



Dipartimento di Scienze Politiche  
Università di Napoli Federico II

## **ACADEMIC RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **MASTER DEGREE COURSE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MASTER DEGREE CLASS LM 52**

#### **ARTICLE 1** *definitions*

1. In accordance with these Rules and Regulations we mean:
  - a) by Department, the Department of Political Science of the University Federico II of Naples;
  - b) by Rules and Regulations on Didactic Autonomy (Regolamento sull'Autonomia Didattica = **RAD**), the rules and guidelines concerning the Didactic Autonomy of Universities referred to in the Ministerial Decree of October 22nd 2004, n. 270;
  - c) by Academic Rules and Regulations of the Academy (Regolamento Didattico di Ateneo = **RDA**), the Regulations approved by the University pursuant to art. 1 of the Ministerial Decree of October 22nd 2004, n. 270, issued with DR dated 02/07/2014;
  - d) by Degree Course, the Master Degree in International Relations as identified by the following art. 2;
  - e) by Educational Qualifications, the Degree in International Relations as identified by the subsequent art. 2;
  - f) as well as all the other definitions referred to in art. 1 of the RDA.

#### **ARTICLE 2** *Title and Degree Course*

1. These Regulations govern the Master's Degree Program in International Relations belonging to the **LM-52** class "**Degrees in International Relations**" in the table attached to the Ministerial Decree of March 16, 2007 - Determination of the University Degree Classes and the provisions of the RDA concerning the Department of Political Sciences.
2. The objectives of the Degree Course are those set out in the Academic Rules and Regulations, as outlined in the following art. 10.
3. The Degree is awarded through the acquisition of 120 University Formation Credits (ECTS).
4. Each credit, equal to twenty-five hours of study, is divided, in principle and compatibly, into six hours of academic and / or training activities entirely in English and eighteen hours of individual study.

### **ARTICLE 3**

#### ***Admission Requirements to the Degree Course and training, preparatory and integrative activities***

1. Eligible students for the Master's Degree Program in International Relations are only those who hold a three-year degree in the classes L-16, L-36 or equivalent, according to the previous Rules and Regulations, and have at least a B2 level of English that will be evaluated through a special pre-registration interview. This requirement is mandatory for the admission, since all the courses will be entirely taught in English.
2. In addition to the requirement of the English language, first-cycle graduates from different degree classes could be admitted and enrolled in the Master's Degree Program in International Relations, but the admission will be subject to a preliminary assessment of the students' curriculum.
3. In this respect, the acquisition of at least 48 ECTS in the basic/foundation and characterizing activities of all the disciplinary fields and related disciplinary sectors, as provided by the ministerial table of the L 36 class, and 12 ECTS in the related or supplementary training activities, according to the Academic Rules and Regulations included in the SUA-CDS of the study courses belonging to the Department of Political Sciences, is a mandatory requirement for admission.

### **ARTICLE 4**

#### ***Manifesto of studies and study plan***

1. The annual studies manifesto, approved under the RDA, indicates:
  - a) the courses to be activated in the academic year;
  - b) the methods of the educational activities;
  - c) the start and end date of the educational activities;
  - d) deadlines and procedures for the final examination

### **ARTICLE 5**

#### ***Guidance and tutoring***

1. Guidance and tutoring activities are organized by the Department as established by the RDA and reported in the SUA - CdS.
2. On the activities provided in the previous paragraph, the Joint Commission of Teachers - Students, referred to in art. 9, performs functions of permanent observatory.

### **ARTICLE 6**

#### ***Transfers from courses and departments, admission to single tests***

1. Transfers from other Degree Courses and Departments and admission to single tests are governed by art. 16 of the RDA, consistent with the methods and terms of the teaching courses' organization and in compliance with the provisions of art. 3 of these Rules and Regulations.

2. Transfer to the Department of Political Science is in any case dependent on the regularization of the student's administrative status.
3. Students coming from a Master's degree course belonging to the LM 52 degree course of another University are enrolled in the Master's Degree Program in International Relations on the basis of the foundation exams taken, possibly with the requirement of completing the missing ECTS for each examination yet to be taken, and in compliance with the mandatory admission requirement of a B2 English level.

## **ARTICLE 7**

### ***Examinations***

1. Examinations are generally oral. Mid-term tests, which do not lead to the awarding of credits, are allowed. Examinations are considered passed in accordance with art. 20 of the RDA. Examinations take place at the end of the courses.
2. In compliance with the provisions by art. 10, paragraph 4 of the RDA, the maximum number of examinations for the Master's Degree Program in International Relations -LM 52- is 12.
3. Further modalities of examinations are established by the Department Board, on the proposal of the Joint Teachers- Student Commission, referred to in the following art. 9.
4. "Other elective training activities" are assessed with "pass" or "fail".

## **ARTICLE 8**

### ***Final examination***

1. To access the final examination, students must have passed the exams and acquired the number of ECTS set out for this purpose by the SUA-CdS.
2. The Degree is awarded to students passing the final examination which involves the discussion of a thesis, written in English, in an original way by the student, under the guidance of a supervisor, on issues related to the knowledge acquired during the entire training program, showcasing an ability of systematic, critical and argumentative analysis.
3. The procedures, terms and administrative requirements for the assignment and handing in of the thesis are published on the department website.

## **ARTICLE 9**

### ***Joint Teachers- Students Commission***

1. The Joint Teachers- Students Commission, pursuant to art. 31 of the Statute, is composed of professors and researchers (2 full professors, 1 associate professor, 1 researcher) and 4 students (one of whom is a PhD student). It is chaired by a full professor appointed within the Commission. The components of the Joint Commission are elected among the members of the Department Board belonging to the categories mentioned above.
2. The Joint Teachers-Students Commission:
  - a) carries out adequate and documented annual control and guidance activities for the Quality Assurance, issuing opinions, recommendations and indications regarding the Presidium of Quality and of the governing bodies of the University;

- b) monitors the educational provision, the quality of teaching and of the student services provided within the Department;
  - c) identifies indicators for the assessment of the quality and effectiveness of teaching and service to students, proposing them to the Evaluation Unit;
  - d) expresses opinions on the introduction and suppression of courses of study;
  - e) performs a permanent observatory function on orientation and tutoring activities and student mobility.
3. The results of the activities of the Joint Commission are the source of the reports of the Evaluation Unit.

## **ARTICLE 10**

### **Educational Organization**

1. The profile, the structure, the training objectives, the teaching methods of the Master's Degree Program in International Relations, class LM 52, are as follows:

1.1. **Title of the program:** Master's Degree in International Relations.

1.2. **Class:** Master Degree in International Relations, Class LM 52.

1.3 **Educational goals:**

The objective of the Master's degree in " **International Relations** " is the training of a facilitator of the internationalization processes of companies, non-profit institutions and NGOs and of the public institutions themselves.

A professional figure who knows how to offer a competent reading of the international context or of foreign countries and how to develop and organize the processes of internationalization of public and private institutions.

A facilitator able to analyze in depth and critically the political systems, the relations between them, the geopolitical areas, the reasons of tensions and conflicts, the modalities of resolution of these conflicts, the role of international organizations - including the EU.

In particular, the goal is to provide a solid level of advanced education, extending and strengthening the students' knowledge especially as regards the internationalist approach of the historical-political, economic and geo-political disciplines.

The interdisciplinary approach and the in-depth study of many geo-political topics contribute, furthermore, to reinforce further skills and knowledge and allow the development of new comprehension and analytical abilities to solve problems that arise in working environments in which graduates will need to take action.

The advanced and in-depth knowledge of historical-juridical and economic-political issues allows master graduates to have a profile that is professional and flexible, as required by the consulted social partners, which makes them able to organize and manage projects, to use their knowledge and skills for the analysis and resolution of new problems, as well as to develop those skills, started in the degree training and coursework, which can be fruitfully exploited in negotiation and mediation contexts.

To this end, the use of teaching methods that enhance, through seminar discussion, the ability to synthesize texts, both oral and written, of some complexity or focused on specific cases, and finally the drafting of a thesis, will enable master's graduates to develop their communication and presentation skills.

As regards the study of languages, particularly qualifying from a professional point of view, a preliminary English test at least at B2 level is scheduled for access, while in the study program the study of an additional non- European language (Chinese or Arabic) is planned.

Both the acquisition of the four linguistic skills (reading, writing, listening, and speaking) and the compulsory attendance of the lessons can be taken into account, according to criteria that will be specified mid-term by the course of study. Further improvement of English with advanced teaching aimed at developing language use in a context of international relations may be envisaged.

**1.4 Educational activities:** lectures, seminars, practical or laboratory case studies, small group teaching activities, tutoring, orientation, internships, traineeships, written papers. The schedule of the educational activities including the list of courses - divided by years of course, by subject of scientific-disciplinary sectors and by educational activities - is listed in Annex B1.

**1.5 Methods of delivering lessons:** Lessons and other educational activities are held in a traditional manner and divided into two semesters: the first from October to December, the second from March to May. Attendance to classes is not mandatory but is strongly recommended.