

ACADEMIC REGULATION

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| Master of Arts in: | <i>Interdisciplinary Research and Studies on Eastern Europe</i> |
| Course Class : | 52 - International Relations |
| Partner Universities | Joint Degree: Alma Mater Studiorum-Universita di Bologna School of Political Science “Roberto Ruffilli” Vytautas Magnus University in Kaunas Corvinus University of Budapest University of Ljubljana |

Art. 1 : Academic Regulation Principle Objectives

In accordance with laws and ministerial provisions which regulate teaching autonomy, this regulation **disciplines** the contents and organizational procedures of the Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Research and Studies on Eastern Europe (Course class 52- International Relations) established in accordance with Ministerial Decree, DM 270/04, at the Alma Mater Studiorum, University of Bologna, Faculty of Political Science “Roberto Ruffilli”, Forlì Campus, a Joint degree in conjunction with the following foreign Universities:

Vytautas Magnus University in Kaunas
Corvinus University of Budapest
University of Ljubljana

Art.2 : Admission Requirements

For admission to the Master of Arts programme, students must possess a Degree or any equivalent title obtained abroad, legally recognized, in one of the following fields of study: law, economics, politics, social science , geo-politics, demography, gender studies, psychology, anthropology, history, philosophy, literature, foreign languages, cultural studies, agriculture science.

To fully benefit from the *Master in Interdisciplinary Research and Studies on Eastern Europe*, the following skills are required:

- a good knowledge of the English language (TOEFL computer-based 213 points or TOEFL paper-based 550 points or TOEFL Internet-based 80 points; IELTS 6 points or CPE, any grade);
- basic IT skills;
- appropriate individual culture based on solid knowledge in any of the following fields: law, economics, politics, sociology, geo-politics, demography, gender studies, psychology, anthropology, history, philosophy, literature, foreign languages, cultural studies, European and international agriculture science, as well as a good knowledge of European and international economic and political current affairs, which is usually provided by a Degree (BA).

Admission to the Master of Arts is based on an assessment of the student’s level of knowledge in the above-mentioned fields. Assessment shall be based on criteria and procedures as indicated in the call for applications on the basis of one or more criteria (e.g. assessment of degree, curriculum vitae, personal motivations, written test and/or interview, minimum graduation grade). Such admission criteria shall be determined on a yearly basis by the Academic Board and published on the University web page.

In the absence of the above mentioned degree and qualifications, admission to the aforementioned Masters of Arts is subject to preliminary assessment by a committee which shall verify whether the student possesses the required knowledge and competencies.

Art.3: Provisions governing mobility among Master of Arts' curricula. Individual study plan

Students can choose from courses listed in the Course Study Plan, subject to provisions established in this plan and within deadlines determined each year by the Faculty and published on the University web page.

No individual Course Study Plan nor transferal to different curricula shall be allowed, except in exceptional and motivated circumstances.

Motivated requests, submitted within the deadline annually set by the Faculty and published on the University web-page, shall be subject to evaluation by the Academic Board, which shall assess motivations and admissibility. If a positive response is given, the Academic Board shall deliberate on the proposed individual course study plan and transfer request, taking into account both university credits (CFU) acquired and those to be acquired on the basis of the following criteria:

- consistency with the Master of Art's academic objectives;
- compliance with number of exams, subjects and university credits which shall not be inferior to the corresponding number foreseen in the official Course Study Plan.

Art.4: Basic Curricular Activity and Teaching Methods

In compliance with art. 23, subsection 1 of the University's Academic Regulation, the enclosed teaching plan indicates basic curricular activity and related course hours dedicated to lectures, practical work or internships, as well as teaching methods.

Subsequent information on the above mentioned shall be published in the Student's Guidebook published annually.

Students are expected to attend their third semester abroad, in one of the partner Universities, fulfilling the required number of university credits.

MIREES mobility is provided by the Socrates Mobility Exchange Programme (SMEP), by the MIREES Mobility Scheme (MMS, for European countries or students excluded from the Socrates Programme) or by any other bilateral agreement with the University of Bologna.

Students shall not be allowed to include in their course study plan foreign languages for which they already have proficiency nor any language for which they are a native speaker.

Art. 5 : Attendance and Propaedeutics

The enclosed teaching plan indicates attendance required at courses as well as propaedeutics governing courses offered.

Systems for controlling attendance, where it is necessary, are established annually by the Academic Board at the presentation of the teaching plan and will be communicate to students before commencement in the Student's Guide.

Students are required to attend at least 80% of class hours for each course.

Art.6: Examinations

The enclosed Teaching Plan foresees examinations for those course which require a final exam based on either the Italian University grading system, expressed on a scale of 30 points, or on a pass/fail basis.

In observance with the principles defined in art. 24, subsections 3, 4, and 5 of the University's Academic Regulation, examinations (either oral, written, or practical or combinations of these, based on either individual or group assessment) shall be carried out as established by the Academic

Board annually upon presentation of the Teaching schedule, and communicated to students before commencement through the Students' Guide. .

Art.7: Optional courses

Students can choose one or more optional courses among those listed annually and published by the Academic Board on the University web page .

If students select a course not included in those specified by the Academic Board, they shall submit an official request to the Board within the deadline established annually and published on the University web page. The Board shall evaluate whether optional courses independently selected by students are consistent with their Study plan.

Art.8: Criteria for the recognition of credits acquired in the same category of Course Study

University credits gained are recognized as long as they pertain to the same field of study according to the attached Teaching Programme .

If, after recognition under the provisions of this regulation, unused credits remain, the Academic Board may assess each case singularly and recognize remaining credits based on affinity with teaching and cultural activities.

Art.9: Criteria for the recognition of credits acquired in different Course Study categories, or in universities awarding on-line degrees or in international Course Studies

The Academic Board shall recognize university credits according to the following criteria:

- evaluation of programme followed
- evaluation of the consistency of the disciplinary sectors and the contents of the programme in which the students have acquired credits with the specific curricular objectives and activities to be recognized, pursuing, however, the principle of student mobility.

Recognition is granted as long as the university credits pertain to the same field of study as the attached Teaching Programme.

If, after recognition under the provisions of this regulation, unused credits remain, the Academic Board may assess each case singularly and recognize remaining credits based on affinity with teaching and cultural activities.

Art.10: Criteria for the recognition of extra curricular activities and non academic skills acquired.

The recognition of extra curricular activities and non academic skills is not foreseen.

Art.11: Coherence of university credits assigned to each curricular activity and specific curricular aims planned.

On 14th February 2008 , the Joint Learning and Teaching Committee gave its approval in accordance with article 12, subsection 3 of Ministerial Decree 270/04

Art.12: Examinations and Proficiency

For each course, students are allowed two exam sessions per academic year: the first session at the end of the course, the second session in September.

The September's session is an additional exam session for students who have failed the exam in the first session after the course.

Art.13: Master's Thesis

The characteristics of the Masters' Thesis are established in accordance with rules and regulations applied at the Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Research and Studies on Eastern Europe .

Students are personally responsible for the content of their thesis, which must be original. Quotations must comply with academic standards.

Art.14: Graduation Session

Two graduation sessions are scheduled, a standard session in September and a supplementary session in March. The latter is reserved to students who either fail the September session or cannot meet this session due to special circumstances. In the latter case, on the basis of the motivations given by the student,, the Academic Board may request official documentation attesting to the special circumstances .

Art.15: Temporary Norms

In the case of changes to the Academic programme, the Academic Board shall deliberate norms which apply to the Course Study Regulation for those students enrolled prior to the date of change. Such temporary norms shall be published in the bulletin of studies.