

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE OF UKRAINE  
Lesya Ukrainka Volyn National University  
International Communications and Political Analysis Department  
International Relations Faculty**

**SYLLABUS  
of a normative academic component**

**«QUALIFICATION PAPER»**

**training**

**Master**

**specialty**

**291 International Relations, Public  
Communications and Regional Studies**

**Educational and professional programme**

**International Information and  
Public Communications**

**The syllabus of the academic component** *Qualification Paper*, Education Level *Master*, Field of Knowledge 29 *International Relations*, Specialty 291 *International Relations, Public Communications and Regional Studies*, Educational and professional programme *International Information and Public Communications*.

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**Approved**

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Prof. Nataliia Karpchuk

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The Head of the Department:



Yevhenia Vozniuk

## I. The description of academic component

Indicator Name	Field of knowledge, specialty, education and professional programme, education level	Characteristics of the academic component
Full-time form of education	29 International Relations, 291 International Relations, Public Communications and Regional Studies, International Information and Public Communications, Master	Normative
Number of hours / credits: 120 / 4		Year of study: 2 <sup>nd</sup>
		Semester: 3 <sup>rd</sup>
		Independent work: 112 h.
		Consultations: 8 h.
		Form of control: qualification paper.
Language of education: English		

## II. Information about the instructor

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## III. Description of the academic component

### 1. A Course Abstract

The qualification paper (QP) of the master's degree is a type of scientific work that makes it possible to identify the level of scientific and professional training of the student in the EPP "International Information and Public Communications". Its implementation and defense before the examination board is a test of the specialist's preparation for independent activity in the selected educational program in the specialty 291 "International Relations, Public Communications and Regional Studies", his/her ability to independently analyze the state of problems in the field of international relations, to develop the necessary proposals.

The qualification paper of the educational degree "Master" is an independently completed work of a student, which testifies to the author's ability to work with literature, summarize and analyze empirical material, apply theoretical knowledge and practical skills obtained during the mastering of the relevant education and professional program; it has elements of scientific research.

### 2. Goal and tasks of the academic component

- systematization, consolidation and deepening of theoretical and practical knowledge in the relevant area of training, formation of skills to apply this knowledge when solving specific practical, scientific-methodical and scientific-technical tasks;

- development of skills of independent research work and mastering the methodology of theoretical, experimental and scientific-practical research used during conducting qualification paper;

- gaining experience in analyzing the obtained research results, formulating new conclusions and provisions, gaining experience in their public defense.

Prerequisites: academic components of the education and professional program.

### 3. Learning outcomes (competencies)

	<b>Effects</b>	<b>Criterion code</b>
<b>General competencies</b>	Ability to conduct research at an appropriate level.	<b>GC 1</b>
	Ability to learn and master modern knowledge.	<b>GC 2</b>
	Ability to identify, pose and solve problems.	<b>GC 3</b>
	Ability to communicate in a foreign language.	<b>GC 4</b>
	Ability to generate new ideas (creativity).	<b>GC 5</b>
	Ability to work in an international context.	<b>GC 6</b>
	Ability to work in a team.	<b>GC 7</b>
	Ability to demonstrate initiative and entrepreneurship.	<b>GC 8</b>
	Ability to evaluate and ensure the quality of work performed	<b>GC 9</b>
<b>Special (professional) competencies</b>	The ability to identify and analyze the nature, dynamics, principles of organization of international relations, types of international actors, modern trends in the development of world politics.	<b>SC 1</b>
	The ability to make informed decisions regarding the implementation of international and foreign policy activities.	<b>SC 2</b>
	Ability to argue the choice of ways to solve professional tasks in the field of international relations, public communications and regional studies, to critically evaluate the results obtained and justify the decisions made	<b>SC 3</b>
	Ability to analyze global processes and their impact on international and social relations, political and social systems.	<b>SC 4</b>
	Ability to analyze and forecast international relations in various contexts, including political, security, legal, economic, social, cultural and information.	<b>SC 5</b>
	The ability to use theoretical and methodological approaches of political science, economic and legal science, and interdisciplinary studies for the study of international relations, public communications, and regional studies.	<b>SC 6</b>
	The ability to carry out applied analytical research on the problems of international relations and world politics, public communications, regional studies, professionally prepare analytical materials and references.	<b>SC 7</b>
	Ability to organize and conduct international meetings and negotiations, develop, analyze and evaluate diplomatic and international documents.	<b>SC 8</b>
	The ability to identify and analyze the peculiarities of the development of countries and regions, modern global,	<b>SC 9</b>

	regional and local processes, and Ukraine's place in them.	
	Ability to self-study, maintain an appropriate level of knowledge, readiness to acquire new level of knowledge, increase one's expertise and level of qualification.	<b>SC 10</b>
<b>Education outcomes</b>	To know and understand the nature of the sources and directions of the evolution of international relations, international politics, the foreign policy of states, the state of theoretical studies of international relations and world politics.	<b>EO 1</b>
	To critically understand and analyze global processes and their impact on international relations.	<b>EO2</b>
	To apply modern scientific approaches, methodologies, and techniques to research problems of international relations and foreign policy.	<b>EO3</b>
	To analyze and evaluate the problems of international and national security, international and internationalized conflicts, approaches, methods and mechanisms of ensuring security in the international space and in the foreign policy of states.	<b>EO 4</b>
	To collect, process and analyze information about the state of international relations, world politics and foreign policy of states.	<b>EO 5</b>
	To identify, assess and forecast political, diplomatic, security, social and other risks in the field of international relations and global development.	<b>EO 6</b>
	To assess and analyze international and foreign policy problems and situations, propose approaches to solving such problems.	<b>EO 7</b>
	To communicate freely in national and foreign languages orally and in writing, on professional and scientific issues.	<b>EO 8</b>
	Develop and implement applied research projects in international relations, foreign and world politics.	<b>EO 10</b>
	Provide professional oral and written translation from/to a foreign language, in particular, on the professional topics of international cooperation, foreign and world politics.	<b>EO 11</b>
	Formulate modeling tasks, create and research models of objects and processes in international relations, foreign policy, public communications and regional studies.	<b>EO 12</b>
	Evaluate the results of one's own work and be responsible for personal professional development.	<b>EO14</b>

#### 4. Structure of the academic component

Stages	Hours		
	Total	Consult.	Ind. work
<i>Preparatory:</i> selection of a research topic and drawing up an individual plan-schedule; familiarization with the state of the problem, review and analysis of similar studies	20	2	18
<i>Main:</i> implemented in accordance with the requirements for organizing scientific research and involves collecting factual material, processing it, writing the text of the work in accordance with its plan, formulating conclusions and recommendations for submission to the scientific supervisor for verification; preparing publications on the research topic.	66	2	64
<i>Formalization:</i> completed approximately one month before the defense of the final qualification work at the EC meeting. At this stage, the work must be fully completed and checked by the supervisor.	14	2	12
<i>Final:</i> receiving a supervisor's feedback and a review of the final qualification paper from a qualified specialist of the relevant profile; conducting a preliminary defense at the department, receiving a recommendation from the final department on admission to the defense, submitting the work to the EC.	10	1	9
Preparing for the defense of the paper before the EC	10	1	9
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>112</b>

The evaluation of the results of the defense of the qualification paper is carried out in accordance with the knowledge control system adopted at the University on a 100-point scale.

№	Components	Points
<b>Evaluation of the paper submitted for defense</b>		
<b>1</b>	Formulation of relevance, problem, goals and objectives, novelty and practical significance	<b>15</b>
<b>2</b>	Work design	<b>10</b>
<b>3</b>	Stylistics and logic of presentation of the material; correct use of special terminology and methodology.	<b>10</b>
<b>4</b>	Work structure (presence of introduction, main sections, conclusions, bibliography); compliance with the requirements for the established volume and number of pages	<b>15</b>
<b>5</b>	Bibliography: a) presence of fundamental works; b) presence of works of the last five years; c) presence of works of university teachers; d) design of the bibliography in accordance with current standards	<b>10</b>
<b>6</b>	Adherence to the rules of academic integrity	<b>10</b>
<b>Defence of the paper</b>		
<b>1</b>	The quality of the student's report (form of the report, content, evidence base, conclusions, proposals)	<b>10</b>
<b>2</b>	Completeness and logic of the answers to the questions posed	<b>10</b>
<b>3</b>	Quality of the presentation (quality of the presented slides, their content, mastery of the presentation material)	<b>10</b>
<b>Total:</b>		<b>100</b>

#### **IV. Evaluation Policy**

##### **The teacher's policy regarding the student**

The topics of the QP are offered to applicants at the beginning of the academic year. Applicants have the right to propose their own topic with a justification for its development. In such cases, preference is given to topics that are directly related to the place of the graduate's future professional activity.

##### **Academic Integrity Policy**

Zero tolerance for plagiarism. Plagiarism is a gross violation of the principle of academic integrity and is unacceptable in the process of writing a qualification thesis. All works are checked by the StrikePlagiarism program. The uniqueness of works is at least 75%.

##### **Deadlines and Rescheduling Policy.**

To approve the topic of the paper and appoint a scientific supervisor, the applicant submits a written application to the dean of the faculty no later than September 15 of the academic year, indicating the topic. By September 25, the topics are approved at a meeting of the department and scientific supervisors are appointed. An arbitrary change of the topic of his work by the applicant is not allowed.

After the topic is approved by the department, the applicant, together with the scientific supervisor, develops an individual plan-schedule for the implementation of the paper, indicating all stages and deadlines for its implementation, which is signed by the applicant, the scientific supervisor and approved at a meeting of the relevant department. It is drawn up in two copies, one of which is received by the applicant, the other is stored at the department. Changing the plan-schedule for the implementation of the QP is possible only with the consent of the scientific supervisor.

The scientific supervisor exercises direct control over the implementation of the QP in accordance with the calendar plan.

Information from scientific supervisors about the progress of the completion of the paper is heard at department meetings twice during the academic year.

The department has the right no later than 20 days before the start of the certification to recommend the suspension of the student from performing the work if it is not completed on time due to his disorganization or indiscipline, which must be recorded in the department's decision. This is the basis for initiating a petition to expel the student for failure to fulfill the curriculum.

The volume of the paper is 3 chapters; the entire work is at least 50 pages.

The thesis undergoes a preliminary defense at a meeting of the Department of International Communications and Political Analysis according to the established schedule, but no later than three weeks before the defense.

The preliminary defense of the paper can be considered a speech and participation of the candidate in scientific conferences - university, interuniversity, all-Ukrainian, etc.

For the preliminary defense, the applicant must submit a printed and checked text of the work by the scientific supervisor.

The defense is held at a department meeting with the obligatory presence of the head of the department and the scientific supervisor and provides for the following procedural stages:

- speech by the author of the paper with reports on the main provisions of the work;
- detailed answers by the student to oral and written questions from the members of the department regarding the content and essence of the work;
- speech by the scientific supervisor on the quality of the work, on the possibility of admitting the work to the EC defense. The department makes a conclusion on the readiness of the work to the EC defense, establishes the time for working on the comments and the deadline for submitting the work, drawn up in accordance with the requirements, to the department.

The conclusion-excerpt from the department meeting is the basis for admitting the work to the EC defense.

The review is submitted to the dissertation committee by teachers from other departments or practicing specialists, which corresponds to the specifics of the OPP "International Information and Public Communications".

Repeated defense of the QP to increase the grade is not allowed.

### **V. Final Control**

The defense is held at an open meeting of the EC. Anyone who wishes may attend the defense and participate in the discussion, without violating the order and procedure of the defense.

The defense procedure includes:

- the applicant's report on the content of the work;
- questions to the author;
- announcement of the scientific supervisor and reviewer's response;
- the applicant's answers to the questions of the EC members and persons present at the defense;
- the applicant's closing statement;
- the commission's decision on the evaluation of the work.

The EC's decision on the assessment of the QP is made at a closed meeting of the commission by open voting by a majority of votes of the commission members who participated in its meeting. If there is an equal number of votes, the vote of the EC Chairman is decisive.

In cases where the defense of the QP does not meet the requirements of the certification level, the EC decides that the student is not certified, which is recorded in the minutes of the commission meeting. In such a case, the EC determines whether the applicant can submit the same work with revisions for re-defense or must work on a new topic determined by the relevant department of the educational institution. Re-defense of the QP is allowed within three years after graduation from a higher education institution, but not earlier than during the next state certification.

An applicant who received an unsatisfactory grade for the QP is expelled from the higher education institution. He/she is issued an academic certificate of the established sample.

### **VI. Grading Scale**

Scores	Linguistic Grade	ECTS Grading Scale	
		Grade	Definition
90-100	Excellent	A	outstanding performance
82-89	Very good	B	above the average standard
75-81	Good	C	generally sound work
67-74	Satisfactory	D	not bad
60-66	Sufficiently	E	performance meets the minimum criteria
1-59	Fail	Fx	needed to retake

### **VI. Recommended literature and Internet resources**

#### **Educational and methodological publications**

1. Кодекс академічної доброчесності Волинського національного університету імені Лесі Українки, 2020, <https://ra.vnu.edu.ua/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Kodeks-akademichnoyi-dobrochesnosti.pdf>



2. Положення про організацію освітнього процесу на першому (бакалаврському) та другому (магістерському) рівнях у Волинському національному університеті імені Лесі Українки, 2022, <http://surl.li/ugoxi>

3. Положення про екзаменаційну комісію щодо атестації осіб, які здобувають перший (бакалаврський) та другий (магістерський) рівні освіти, <http://surl.li/ugpav>

4. ПОЛОЖЕННЯ про випускні кваліфікаційні роботи (проєкти), 2024, <http://surl.li/ugpac>

5. ПОЛОЖЕННЯ ПРО ПОРЯДОК І ПРОЦЕДУРИ ВИРІШЕННЯ КОНФЛІКТНИХ СИТУАЦІЙ У ВОЛИНСЬКОМУ НАЦІОНАЛЬНОМУ УНІВЕРСИТЕТІ ІМЕНІ ЛЕСІ УКРАЇНКИ, [https://vnu.edu.ua/sites/default/files/2021-02/Polozhennia\\_poriadok\\_vyrishennia\\_konfliktnykh\\_sytuatsii.pdf](https://vnu.edu.ua/sites/default/files/2021-02/Polozhennia_poriadok_vyrishennia_konfliktnykh_sytuatsii.pdf)

6. Положення про систему запобігання та виявлення академічного плагіату в науковій та навчальній діяльності здобувачів освіти, докторантів, науково-педагогічних і наукових працівників Волинського національного університету імені Лесі Українки, <http://surl.li/ugpam>

7. Положення про систему внутрішнього забезпечення якості вищої освіти у Волинському національному університеті імені Лесі Українки, <http://surl.li/ugpbm>

### ***Basic literature***

1. Глосарій. Навчальний енциклопедичний словник-довідник із питань інформаційної безпеки. За заг. ред. д. політ. н., проф. Шуляк А. М. Київ: МПБП «Гордон», 2019.

2. Міжнародні відносини, суспільні комунікації та регіональні студії, <https://relint.vnu.edu.ua/index.php/relint>

3. Міжнародні відносини: теоретико-практичні аспекти, <http://international-relations.knukim.edu.ua/>

4. Медіафорум: аналітика, прогнози, інформаційний менеджмент, <https://journals.chnu.edu.ua/index.php/mediaforum>

5. Історико-політичні проблеми сучасного світу, <https://mhpi.chnu.edu.ua/index.php/issues>

6. Політичне життя, <https://jpl.donnu.edu.ua/index>

7. Стратегічні комунікації ЄС: протидія деструктивним впливам: кол. моногр. / за заг. ред. д-ра політ. наук, проф. Н. Карпчук. Луцьк : Вежа-Друк, 2023. 305 с.