

Postgraduate Educational Program in International Relations and International Security

Brief Description

MA candidates are required to demonstrate minimal skills and knowledge in the following:

- History of International Relations;
- Theory of International Relations;
- History and Structure of International Organizations;
- Georgian Political System;
- Recent History of International Politics: World War II, “Cold War”;
- General Information on International Security Processes.

List of Essays:

1. Discuss the essence of global influence centres or super states and their impact on world politics (state your opinions and evaluations on current international political events);
2. Moral and ethical factors on international relations processes (provide your argument);
3. Discuss the phenomenon of communism and its impact on world political processes (describe your viewpoints);
4. State the role of power in the general context of international relations processes (provide your viewpoints and evaluations);
5. Define NATO and its role in the strengthening of international security (provide concrete facts);
6. Discuss the reasons for the creation of UN and its role in international security processes (describe your opinions);
7. The essence of world security and how its components are defined (state your viewpoint and provide arguments);
8. International terrorism: New or old challenge of the 21st century??? (state your opinion and provide arguments).
9. Discuss the development of international relations discipline and the role of theories in international relations (state your opinion);
10. Explain the concept of national interest and how does the security dilemma affect modern international relations? (State your opinions);
11. What is the role of information security in the modern period of international security and what is the impact of cyber-war on the geopolitical processes of the 21st century (provide specific facts);
12. Talk about international humanitarian intervention and international counterterrorism operations (state your views and assessments).
13. The factor of hybrid warfare and soft power in modern international security (state your opinion);
14. Discuss the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) on world politics (describe in your own words)

Literary resources for exam questions:

1. Art Jervis “International Politics: Permanent Concepts and Contemporary Issues”, Published by Ilia State University, Tbilisi, 2011;
2. Alexandre Rondeli “International Relations”, Third edition, “Nekeri” Press, Tbilisi, 2006;
3. Zurab Abashidze “Cold War”: Past or Contemporary?” Tbilisi, 2009;
4. Vakhtang Maisaia “Priorities of Georgian External Politics and Determinants after “Cold War (1991-2004)”, course-book, Sukhishvili Teaching University, Tbilisi, 2013;
5. Nika Chitadze “Geopolitics”, Universal Press, Tbilisi, 2012.
6. Eka Akobia, *Theory of International Relations*, Publishing House Centre for Social Sciences, Tbilisi, 2006;
7. Andrew Heywood, *Politics*, Third Edition, Publishing House Sakartvelos Matsne, Tbilisi, 2008;
8. Edisher Gvenetadze, *Aspects of International Security*, Publishing House Universe of Lawyers, Tbilisi, 2017;
9. Guguli Maghradze, Vakhtang Maisaia, *21st Century International Politics and the Theory of Cooperative Security: Myth and Reality - Regional and Global Aspects*, Publishing House Universal, Tbilisi, 2017.

Exam Format and Assessment Criteria:

There will be a written exam for enrollment in Postgraduate Program in International Relations and International Security.

Assessment Criteria:

- 15 Open-ended questions - 15 points;
- 5 closed-ended (multiple choice) questions – 5 points.

The exam will be considered passed if a student accumulates minimum 8 points.

- You must choose one of the 4 essays presented on the exam and compose an argumentative text of at least one page; Maximum points - 10, minimum - 5 points. The maximum score is 30 points.

The exam will be considered passed if a student accumulates minimum 8 points in questions and 5 points in an essay.