcolonialism  | 10  |  |  |  |  |  |
|       | Questions for independent preparation  |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|       |  |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|       | 1. Normative theory of international relations (international  |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|       | political theory).   |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|       | 2. Communitarianism, cosmopolitanism, deontology,  |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|       | consequentialism.  |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|       | 3. Gender aspect in international relations.   |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|       | 4. Typology of theories of feminism in international relations.  |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|       | 5. The interdisciplinary context of poststructuralism.   |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|       | 6. International norms of behaviour and ethics in the writings of  |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|       | postcolonialists.  |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|       | One essay from the above list is chosen by the student at the beginning of the   |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|       | semester and sent to the instructor one month before the end of the course.  The length of the essay: 15 pages.  |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|       | Characteristics of the content: according to the content of the educational discipline.  |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|       | Requirements for performance and evaluation: the main purpose of the work is an in-  |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|       | depth study of importanttheoreticalorapplied questions of the discipline by  |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|       | preparing an essay (research). The development of such skills is   |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|       | important:independentlyformulateproblem, determine the goal, main tasks, object  |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|       | and subject of research; search and select various information; process and analyze  |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|       | information;logicallyandsuccessively present analysis results,doargumentativeconclusions; Properly represent scholarly and   |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|       | referencematerial; publicly present performed work. The paper must be written by the   |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|       | student at the appropriate level corresponding to the modernstate in development of the  |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|       | complexsciences, which study international relations. The topic of the work should be  |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|       | introduced in the context of modern scientific concepts, the main scientific terms   |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|       | should be used reasonably and appropriately. It is very important to highlight   |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|       | scientifically objective positions, to use real examples and reliable statistical  |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|       | information to illustrate and confirm theoretical positions. The opinions of domestic  |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|       | and foreign authors, their general theoretical and methodological approaches must be   |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|       | analyzed and systematized. The minimum amount of sources used is 15; at the same timematerials from theinternet sourcescan not make more than a third of the numbers |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|       | in the list of sources; most sources should consist of published documents, articles   |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|       | and monographs. Fordesign of footnotes intextsandfinal"List of references"ARA style  |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|       | is used.   |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|       | Total  | 100 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10.00 | independent words the applicant can take professional coveres/training   |     |  |  |  |  |  |

As an independent work, the applicant can take professional courses/trainings, professional internships, online courses, civic education, receive a corresponding certificate on educational platforms, which can be counted as periodic, current and a fragment of the final control. The following courses are offered for consideration, which can be recognized as periodic, current control and/or bonus points (at the applicant's request):

| Title of the educational platform,<br>name of the online course, short<br>description, link <sup>1</sup> | Competencies and educational results that are being formed | Hours |
|--|--|-------|
| Prometheus,  | IC, RN3, RN5, RN10, RN12                                   | 100   |
| Data Analytics Basics (Data analytics is   |  |       |
| the ability to work with numbers to use  |  |       |

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The applicant can independently choose resources that will correspond to the academic discipline. To be enrolled as a periodic, current or fragment of the final control, the applicant must submit a document confirming non-formal education, a program, and a description of the competencies and learning outcomes formed during non-formal education. The teacher reserves the right to verify the formation of the listed competencies and learning outcomes.

powerful tools to transform cumbersome reports into convenient and visual ones. With SQL and Power BI, you can effectively process and visualize large amounts of information to make informed decisions. SQL and Power BI skills will help you: Work with databases and get the information you need; Create visual reports and dashboards for data analysis; Automate reporting and make decisions based on numbers; Increase efficiency and reduce time spent on data analysis).

https://prometheus.org.ua/prometheus-plus/data-analytics-basics/

# 9. Teaching methods

*Verbal:* lectures (problems-focused, lectures with analysis of specific situations, etc.), explanation, discussion, discussion of problem situations.

Face-to-face: including multimedia presentations, demonstration, method of direct observation, presentation of the results of own research.

*Practical:* role-playing games; performance of individual tasks (preparation and public presenting of essays).

# 10. Forms and types of assessment

*Methods of continuous assessment:* oral survey, evaluation of the performance of individual tasks (essays), presentation of the results of individual tasks.

Final assessment: Exam (in oral form).

# GENERAL CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS

Evaluation on a national scale

Theoretical training

Practical training

Seeker of education Excellent

absorbs the educational material, freely, independently and presents it during oral presentations and written answers; deeply and comprehensively reveals the content of theoretical issues, while using normative, mandatory and additional literature: draws independent conclusions, reveals cause-and-effect relationships; independently finds additional information and uses it to implement the tasks set before him. The acquirer of education is able to distinguish the essential features of the studied subject by means of synthesis and analysis, identify cause-and-effect relationships, form conclusions and generalizations, freely operate with facts and information.

deeply and comprehensively assesses the essence of practical/calculation while using normative, tasks, mandatory and additional literature; can reasonedly choose a rational way of performing the task and evaluate the results of his own practical activity; performs creative tasks and initiates, new ways of their implementation; freely uses acquired knowledge theoretical when analyzing practical material; shows a creative approach to the performance of individual and collective tasks while working independently.

Good

has a sufficiently complete command of the educational material, presents reasonably during presentations and written answers, while using normative and mandatory literature; when presenting some issues displays not enough of depth and argumentation, applies knowledge to solve standard situations; independently analyzes, summarizes and systematizes educational information, but certain insignificant inaccuracies and minor errors are detected.

correctly solved most of the calculation / test tasks according to the sample; has stable task performance skills.

Satisfactorily

Has command of the educational material at the basic level or reproduces a certain part of the educational material with elements of logical connections, knows the basic concepts of the educational material; has difficulties in dealing with the essential features of the studied material, during the identification of cause-and-effect relationships and the formulation of conclusions.

can use knowledge in standard situations, has elementary, spotty skills in performing tasks. Solved half of the calculation/test tasks correctly. The acquirer of knowledge has complications in dealing with the essential features of the learned material; struggles when identifying causal relationships and formulating conclusions.

Unsatisfactory with the possibility of retaking exam

possesses educational material superficially and fragmentarily (without ability of argumentation and justification); unsystematically singles out random features of the subject; does not know how to perform the simplest operations of analysis and synthesis; makes generalizations, conclusions; significant mistakes are made during the answer.

does not sufficiently solves practical tasks, while allowing significant inaccuracies, correctly solves individual calculation/test tasks with the help of a instructor, lacks formed skills and abilities.

Unsatisfactory with mandatory repeated study of the discipline

does not display knowledge of the educational material.

performs only elements of the task, needs constant help from the instructor.

# 11. The final assessment questions

- 1. The subject and essence of science as a sphere of human activity.
- 2. Functions and significance of science.
- 3. Concept of scientific direction and scientific school.
- 4. Organization of science and scientific research in Ukraine.
- 5. Basics of the scientific research.
- 6. Types of future activities of internationals.
- 7. The concept of scientific research work of students in the preparation of masters in international relations.
- 8. The purpose and tasks of the research work of masters in international relations.
- 9. The main forms of implementation of the results of students' scientific research (scientific article, scientific report (speech thesis, report, abstract)).
- 10. Master's thesis as a qualification study.
- 11. Empirical research.
- 12. Interpretive research.
- 13. Question-based research.
- 14. Unraveling the "puzzle" in empirical research.

- 15. Dependent and independent variables.
- 16. Explanatory categories: the agent-structure debate.
- 17. Questions in empirical research.
- 18. Questions in interpretive research.
- 19. Research process and research development: main stages.
- 20. Design of empirical studies.
- 21. Design of interpretive research.
- 22. Literature review: goals and stages of preparation.
- 23. Writing a Literature Review: Basic Strategies.
- 24. Research ethics.
- 25. Plagiarism.
- 26. Archival or documentary research.
- 27. Primary and secondary sources.
- 28. Interview.
- 29. The method of focus groups.
- 30. Internet research.
- 31. Online archives.
- 32. Social networks.
- 33. Quantitative and qualitative discourse analysis.
- 34. Quantitative and qualitative content analysis.
- 35. Case-studies.
- 36. Five case selection strategies.
- 37. Causal mechanisms and process-tracing.
- 38. Formal methods and games theory in IR.
- 39. Statistical analysis.
- 40. Simulation models.
- 41. Agent modelling.
- 42. Critical discourse analysis.
- 43. The use of discourse analysis in Ukrainian political science.
- 44. Triangulation of methods.
- 45. Classic realism about order and stability.
- 46. Liberalism and four great changes in the world.
- 47. Neoliberalism about barriers to international cooperation.
- 48. Stages of development of the English school. International community: definition, properties, variations, types.
- 49. Constructivism as a critique of traditional theories of IR.
- 50. Currents of constructivism and their research.
- 51. Normative theory of international relations (international political theory).
- 52. Communitarianism, cosmopolitanism, deontology, consequentialism.
- 53. Gender aspect in international relations.
- 54. Typology of theories of feminism in international relations.
- 55. The interdisciplinary context of poststructuralism.
- 56. International norms of behaviour and ethics in the writings of postcolonialists.

# 12. Distribution of points received by students

|   | Final assess ment (exam                              | Sum<br>of<br>poin<br>ts |        |                                   |        |   |    |     |
|---|--|-------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|--------|---|----|-----|
| Content<br>module 1<br>(current control at<br>lectures and practical) | Content modu<br>(current contro<br>lectures and prac | ol at<br>ctical)        | (curre | ent mod<br>ent contr<br>oractical | rol on | Individu al independ ent task²/ Professio nal course, training, professio nal internshi p, online course, civic educatio n (3 ECTS, 90 hours) |    |     |
| T 1 T T T 4   | T 5 T 6  | T 7                     | T 8    | T 9                               | T 10   |   |    |     |
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# **Evaluation scale: national and ECTS**

| The sum of points for all types of |              | Evaluation on a r                            | national scale                            |  |  |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--|---|--|--|
| educational activities             | RatingECTS   | for an exam, course project (work), practice | Credit is given on a pass-<br>fail system |  |  |
| 90 - 100                           | A            | excellent                                    |   |  |  |
| 85-89                              | В            | nood   |   |  |  |
| 75-84                              | C            | good   | Passed                                    |  |  |
| 70-74                              | D            | satisfactorily                               |   |  |  |
| 60-69                              | ${f E}$      | satisfactorify                               |   |  |  |
| 35-59                              | FX           | unsatisfactory with the                      | Failed with the                           |  |  |
| 33-39                              | ra           | possibility of retaking exam                 | possibility of retaking                   |  |  |
|                                    |              | unsatisfactory with                          | not enrolled with                         |  |  |
| 0-34                               | $\mathbf{F}$ | mandatory repeated study of                  | mandatory repeated                        |  |  |
|                                    |              | the discipline                               | study of the discipline                   |  |  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The applicant chooses to complete an individual independent task **or** take a professional course/training, professional internship, online course, or civic education.

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#### **Basic**

- 1. Lamont K. Research Methods in International relations. Groningen Univ. Press, 2014.181 p.
- 2. International Relations Theories. Discipline and Diversity / Eds. Dunne T., Kurki M., Smith S. Oxford Univ. Press, 2019.393 p.
- 3. Olson L. How to Get Your Writing Published in Scholarly Journals. Academia, 2014.98 p.
  - 4. Yin R. K. Case Study Research. Design and Methods. LA: SAGE, 2014. 403 p.

#### Additional

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- 9. King G., Keohane R. O., Verba S. Designing Social Inquiry. Princeton Univ. Press, 1994. P. 7-9, 12-18.
- 10. Laclau E., Mouffe Ch. Hegemony and Socialist Strategy. Towards a Radical Democratic Politics. London: Verso, 2000.
- 11. Mandelbaum M. The ideas that conquered the world: Peace, democracy, and free markets in the XXI century. N.Y.: Public Affairs, 2002.
- 12.Sambanis N. Using Case Studies to Expand Economic Models of Civil War. *Perspectives on Politics*, 2004.№ 2(2). P. 259-279.
- 13. Walt S. Taming American power. The global response to U.S. primacy. N.Y.: W.W. Norton & Company, 2005.

# 15. Electronic resources

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- 2. Спільна декларація міністрів освіти Європи «Європейський простір у сфері вищої освіти», Болонья, 19 червня 1999 року. *Верховна Рада України*.URL: <a href="https://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/994\_525#Text">https://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/994\_525#Text</a>
- 3. <u>Free Textbooks from E-International Relations.</u> *E-International Relations*.URL: https://www.e-ir.info/students/
- 4. Open access scholarly books. *E-International Relations*.URL: https://www.e-ir.info/publications/