

# MA in International Relations

## Build a Career in the World of Diplomacy

The curriculum for the MA in International Relations offers a comprehensive overview of the changing realities and tensions of a globalizing world.

We provide our students with the methodological tools to examine and analyze international conflicts, international legal institutions and the international economy, and to conduct area studies on all continents.

Study trips to the nearby international legal institutions of The Hague are a regular part of our courses. Students are encouraged to gain practical experience in situations such as participating in the Model United Nations or completing an internship at an organization engaged in International Relations work.

Students will be impressed by the credentials of their professors, all of whom are active, working professionals in the field of international law, human rights, politics, and other professions within the broad area of International Relations.

Students can also choose to specialize in the growing impact of NGOs on international politics while gaining practical grounding in the management and funding of NGOs.



## SAMPLE PROGRAM\*

	Term I	Term II	Term III	Term IV	Term V
Year 1	Introduction to International Relations	Research Methods and Perspectives	War and Diplomacy	Politics of Development	International Political Economy
Year 2	International Organizations	International Law	Area Studies: Africa	Comparative Foreign Policy	Elective
Year 3	Elective/Internship	Integrated studies/ Thesis			

\* *Most students take one evening class per week and complete the program in 28 months. However, there are many other ways to complete your program.*

*Our admissions office can explore additional possibilities with you.*

## Program Learning Outcomes

After completing the program, students will have gained an advanced Master's level understanding of:

- The contending levels of international interaction, domestic, regional and global
- The sources of war and strategies for their resolution
- The economic inequities of the global economy and its impact on poorer states
- The dangers of the declining availability of energy and the challenge of confronting global warming
- The relationship of the military-industrial arms complex to global conflicts
- The role of ethnic, religious and cultural differences in undermining domestic and international cooperation

## Internships

The program has a strong practical component, and internships are highly recommended. Our proximity to The Hague makes internships with many international organization possible. Past internships have included:

- Amnesty International - ICTY
- Anne Frank Foundation - OPCW
- European Patent Office - ICC

## Career Prospects

A degree in International Relations is an excellent foundation for people interested in working in some aspect of the broad global tapestry. While it emphasizes the political and the diplomatic, and the causes of war and roads to peace, any international endeavor will require some understanding of these matters. Your MA will prepare you for a variety of careers, such as:

- Researcher
- Policy advisor
- Diplomat
- Project Manager in the diplomatic field

Armed with your MA, you will be able to meet challenges in exciting areas such as:

- Researcher in a Strategic Studies Institute
- Working for, or starting, an NGO (De-mining NGO, refugee care, disaster management)
- International legal institutions (ICTY, ICC)
- Foreign Affairs Ministry
- Think tanks (Clingendael, Chatham House)

*"The mix of different and excellent students drawn to this program has facilitated exciting and innovative opportunities beyond the classroom, e.g. research to assist communities stricken by landmines in Sri Lanka; or seeking funding and supplying Dutch manufactured solar lanterns to poor African households."*

**Erica Pasini, Cum Laude, Class of 2007**