

## DESCRIPTION OF DEGREE PROGRAMME (admission year: 2020-2021)

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Title of the degree programme	National Code
International Politics and Economics Master`s Degree Programme, Full-time study	6211JX075

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Official name of the awarding institution(s)	Language of instruction
Mykolas Romeris University	English, Lithuanian

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Kind of study	Cycle of studies	Level of qualification
University studies	II cycle	VII level

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Mode of study and length of programme in years	Length of the degree programme in ECTS credits	Student's workload	Contact work hours	Independent work hours
Full-time study 1,5 years	90	2430	515	1915

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Group of Study Fields	Field of the programme
Social Sciences	Political Sciences

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Degree and/or qualification awarded
Master of Social Sciences

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Programme Director	Contact information
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Accreditation organization	Period of reference
Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education	2023.01.31

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Purpose of the programme
To prepare international politics and international economics specialists capable of competent research, analysis, critical assessment and forecast of political and economic processes in Asia, independent investigation, preparation of recommendations and simulation of possible consequences of their decisions on issues related to international relations and international economy on the national, regional, and global levels and manifesting competitiveness in pursuit of career in the private sector working with Asian countries or national and international institutions related to the spheres of international policy and international economy.

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<b>Profile of the programme</b>		
<b>Study content: discipline(s)/subject area(s)</b>	<b>Orientation of the programme</b>	<b>Distinctive features</b>
<p>The interdisciplinary study programme consists of compulsory subjects (46%), optional subjects (24%) and Master thesis (30%). Including politics and economics related subjects – Contemporary theories of international politics and economics; International Political Economy; Security studies; Political and national conflict studies; Comparative international politics; Comparative economics and globalization; Political and economic systems of Asian countries; Economic, political, and defensive integration of Europe and Asia; Lithuanian politics of foreign and international economy; Entrepreneurship and self-employment; legal related subject – International law and international institutions; history related subjects – Russian and CIS studies; Far Eastern studies; Near Eastern studies; sociology related subjects – Seminar of Master Thesis; foreign language related subjects – Studies of chosen language and country: Japanese, Chinese, Russian or Turkish.</p>	<p>The interdisciplinary study programme consists of theoretical (35%) and applied-analytical (65%) subjects. Therefore the programme is applied activities and scientific research oriented, i.e. the graduates should be able to competently and critically assess the situations in Asian regions and make prognosis or simulate possible consequences of political and economic decisions making in Asia, Europe and Lithuania as well as draft proposals and recommendations on the issues of international relations and international economics.</p>	<p>This is the first study programme in Lithuania integrating the dimensions of international politics and international economics. Hence the subjects attributable to the compulsory course will be lectured by specialists representing both political and economic sciences. This is an interdisciplinary programme comprising several scientific spheres and requiring for the development of competences in several directions, i.e. the leading direction of political sciences is combined with studies of economics, law, history, sociology and foreign languages. Students will be entitled to choose one of the following foreign languages: Japanese, Chinese, Russian or Turkish. Language knowledge will ensure competitiveness of the graduates in both national and international labour market.</p>
<b>Qualification requirements and regulations</b>		
<p>According to the Description of the Lithuanian Qualifications Framework, level VII qualifications are acquired through graduate university (II cycle) studies.</p> <p>The qualification provides for complex activities consisting of different interrelated tasks which may cover several related areas of professional activities. That is the reason why the performance requires expert evaluation of the most recent knowledge in the close and more distanced areas of activities; discovery of new facts in applied research of the professional activity area, creative theoretical knowledge and application of the results of scientific research.</p> <p>The activities are performed independently, by way of setting prerogatives of an activity area, making independent decisions, which are oriented towards improvement and perfection of the activities. The activities imply managing the activities of other employees, thus qualifications of this level include abilities to independently carry out applied research, to provide consultations in an area of activities, to coordinate projects related to the upgrading of other individuals' qualifications and implementation of innovations, to analyse and present activity results.</p> <p>As the technological, management and organizational progress is witnessed in all areas of activities, the activities and their environment are subject to constant change, the changes are difficult to anticipate, the activities consist of volatile combinations of tasks. The activity change requires the ability to make innovative decisions based on research results, to assess alternative solutions and possible social and ethic consequences of the activities.</p>		

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Admission requirements	Specific arrangements for recognition of prior learning	Specific requirements for graduation
Applicants should possess a bachelor degree and meet the requirements for university entrance. Students lacking the basics of political studies should attend three additional courses (Introduction to Political Science, Modern Political Theories and Microeconomics and Macroeconomics) and pass them during the first semester.	Prior learning (formal and informal) is recognized in cases when the content and the amount of credits of the subject programme concur.	To collect 90 ECTS credits and prepare and defend master's thesis.

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Access to further studies
Access to the third cycle studies

13.

Occupational profiles of graduates with examples
Graduates who acquire Master's Degree in political science after accomplishing the study programme will be able to seek employment as civil servants, analysts, experts at municipalities, ministries, government, parliament, business enterprises, teaching, scientific and other institutions of the public sector, institutions of EU and non-EU countries, international political and economic organizations as well as become entrepreneurs establishing and developing international business.

14.

Teaching and learning methods	Assessment methods
The teaching and learning process is organized in lectures, seminars, and independent studies (research work, individual assignments, project activities, essay writing, presentations and e-learning in Moodle environment). Innovative teaching / learning methods are applied in the course of the study process: research methods (search for information sources, analysis, comparison, qualitative and quantitative research); problem-oriented teaching/learning methods; method of critical thinking; learning through interaction, individual and group oriented independent study (based on tasks), discussions; deliberation; debates (based on knowledge and insight); case studies; Delphi method; decision-tree (developing problem solving skills); simulation (assumption-based, comparative, and graphic); project method; individual tutorials.	Students' achievements are assessed using the 10-point grading scale on the basis of the criteria, methods, and procedures presented in Mykolas Romeris University Study Rules and Regulations. The programme of studies is concluded with the procedure of public defence of the final Master thesis. Assessment methods: questioning (frontal and individual); individual / group presentations; colloquium; project activities; written papers; submission of papers / reports / models / ex-ante and ex-post analyses / projects in written form and their oral presentation; learning achievements' portfolio; real-life situation simulation test; oral or written examination (integrated test for control of theoretical and practical knowledge).

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Generic competences		Programme learning outcomes	
1.	1. Ability to learn and improve with regard to the processes of globalization	1.1	1.1. Is able to analyse, research, and critically assess political and economic phenomena on the global, regional, and local basis
		1.2	1.2. Is able to simulate possible consequences of decision making on issues related to international relations and international economics on the national, regional, and global levels

<b>2.</b>	2. Ability to analyze and construct theoretical models, conduct scientific research, draft solution plans and frame recommendations	<b>2.1</b>	2.1. Is able to analyse and shape theoretical models, conduct scientific research, draft solution plans and frame recommendations on the issues of international politics and economics revealing the economic means that world superpowers employ in their pursuit of political objectives and vice versa
		<b>2.2</b>	2.2. Is able to justify and shape theoretical models as well as appropriately select theories, conceptions and scientifically justified analysis paradigms applied in the inquiry into peculiarities of Asian sub/regions
<b>3.</b>	3. Ability to communicate individually and within target groups	<b>3.1</b>	3.1. Is able to communicate the issues of international politics and economics individually and within target groups employing various means of oral and written communication in native and foreign languages
		<b>3.2</b>	3.2. Is able to present ideas to the wide audience as well as work individually and within target groups in volatile situations creatively
<b>4.</b>	4. Ability to work in a multicultural environment	<b>4.1</b>	4.1. Is familiar with and able to critically assess possibilities of political, economic, social and cultural relations between subjects representing different civilizations and to be open to the cultural diversity
		<b>4.2</b>	4.2. Is familiar with historic and cultural knowledge of Asian regions and is able to implement them in practice, i.e. working in multicultural environment, communicating and co-operating with representatives of the Asian countries
<b>Subject specific competences</b>		<b>Programme learning outcomes</b>	
<b>5.</b>	5. Ability to conduct research of applied and scientific character in the analysis of political and economic processes in Asian regions and countries on the basis of contemporary theories of international politics and economics and other conceptions, research, and practice	<b>5.1</b>	5.1. Is able to conduct applied and scientific investigation analysing political and economic systems of Asian countries on the basis of contemporary political and economic theories and research
		<b>5.2</b>	5.2. Is able to justify and construct theoretical models as well as appropriately select theories, conceptions, and scientifically justified analysis paradigms researching the particularities of the Asian countries

<b>6.</b>	6. Ability to forecast the development of politics in Asian countries and draft recommendations on the issues of international relations and international economics	<b>6.1</b>	6.1. Is familiar with the structure of global economy and market, their dynamics, key international institutions and international legislation providing for the resolutions of international political and economic conflicts and able to make prognosis on the consequences of decision making of Asian and European countries (Lithuania)
		<b>6.2</b>	6.2. Is able to provide recommendations and proposals on the issues of international politics and economics based on the analysis of political, social, economic and cultural processes in Asian countries
<b>7.</b>	7. Ability to have influence shaping the politics of foreign and international economy on the national, European and global levels	<b>7.1</b>	7.1. On the basis of research and practice is able to influence shaping the politics of foreign and international economy on the national and European levels by proposing rational inquiries and inspections tackling economic and political problems in Asia, Europe, and Lithuania
		<b>7.2</b>	7.2. Is able to debate constructively and critically assess trends of political and economic integration in Asia and Europe and their impact on Lithuania making use of various communicative means
<b>8.</b>	8. Ability to become entrepreneurial and innovative in establishing various contacts with subjects of Asian business and politics	<b>8.1</b>	8.1. Is able to provide consultations, pursue expert activity related to the issues of international relations and international economics and make contacts with subjects of Asian business and politics of Asian countries
		<b>8.2</b>	8.2. Is able to frame projects based on EU and Lithuanian strategic documents related to Asian countries

**16. COURSE STRUCTURE DIAGRAM WITH CREDITS**

Code	Course units	ECTS credits	Student's workload	Contact work hours	Independent work hours	Programme competences													
						Generic competences						Subject specific competences							
						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8						
						Key learning outcomes													
						1.1	1.2	2.1	2.2	3.1	3.2	4.1	4.2	5.1	5.2	6.1	6.2	7.1	7.2
<b>1st YEAR</b>		<b>60</b>	<b>1620</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>1205</b>														
<b>1 SEMESTER</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>576</b>														
<b>Compulsory courses</b>		<b>24</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>448</b>														
	International Law and International Institutions	6	162	50	112		x							x		x	x		
	International Political Economy	6	162	50	112	x		x						x			x		
	International Relations and Geopolitics	6	162	50	112				x		x		x				x		
	Research Methodology	6	162	50	112	x		x					x	x					
<b>Optional courses</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>128</b>														
	Asian Community: Cultural, Political and Economic Aspects	6	162	34	128					x		x	x						
	Great powers and global Order	6	162	34	128				x	x				x	x				
	Security Studies	6	162	34	128				x					x	x		x		
<b>2 SEMESTER</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>629</b>														
<b>Compulsory courses</b>		<b>24</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>498</b>														
	Economic, Political, and Defensive Integration of Europe and Asia	6	162	50	112	x	x									x		x	
	Master Thesis	6	162	0	162	x		x					x						

	Political and Economic Systems of Asian Countries	6	162	50	112										x		x	x			x	
	Russian and CIS Studies	6	162	50	112						x	x						x	x			
<b>Optional courses</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>131</b>																	
	Critical Political Theory	6	162	34	128										x		x				x	
	Far Eastern Studies	6	162	34	128						x	x						x	x			
	International Political and Economic Crises	6	162	34	128			x							x		x	x				
	International Practice	6	162	18	144												x	x	x	x		
	Political and National Conflict Studies	6	162	34	128		x										x		x	x		
<b>2nd YEAR</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>710</b>																	
<b>3 SEMESTER</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>710</b>																	
<b>Compulsory courses</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>710</b>																	
	Discussion Seminars: Political and Economic Challenges of international Relations	6	162	50	112							x					x				x	x
	Lithuanian Foreign Policy and Economic	6	162	50	112												x	x	x			x
	Master Thesis	18	486	0	486					x								x			x	x