

**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**

**«METHODODOLOGY AND ORGANIZATION OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
IN THE FIELD»**

training

Master

specialty

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

Educational and professional programme

**International Information and
Public Communications**

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The syllabus of the academic component *Methodology and Organisation of Scientific Research in the Field*, 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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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: 90/3		Year of study: 1 st
		Semester: 1 st
		Lectures: 8 h.
		Seminars: 28 h.
		Independent work: 48 h.
		Consultations: 6 h.
		Form of control: credit.
Language of education: English		

II. Information about the instructor

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III. Description of the academic component

1. A Course Abstract

Fundamentals of the methodology of scientific research in the field of 29 "International relations". Scientific approaches in research in the field of IRs. Master Degree research and methods of its implementation. Requirements of Lesya Ukrainka University for master's theses. Relevance and novelty of the research. Empirical research base. Scientific argumentation. Academic integrity. Citation rules. Rules for design of sources. Scientific performance. Writing theses. Writing an article on the topic of Master's research.

2. Goal and tasks of the academic component

The aim of teaching the academic component is to acquaint students with the methodological and organizational principles of research activity, which will facilitate orientation in the complex process of scientific research in the field of international relations.

The main tasks of studying AC are to learn to justify the relevance of the chosen research topic, to choose the optimal ways of achieving the goal and solving the tasks set in the work, to determine the object and subject of the research, to analyze scientific literature, to design scientific results in text and technical forms, to determine practical significance and scientific innovation of the results.

Prerequisites: no.

Postrequisites: Qualification paper, Qualification exam.

3. Learning outcomes (competencies)

	Effects	Criterion code
General competencies	Ability to conduct research at an appropriate level.	GC 1
	Ability to learn and master modern knowledge.	GC 2
	Ability to identify, pose and solve problems.	GC 3
	Ability to generate new ideas (creativity).	GC 5
	Ability to work in an international context.	GC 6
	Ability to work in a team.	GC 7
	Ability to show initiative and entrepreneurship.	GC 8
	The ability to evaluate and ensure the quality of the work performed.	GC 9
Special (professional) competencies	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.	SC 1
	The ability to argue the choice of ways to solve problems of a professional nature in the field of international relations, public communications and regional studies, critically evaluate the obtained results and justify the decisions made.	SC 3
	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.	SC 6
	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.	SC 7
	The ability to identify and analyze the peculiarities of the development of countries and regions, modern global, regional and local processes, and Ukraine's place in them.	SC 9
	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.	SC 10
Education outcomes	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.	EO 1
	To critically understand and analyze global processes and their impact on international relations.	EO 2
	To apply modern scientific approaches, methodologies and methods for researching problems of international relations and foreign policy.	EO 3
	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.	EO 4

	To collect, process and analyze information about the state of international relations, world politics and foreign policy of states.	EO 5
	To identify, assess and forecast political, diplomatic, security, social and other risks in the field of international relations and global development.	EO 6
	To assess and analyze international and foreign policy problems and situations, propose approaches to solving such problems.	EO 7
	To communicate freely in national and foreign languages orally and in writing, on professional and scientific issues.	EO 8
	To formulate modeling tasks, create and research models of objects and processes of international relations, foreign policy, public communications and regional studies.	EO 12

4. Structure of the academic component

Titles of content modules and topics	Total	Lec.	Sem.	Ind. work	Cons.	Control/ points
CONTENT MODULE 1. FUNDAMENTALS OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH METHODOLOGY						
Topic 1. Conceptual foundations of scientific knowledge in the field "International relations".	6	2		4		
Topic 2. Scientific research and methods of its implementation in the field of international relations	9	2	2	4	1	DS, P, IST, 5 points
Topic 3. Choosing a relevant topic for the master's thesis. General requirements for the design of work	6	2		4		
Topic 4. Academic integrity. Work with sources	9	2	2	4	1	DS, P, IST, 5 points
Total for content module 1	30	8	4	16	2	10 points
CONTENT MODULE 2. SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH METHODOLOGY						
Topic 5. Justification of relevance, purpose of research and analysis methodology			4	5	1	DS, P, IST, 10 points
Topic 6. Draft of the Introduction to the master's paper			4	5		DS, P, IST, 15 points
Topic 7. Scientific speech (at a round table)			4	6	1	DS, P, IST, 15 points
Topic 8. Preparation of theses for the conference			4	6	1	DS, P, IST, 10 points
Topic 9. Preparation of a draft article on the research topic			4	10	1	DS, P, IST, 20 points
Topic 10. Preparation of the draft of the first section			4			DS, P, IST, 20 points

Total for content module 2	60	0	24	32	4	90 points
Total hours:	90	8	28	48	6	100 points

Control methods: DS – discussion, DB – debate, T – tests, TR – training, PM/CM – problems/cases management, IST/ISW – individual task/individual work of the student, SGW – work in small groups, MTP/TP – module test paper/test paper, Ab – abstract, analytical note, analytical essay, analysis of the work, P - presentation.

5. Tasks for independent work.

Independent work includes the theoretical study of issues related to the topics of lecture classes that were not included in the theoretical course, or were considered very briefly, their in-depth study according to the recommended literature, as well as the completion of homework in order to consolidate the theoretical material, study the literature for preparation for seminar classes, preparation for the exam.

Components of students' independent work	Hours
reading literature on the methodology of scientific research in the field of international relations	14
choosing a research topic	4
the choice of the methodological base of the research	10
preparation of report / presentation	20
Total hours	48

IV. Evaluation Policy

The teacher's policy regarding the student

Attending lectures is an individual decision of the master. But absence from seminar classes must be justified by objective reasons (for example, illness, international internship, participation in scientific events, employment, etc.). In this case, training can take place according to an individual plan in agreement with the teacher.

In the conditions of martial law or quarantine restrictions, the educational process at the university can be carried out in a mixed form of education, namely: face-to-face in the classroom or remotely in Microsoft Teams.

Academic Integrity Policy.

Full compliance with the rules of academic integrity. Correct citation of sources.

Deadlines and Rescheduling Policy.

All assignments are submitted on the day of the seminar. Students who are working coordinate the schedule of assignments with the teacher. Missed classes are passed only if there is confirmation of a good reason for the absence (certificate of absence due to illness or a statement about the need to miss classes).

If the student passed the training and received the relevant Certificate, then the topic/topics of the educational component may be included (depends on the topic of the training and is decided separately in each individual case).

V. Final Control

The final control in the form of credit is regulated by the Regulations on the Organization of the Educational Process at the First (Bachelor) and Second (Master) Levels at Lesya Ukrainka

Credit is given based on the results of the current work, provided that the student has completed the types of educational work specified in the syllabus. If the student did not attend separate classroom classes (for valid reasons), at the consultations, he has the right to work through the missed classes and get the number of points that was determined for the missed topics. On the date of the assessment, the teacher records in the report the amount of current points that the student scored during the current work (scale from 0 to 100 points).

If during the current work, the student scored less than 60 points, he/she is credited during the liquidation of academic debt. In this case, the points scored during the current evaluation are canceled. The maximum number of credit points during the liquidation of academic debt is 100.

Question for the credit

- What is the methodology, what are its functions?
- Explain the essence of subject and interdisciplinary levels of methodological analysis.
- Name the stages of scientific research.
- Formulate the scientific direction according to which you conduct your own scientific research.
- Name the stages of carrying out your own scientific research.
- Propose and justify the purpose and hypothesis of your study.
- Describe your research methodology.
- Describe the relevance of your research.
- How does your research fit into field 29 International Relations?
- What is the empirical basis of your research?

VI. Grading Scale

Grading scale	Linguistic scale
90 – 100	credited
82 – 89	
75 - 81	
67 -74	
60 - 66	
1 – 59	Not credited (it is necessary to repass)

VII. Recommended literature and Internet resources

Educational and methodological publications

1. Карпчук Н., Юськів Б. Аналіз прихованих тем пропаганди Кремля в Україні. *Політичне життя*, № 1, 2022, с. 160-171. <https://jpl.donnu.edu.ua/issue/view/419>
2. Карпчук Н., Юськів Б. Контент- й колокаційний аналіз аналітичних повідомлень RT про Україну. *Міжнародні відносини, суспільні комунікації та регіональні студії*, № 3(14), 2022, с. 73-87.
3. Yuskiv B., Karpchuk N. Dominating Concepts of Russian Federation Propaganda Against Ukraine (Content and Collocation Analyses of Russia Today). *Politologija*, 2021, № 102, Issue 2, p. 116-152. <https://doi.org/10.15388/Polit.2021.102.4>
<https://www.journals.vu.lt/politologija/article/view/24506>
4. Yuskiv B., Karpchuk N., Pelekh O. The Structure of Wartime Strategic Communications: Case Study of the Telegram Channel Insider Ukraine. *Politologija*, 2022, Vol. 107 (3), p. 90-119, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.15388/Polit.2022.107.3>,
<https://www.journals.vu.lt/politologija/article/view/28365/28762>

5. Fedoniuk S., Karpchuk N. Dynamics of the EU Strategic Communications Regarding the European Integration of Ukraine. *On-line Journal Modelling the New Europe*, 2024. № 45. P. 79 – 118, https://neweurope.centre.ubbcluj.ro/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/NR.-45_SEPTEMBRIE-2024.pdf

6. Положення про випускні кваліфікаційні роботи (проекти), https://vnu.edu.ua/sites/default/files/2024-01/2024_%D0%9F%D0%9E%D0%9B%D0%9E%D0%96%D0%95%D0%9D%D0%9D%D0%AF_%D0%BF%D1%80%D0%BE_%D0%B2%D0%B8%D0%BF%D1%83%D1%81%D0%BA_%D1%80%D0%BE%D0%B1%D0%BE%D1%82%D0%B8%20%D0%A0%D0%B5%D0%B4.pdf

7. Положення про екзаменаційну комісію щодо атестації осіб, які здобувають перший (бакалаврський) та другий (магістерський) рівні освіти, <https://vnu.edu.ua/sites/default/files/2023-01/2022%20%D0%9F%D0%BE%D0%BB%D0%BE%D0%B6%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D1%8F%20%D0%BF%D1%80%D0%BE%20%D0%94%D0%95%D0%9A.pdf>

8. Положення про систему запобігання та виявлення академічного плагіату в науковій та навчальній діяльності здобувачів вищої освіти, докторантів, науково-педагогічних і наукових працівників Волинського національного університету імені Лесі Українки, <https://vnu.edu.ua/sites/default/files/2024-03/%D0%9F%D0%BE%D0%BB%D0%BE%D0%B6%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D1%8F%20%D0%BF%D1%80%D0%BE%20%D1%81%D0%B8%D1%81%D1%82%D0%B5%D0%BC%D1%83%20%D0%B7%D0%B0%D0%BF%D0%BE%D0%B1%D1%96%D0%B3%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%BD%D1%8F%20%D1%82%D0%B0%20%D0%B2%D0%B8%D1%8F%D0%B2%D0%BB%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D1%8F%20%D0%B0%D0%BA%D0%B0%D0%B4%D0%B5%D0%BC%D1%96%D1%87%D0%BD%D0%BE%D0%B3%D0%BE%20%D0%BF%D0%BB%D0%B0%D0%B3%D1%96%D0%B0%D1%82%D1%83-%D1%81%D1%82%D0%B8%D1%81%D0%BD%D1%83%D1%82%D0%BE.pdf>

Основна література

1. Бурау Н., Антонюк В., Півторак Д. МЕТОДОЛОГІЯ НАУКОВИХ ДОСЛІДЖЕНЬ У ГАЛУЗІ ПРАКТИКУМ: навчальний посібник. Київ: КПІ імені Ігоря Сікорського. 2021. 58 с. https://ela.kpi.ua/bitstream/123456789/45871/1/Metod_doslid.pdf

2. Бхаттачарджи А., Ситник Н. Методологія та організація наукових досліджень: дослідження в соціально-економічних науках. Навч. посіб. 2-ге вид., перероб. і доп. К.: НТУУ «КПІ ім. Ігоря Сікорського», 2022. 173 с. https://ela.kpi.ua/bitstream/123456789/49231/1/Metodolohiia_orhanizatsiia_naukovykh_doslidzhen_2022.pdf

3. Конспект лекцій з дисципліни «Теорія міжнародних відносин» / Укл. Чистякова І. М., Кубко В. П., Кудлай І. В., Кривдіна І. Б. Одеса: ДУ ОП, 2021. 223 с. URL: http://dspace.op.edu.ua/jspui/bitstream/123456789/12364/1/%d0%9a%d0%be%d0%bd%d1%81%d0%bf%d0%b5%d0%ba%d1%82%20%d0%bb%d0%b5%d0%ba%d1%86%d1%96%d0%b9%20%d0%a2%d0%b5%d0%be%d1%80%d1%96%d1%8f%20%d0%9c%d0%92%202021_291.pdf

4. Медвідь В. Ю., Данько Ю. І., Коблянська І. І. Методологія та організація наукових досліджень (у структурно-логічних схемах і таблицях): навч. посіб. Суми:

CHAY, 2020. 220 c. https://agro.snau.edu.ua/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/20201113_100711.pdf

5. Attina F. International Relations and Contemporary World Issues. URL: <http://www.eolss.net/sample-chapters/c14/e1-35-03.pdf>

6. Documentary Research: What it is, methodology & free examples, <https://www.questionpro.com/blog/documentary-research/>

7. Research Methods in International Relations, <https://www.e-ir.info/resources/research-methods-in-international-relations/>

8. Research Methods in International Relations, https://www.researchgate.net/publication/344403631_Research_Methods_in_International_Relations

9. Tamaki T. Levels of analysis of the international system. URL: <https://dspace.lboro.ac.uk/2134/17287>

10. Qualitative Research Methods: Types, Analysis + Examples, <https://www.questionpro.com/blog/qualitative-research-methods/>