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CHAPTER 1

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

Subject of Regulation

The Regulation of the Second Cycle Study Program in Political Science and International Relations stipulates the functioning principles of this program.

Article 2

Legal Basis

The Regulation of the Second Cycle Study Program in Political Science and International Relations at “Epoka” Institution of Higher Education is based on the Law No. 9741, dated 21.05.2007, “On Higher Education in the Republic of Albania”, as amended, on the license issued by the Decision of Council of Ministers No. 281, dated 12.03.2008, “On the licensing of the Private Institution of Higher Education “Institution of Higher Education “Epoka”, on the Directive of the Ministry of Education and Science No. 14, dated 03.04.2008 “On the opening and organization of second cycle study programs in the public institutions of higher education”, on the Directive of the Ministry of Education and Science No. 15, dated 04.04.2008 “On the organization of studies in the public institutions of higher education”, on the Statute and Basic Regulation as well as on the Regulation of the Second Cycle Study Programs of this institution.

CHAPTER 2

PROGRAM CONTENT


Article 3

Specific formation aims of the program

Studies Program Second Cycle in Political Science and International Relations is offered by the Department of Political Science and International Relations. Program participants will receive detailed knowledge of general and local and global context. Basic subjects will provide specific knowledge and training in management analysis and European, Balkan and their policies in the context of global growth in the economy, politics and society. For this reason, so broad, the program connects specialized in European political studies in perspective with policy and comparative politics. Also this program is intended to submit student proficiency and analytical skills, theoretical and practical professionals allowing the future design and analyze policies.

Studies Program Second Cycle in Political Science and International Affairs will contribute to policy analysis capacity of the world in comparative perspective, the capacity for making decisions about the design and management policies regarding the levels and arenas of the

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European Union and the Balkans, offering group work skills, communication skills in written and spoken in two foreign languages, ability to develop creative thinking, critical and independent.

Article 4

List of teaching disciplines and other formation activities

The list of teaching disciplines and other formation activities of the program is as below:

T- Theoretical hours

P- Practice hours

C- American system credits


ECTS- ECTS system credits

<i>First Term</i>				
Course	T	P	K	ECTS
Theories of European Integration	3	0	3	5
Theories of Democracy	3	0	3	5
Actual situation in Global Politic	3	0	3	5
International Security	3	0	3	5
Political Parties	3	0	3	5
Actual situation in the Albanian Foreign Policy	3	0	3	5
Total	18	0	18	30

<i>Second Term</i>				
Course	T	P	K	ECTS
International Relations Theory	3	0	3	5
Analyses of Foreign Policy	3	0	3	5
Economic Development, Policy Analysis, and Industrialization	3	0	3	5
Elective	3	0	3	5
Elective	3	0	3	5
Total	15	0	18	30

<i>Third Term</i>				
Course	T	P	K	ECTS
Researches methods in Political Sciences	3	0	3	5
Political Economy of Western Europe	3	0	3	5
Foundations of Political Science	3	0	3	5
Term Project	3	0	3	5

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Total				9	0	9	30

<i>Fourth Term</i>				
Course	T	P	K	ECTS
Thesis	3	0	3	5
Total	0	0	0	30

<i>Elective Courses</i>				
Course	T	P	K	ECTS
Ethnic Politics	3	0	3	6
Territorial Conflicts in International Relations	3	0	3	6
Globalization	3	0	3	6
The Rise and Fall of Democracy	3	0	3	6
American Foreign Policy	3	0	3	6
Political Behavior	3	0	3	6

Article 5


Credits and impeding requirements for each teaching activity or other formation activity

First cycle study programs which enable admission into the Second Cycle Study Program in International Relations:

- a) Without complementing formation knowledge prior to admission into the program;

From the same institution of higher education		Credits to be fulfilled
Program or primary programs which are not required to supplement the knowledge training	1. Political Science and International Relations	0 Kredite
From other institutions of higher education		Kredite për t'u plotësuar
Program or primary programs which are not required to supplement the knowledge training	1. Political Science	0 Kredite
	2. International Relations	0 Kredite
	3. Public Administration	0 Kredite
	4. Sociology	0 Kredite
	5. Philosophy	0 Kredite
	6. History	0 Kredite
	7. Legal	0 Kredite
	8. Social Work	0 Kredite
	9. Journalism	0 Kredite


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		10. Public Relations	0 Kredite		
		11. Science Communication	0 Kredite		
		12. Programs similar study	0 Kredite		

b) With the complementing of formation knowledge prior to admission into the program;

From the same institution of higher education		Subjects	Credits to be fulfilled
Program or primary programs who are required to supplement the training knowledge, coupled with the number of credits to be fulfilled	1. All departments of the Faculty of Economic and Administrative Sciences (excluding the Department of Political Science and International Relations)	1. Introduction to Political Science II	3 kredite / 5 ECTS
		2. Introduction to International Relations	3 kredite / 5 ECTS
		3. Introduction to International Relations II	3 credits / 5 ECTS
	Total	3 Subjects	9 credits / 15 ECTS
	2. Other faculties (excluding Faculty of Economic and Administrative Sciences)	1. Introduction to Political Science I	3 credits / 5 ECTS
		2. Introduction to Political Science II	3 credits / 5 ECTS
3. Introduction to International Relations		3 credits / 5 ECTS	
4. Introduction to International Relations II		3 credits / 5 ECTS	
5. Political and Diplomatic History I		3 credits / 5 ECTS	
Total	5 Subjects	15 credits / 25 ECTS	
From other institutions of higher education		Subjects	Credits to be fulfilled
Program or primary programs who are required to supplement the training knowledge, coupled with the number of credits to be fulfilled	Finance - Bank Business Administration Management Economics Psychology Similar study programs	1. Introduction to Political Science II	3 credits / 5 ECTS
		2. Introduction to International Relations	3 credits / 5 ECTS
		3. Introduction to International Relations II	3 credits / 5 ECTS
	Total	3 Subjects	9 credits / 15 ECTS
	Architecture Engineering Construction Computer Engineering	1. Introduction to Political Science I	3 credits / 5 ECTS
		2. Introduction to Political Science II	3 credits / 5 ECTS

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	Similar study programs of Faculty of Architecture and Engineering	3. Introduction to International Relations	3 credits / 5 ECTS	
		4. Introduction to International Relations II	3 credits / 5 ECTS	
		5. Political and Diplomatic History I	3 credits / 5 ECTS	
	Total	5 Subjects	15 credits / 25 ECTS	
	Foreign Language Literature Archeology Statistics Econometrics Social Sciences Geography Similar study programs	1. Introduction to Political Science I	3 credits / 5 ECTS	
		2. Introduction to Political Science II	3 credits / 5 ECTS	
		3. Introduction to International Relations I	3 credits / 5 ECTS	
		4. Introduction to International Relations II	3 credits / 5 ECTS	
		5. Political and Diplomatic History I	3 credits / 5 ECTS	
		6. Political and Diplomatic History II	3 credits / 5 ECTS	
Total	6 Subjects	18 credits / 30 ECTS		

Article 6

Curricula and specific formation aims of every formation activity

The curricula offered to the students during the program and the specific formation aims of every formation activity are in the attached text.

Article 7

Type of study, exams and other verifications of knowledge received by the students

The type of study of the Second Cycle Study Program in Political Science and International Relations is full-time.


The program consists of 14 courses, a term project and a thesis, which is completed at the final stage of the second cycle study program.

The teaching process is composed of lectures, projects and homeworks, practices, seminars and other similar works foreseen in the course program.

The evaluation from the academic point of view of lectures, projects and homeworks, practices, seminars and other similar works is done based on the measuring unit hour performed in auditorium. The value of credits of one course is composed of the total of all weekly theoretical hours and half of weekly hours used for application, laboratory, projects and other workshops.

At least 60 ECTS credits are completed during an academic year.

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The success level of the student is evaluated based on the midterm exams; final exams; homeworks; presentations; projects.

With the proposal of the leader of the corresponding program and with the decision of the Scientific Committee, the student is given the right to enter an exam if he/she has not attended it during the year as a result of reasonable and documented reasons submitted within three days.

Article 8 Attendance

The student enrolled in the program is obliged to attend at least 80% of the teaching and research activities carried out in the auditoriums, of theory courses as well as teaching and research activities performed in the laboratories and of practice. Students trespassing this limit have to repeat the course with all corresponding obligations.

The fulfillment or not of the requirements concerning the attendance is presented to the Leader of the Program by the course instructor every month and is checked by the Head of the Department.

Article 9 Student Transfer

Quotas for horizontal transfers into the Second Cycle Study Program in Political Science and International are determined by the Scientific Committee and are approved by the Administrative Board of the Faculty, based on the principles established by this Board.

Students that have been transferred into this program are conferred a diploma subject to the condition that they should have completed at least a semester at “Epoka” Institution of Higher Education.

Students that have completed a semester at a second cycle study program can apply to the Student Affairs Office within the time period established in the academic calendar in order to horizontally transfer into the Second Cycle Study Program in Political Science and International, in compliance with the principles established by the Senate.


The application is evaluated by the Scientific Committee of the program and the Administrative Board of the Faculty takes the respective decision.

Article 10 Relations between credits and various formation activities

Relations between credits and various formation activities are as shown below:

Type of activity and the defining symbol for it	Disciplinary fields or other training activities	Credits	Total credits
Activities in the disciplines of general training (basic) (symbol: A)	1. Foundations of Political Science	6	12 (10%)
	2. Research Methods in Political Science	6	

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Activities in characteristic disciplines of study program (Symbol: B)	1. Theories of European Integration	5	40 (~ 33%)		
	2. Theories of Democracy	5			
	3. Current Issues in World Politics	5			
	4. International Security	5			
	5. Political Parties	5			
	6. Issues in Foreign Policy Albanian News	5			
	7. Theories of International Relations	5			
	8. Foreign Policy Analysis	5			
Activities in similar disciplines and / or integrating related with characteristic disciplines (symbol: C)	1. Economic, political analysis and Industrialism	8	14 (~ 12%)		
	2. Western European Economic Policies	6			
Discipline with student elections, among disciplines offered by the institution (symbol: D)	1. Ethnic Politics	6	12 (10%)		
	2. Territorial Disputes and International Relations	6			
	3. Globalization	6			
	4. Rise and Decline of Democracy	6			
	5. American Foreign Policy	6			
	6. Political Behavior	6			
Knowledge of other training, as supplements in foreign languages, computer, presentation, experience or practice, etc.. (Symbol: E)	1. Semester project	12	12 (10%)		
Diploma thesis (Simboli: F)	Thesis	30	30 (25%)		
Total			120		

Article 11


Recognition of credits for previously acquired knowledge

In accordance with the legislation in force, the Scientific Committee may recognize as credits of university formations in the Second Cycle Study Program in Political Science and International up to 40 credits from the formation activities gained previously by the student, which are in accordance with the specific aims of the program.

Article 12

Number of Students

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The minimum number of students in the Second Cycle Study Program in Political Science and International Relations is five and maximum 50.

CHAPTER 3

FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 13

Execution

This regulation enters into force on the date of its approval by the Higher Board of “Epoka” Institution of Higher Education.

The enforcement of this regulation is ensured by the Rector.

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