



Programme structure of Master in International Relations

The programme is a two-year, 120 ECTS full-time study consisting of a basis of 40 ECTS in mandatory courses, 30 ECTS for the master's thesis and 50 ECTS for elective courses, internship and/or exchange studies. Students can also take a 60 ECTS master's thesis and no elective courses in Year 2.

M-IR study structure				
Semester 1	August Block	EDS203 Introduction to International Relations (5 ECTS)		
	Autumn Parallel	EDS374A International Relations Theory (10 ECTS)	EDS312 Research Methods (0 ECTS – credits awarded in spring)	Elective course
Semester 2	Spring Parallel	EDS374B International Relations Theory (10 ECTS)	EDS312 Research methods (15 ECTS)	Elective course
Semester 3	Autumn Parallel	Elective course	Elective course	Elective course
Semester 4	Spring Parallel	M30-IR Master thesis		

Students make their individual study plans including mandatory and elective courses.

The program comprises five mandatory courses:

- [EDS203 Introduction to International Relations](#) (5ECTS)
- [EDS374A International Relations Theory](#) (10 ECTS) • [EDS312 Research Methods](#) (15 ECTS)
- [EDS374B International Relations Theory](#) (10 ECTS)
- [M30-IR Master Thesis](#) (30 ECTS)

In addition, they can choose from among the following IR elective courses:

- [EDS313 Internship](#) (10, 20 or 30 ECTS, offered in spring or autumn)
- [EDS333 Washington Environmental Workshop](#) (10 ECTS, in June block)**
- [EDS372 Security Studies](#) (10 ECTS, bi-annually odd years autumn)*
- [EDS373 Maritime Crime, Piracy and International Relations](#) (10 ECTS, bi-annually even years autumn)*

- [EDS376 Religion, Politics and Islam](#) (10 ECTS, bi-annually even years spring)*
- [EDS377 Foreign Policymaking and the Politics of Europe](#) (10 ECTS, bi-annually even years spring)*
- [EDS378 State Building and Conflict in Fragile States](#) (10 ECTS, bi-annually odd years spring)*
- [EDS379 Global Political Economy](#) (10 ECTS, yearly autumn)
- [EDS380 International Organizations](#) (10 ECTS, bi-annually odd years spring)*
- [EDS381 Feminist and Critical IR](#) (10 ECTS, bi-annually even years autumn)*
- [EDS383 Global Transitions and the City](#) (10 ECTS, bi-annually odd years autumn)*
- [EDS391 Understanding Post-Conflict Police and Security Reform](#) (10 ECTS, bi-annually even years spring)

Students are free to choose elective courses from the other master's degree programmes at Noragric (or NMBU). Some relevant electives are:

- [EDS285 Global Food Systems and Security](#) (10 ECTS, autumn)
- [EDS230 Global Development and Aid](#) (10 ECTS, autumn)
- [EDS355 Climate Change and Society](#) (10 ECTS, autumn)
- [EDS351 Ecological Economics and Degrowth](#) (10 ECTS, autumn)
- [EDS330 Political Ecology](#) (10 ECTS, spring)
- [EDS348 Global Environmental Governance](#) (10 ECTS, spring)
- [EDS349 Energy and Society](#) (5 ECTS, January block)*
- [EDS370 Gender and Development](#) (5 ECTS, August block)
- [EDS341 Decolonial Theory](#) (5 ECTS, January block)*

**Course offered biennially, either in even or odd years. Check course frequency in the course description.*

***Course offered infrequently. Check course frequency in the course description.*

Students can go on exchange to one of our partner universities and take courses there in the third semester. Some possible exchange destinations for M-IR students:

- [Aberystwyth University](#), the United Kingdom
- [American University, School of International Service](#), Washington D.C., USA
- [University of Groningen](#), the Netherlands
- [Université Libre de Bruxelles](#), Belgium
- [Science Po, Lille](#), France
- [Turkish National Pole Academy \(TNPA\)](#), Turkey
- [University of Erfurt](#), Germany