



UNIVERSITY OF ERFURT

Faculty of Economics,
Law and Social Sciences

BACHELOR (B.A.)

International Relations

CONTENT OF THE PROGRAMME

The BA International Relations deals with the cross-disciplinary dimensions of a changing world order. Subject areas are the growing interdependence of national political systems and economies, as well as the role of transnational governmental and non-governmental organisations. The degree programme is decidedly interdisciplinary, combining *legal, social and economic perspectives*.

As part of this interdisciplinary programme, students should acquire the basic scientific knowledge and skills in the field of international relations required for a successful career. To achieve this, students learn how to *scientifically analyse* major problems in international relations and how to *strengthen their powers of judgement*. The degree programme teaches fundamental contexts, concepts and approaches to international relations, and teaches logical, structured and critical approaches, thus enabling students to deal independently with the global challenges of our time.

PROFESSIONAL FIELDS

You will acquire interdisciplinary knowledge for professional activities, e.g., in public or private organisations such as academic and research institutions, inter- and supranational organizations, governmental administrations, non-governmental organisations, companies, associations, media or churches in an international context.

STRUCTURE OF THE DEGREE PROGRAMME

The Bachelor's degree programme at the University of Erfurt comprises a *major and a minor subject* as well as

DURATION

6 semester

DEGREE

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

FORM OF STUDY

full or part-time

BEGIN OF STUDIES

winter semester



the so-called *Studium Fundamentale*. The International Relations degree can only be studied as a major in combination with a minor subject, preferably from the field of social sciences, economics or law. The standard period of study is six semesters.

In the *orientation phase (1st to 2nd semester)* you will attend introductory lectures in all three major disciplines (including Constitutional Law, Introduction to International Relations, Introduction to the Social Sciences, Introduction to Statistics, Introduction to Macroeconomics and Economic Policy or Introduction to Microeconomics).

In the *qualification phase (3rd to 6th semester)* you will complete compulsory and elective modules, you will complete in-depth seminars and lectures from areas such as international law, applied statistics and data collection, theories of international relations, European law, international political economy, normative foundations of foundations of world politics, foreign policy and security and international economics. In addition, a language course is compulsory. In the main subject area, three modules for the „Studium Fundamentale“ must be completed. These contain a wide range of electives from Aesthetic Studies, Sports, Communication Sciences or Transdisciplinary Studies.

The *Bachelor's thesis* is written in the main subject. An overview of the individual modules can be found in the examination regulations.

www.uni-erfurt.de/go/pruefungsangelegenheiten

COMBINATION OPTIONS

You can combine a major subject with a minor subject. A combination of two major subjects or two minor subjects is not possible.

Option 1 (recommended):

International Relations as a major subject and a minor subject (law, social sciences, economics or management)

Option 2:

International Relations as a major subject and a minor subject outside the Faculty of Political Science Faculty (e.g., from languages, history or pedagogy)

Use the online tool „STUDIMAT“ to test possible combinations! **www.was-studieren.info**

STAYS ABROAD

We recommend spending part of your studies at one of the partner universities of the University of Erfurt in Europe, the USA, Canada, Mexico, Argentina, Peru, Israel, Japan, Korea or China. In addition, a compulsory



internship can allow for international experience, for example in public or private organisations. The International Office is happy to support you with the organisation of the stay abroad.

www.uni-erfurt.de/en/international

INTERNSHIPS DURING THE DEGREE PROGRAMME

The degree programme includes a compulsory career-orientated internship; further internships are also encouraged. The Faculty of Economics, Law and Social Sciences supports its students with placement opportunities (e.g., via an internship portal or through alumni events), also benefitting from Erfurt's strategic location in the 'heart' of Germany and its proximity to state-level authorities in Thuringia.

RELEVANCE FOR TEACHER TRAINING

The subject cannot be studied with the aim of becoming a teacher.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Students of International Relations must have *English language skills at level B2* of the Common European Framework of Reference for foreign languages (2000) before starting the programme. In addition, *two language modules* must be completed to acquire skills in other languages such as Spanish, French or Arabic. You can find the Language Centre's range of courses at www.uni-erfurt.de/en/language-center.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission requirements are the general higher education entrance qualification (Abitur or equivalent), subject-specific higher education entrance qualification or a relevant previous education. Furthermore, English language skills (B2) must be demonstrated. International students with questions about the admission requirements, please contact the International Office: www.uni-erfurt.de/en/international.

ADMISSION RESTRICTION (NC)

For the BA in International Relations only a limited number of study places are available (internal university admission restriction, numerus clausus). The number of places is set anew for each winter semester. Places are allocated on the basis of the average grade of the of the university entrance qualification (HZB).


APPLICATION

The application period runs from *1 May to 15 July*. Information about application deadlines, admission and enrolment can be found at www.uni-erfurt.de/en/studies/before-studies/application-admission-enrolment.

MASTER PROGRAMMES

After a successfully completed Bachelor's programme, the Faculty of Economics, Law and Social Sciences offers Master's degree programmes in *Staatswissenschaften*, *Demokratie und Wirtschaft* as well as a non-secutive Master's programme taught in English: the Master of *Public Policy*, organised by the Willy Brandt School of Public Policy.

FURTHER INFORMATION

 www.uni-erfurt.de/en/faculty-of-economics-law-and-social-sciences/studies/study-economics-law-and-social-sciences/prospective-students

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study programme*



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