



# SCHOOL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE



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## WHO WE ARE

The School of Political Science offers a rich academic curriculum that exposes our students to the cutting-edge knowledge in the field of political science, international communication and economic diplomacy. It provides students with a unique opportunity to explore and understand politics both as a science and a profession. The courses are designed to enable theoretical insight and ability to analyze politics at local, national and international level. By drawing on the rich professional and extensive academic achievements of our faculty, students gain practical skills and expand their decision making capacities.

## WHAT WE STAND FOR

We create professionals who are capable of dealing with modern-day challenges in the areas of international relations and economic diplomacy. Our courses are carefully designed to tackle some of the most important political issues of today. We offer an exceptional mix of the best practices of European and American educational systems and we involve our students in international research projects and activities. Our students benefit from the opportunity to take part in the Erasmus+ Mobility program and spend a study semester at one of our partner universities in Europe.

## OUR FACULTY

The School of Political Science champions a well-balanced combination of theoretical and practical knowledge delivered interactively by professors, experts and career diplomats. It creates a vivid environment for continuous learning and interchange. Our faculty members have excelled as reputable scholars, and some have served as ambassadors and high state officials.

## TENURED FACULTY

- Ivan Dodovski – University of Nottingham alumnus and Chair of ENTAN – the European Non-Territorial Autonomy Network
- Zoran Shapurikj – former MP and former Minister of Environment and Physical Planning
- Marina Andeva – University of Trieste alumna and ISIG Italy Research Fellow
- Ognen Vangelov – Queen`s University alumnus and Canada Vanier Scholar

## ADJUNCT FACULTY

- Danco Markovski – incumbent Macedonian ambassador to Albania
- Ivan Stefanovski – Scuola Normale Superiore Italy alumnus and NDI Program Officer
- Sasho Ordanovski – IWM Vienna Fellow
- Zhivko Gruevski – former Honorary Consul of Canada
- Radmila Shekerinska – former Macedonian Deputy Prime Minister for European Affairs and former Minister of Defense
- Nikola Poposki – former Macedonian Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Ambassador Ognen Maleski – ISS The Hague alumnus, former Macedonian ambassador to OSCE and incumbent president of the Diplomatic Club - Skopje

## VISITING AND EXCHANGE PROFESSORS

- Robert Hudson – University of Derby, UK, Jean Monnet Scholar and Royal Society of Arts Fellow
- Milan Jazbec – former Slovenian ambassador to Macedonia
- Dimitros Akrivoulis – Professor at the European Inter-University Center for Human Rights and Democratization (UNESCO Chair, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece)
- Ambassador Erwan Fouéré – former EU ambassador to Macedonia
- Vincent Mosby – Texas Southern University Huston USA alumnus

## OUR TEACHING PHILOSOPHY

Our aim is not to teach theory and facts only, but above all to enable the students to apply their knowledge and to gain practical skills. Along with lectures, we use advanced teaching tools, such as: case studies; role plays; simulation exercises; solving practical problems; group discussions with special guests; and individual and team projects (research papers, policy analyses, diplomatic cables). Small class size enables every student to actively participate in the learning process. Each academic year our students do internships in some of the 150+ institutions, organizations and companies which are part of the UACS Business Council. We are proud that our students gain knowledge and skills that enable them to take desired jobs immediately after graduation.

## UACS Business Council

The cooperation with the UACS Business Council is a key factor in developing highly professional staff for the real world. The UACS Business Council is comprised of 150 leading companies from various professional backgrounds, as well as government institutions and non-government organizations. Along with providing adjustments to the curricula to meet contemporary needs, the UACS Business Council offers opportunities for career development of UACS students.

## Giving Back to Community

Our programs also nurture social responsibility in students, inviting them to respect the community they live in by being responsible members of society. This is why UACS organizes a range of socially responsible events and projects in which students are actively involved.



## Our Academic Programs

The School of Political Science offers ambitious and innovative study programs, which aim to prepare the students for building a successful career in the fields of:

- Political Science and International Communication
- International Relations and Diplomacy
- Economic Diplomacy

## Expected Learning Outcomes Upon Graduation

- Knowledge and understanding of politics, international communication, and the role of modern diplomacy in the globalized world;
- Ability to independently analyze the political and economic institutions and the processes which define the international system;
- Ability to apply diplomatic techniques and methods to achieve foreign policy objectives;
- Ability to assess and predict the developments within the international system and their effects on the foreign policy of the state;
- Communication skills to publicly express views and knowledge on policy issues, and to participate actively in building the public diplomacy of the state.
- Ability to identify the needs for continuous learning by using electronic databases, scientific works, open-access publications and internal reports on policy issues and the diplomatic practice.



# Employment Possibilities

Graduates of the School of Political Science can experience employment opportunities at a wide spectrum of:

- State and local institutions, government agencies and public bodies in the areas of international relations, applied politics and diplomacy, including the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Internal Affairs, European Affairs, Defense, as well as intelligence agencies and international cooperation bodies.
- International governmental organizations and foreign diplomatic missions, including the OSCE, UNHCR, IOM, and foreign embassies.
- Non-governmental organizations, think-tank and advocacy institutions in different fields seeking trained policy analysts, consultants, political correspondents, lobbyists, organizers and policy advisors.

# Title and Degree Earned Upon Graduation

Upon completion of the three-year undergraduate study program (180 ECTS credits), the students earn the degree of:

- **Bachelor of Arts in Political Science – concentration in Political Science and International Communication**
- **Bachelor of Arts in Political Science – concentration in Economic Diplomacy**

Upon completion of the graduate study program, the students earn the degree of:

- **Master of Arts in International Relations and Diplomacy**

Graduate studies are available as:

- one-year program (min. 60 ECTS), for students who have completed 4 years of undergraduate studies (4+1)
- two-year program (120 ECTS) for students who have completed 3 years of undergraduate studies (3+2)



## Political Science and International Communication

Year 1		
Courses:		ECTS
1	Introduction to Politics	6
2	World Language 1* (Italian, German, French or Spanish)	6
3	Modern Europe	6
4	Sociology	6
5	Elective Course	6
6	Introduction to International Relations	6
7	English for Special Purposes	8
8	World Language 2	6
9	Macedonian Language	2
10	Macroeconomics	6
11	Internship	2
<b>Total ECTS</b>		<b>60</b>

Year 1		
Elective courses, 1 of the following:		
	Microeconomics	6
	Composition 1	6
	US History and Culture	6
	Computer Applications 1	6
	Computer Applications 2	6
	Introduction to Law	6
	Roman Law	6
	Speech Communication	6
	Introduction to Management	6
	British Studies	6
	Introduction to Literature	6
	Introduction to Creative Writing	6

## Political Science and International Communication

Year 2		
Courses:		ECTS
1	Constitutional Law	6
2	EU Law, Institutions and Governance	6
3	Research Methods	6
4	World Language 3	6
5	Elective Course	6
6	International Public Law	6
7	International Business	6
8	Political Thought	6
9	World Language 4	6
10	Comparative Politics Systems	6
<b>Total ECTS</b>		<b>60</b>

Year 2		
Elective courses, 1 of the following:		
	Administrative Law, Public Policy and Management	6
	Political Culture	6
	Nationalism and Ethnopolitics	6
	Electoral Systems	6
	Regional Autonomy and Local Self-Government	6
	Cross-Border Policies and Governance	6
	Environmental Law and Sustainable Development	6
	Critical Theory	6
	Global Understanding and Intercultural Communication	6
	Literature, Film and Politics	6



### Political Science and International Communication

Year 3		
Courses:		ECTS
1	Geopolitics and International Security	6
2	Media and Politics	6
3	Globalisation and International Communication	6
4	World Language 5	6
5	Elective Course	6
6	International Organisations	6
7	Social Psychology	6
8	Elective Course	6
9	World Language 6	6
10	Graduation Paper	6
<b>Total ECTS</b>		<b>60</b>

Year 3		
Elective courses, 2 of the following:		
	International Human Rights	6
	Multiculturalism	6
	Migration and Refugees	6
	East Asia in World Politics	6
	Conflict Management	6
	Economic Diplomacy	6

## Economic Diplomacy

Year 1		
Courses:		ECTS
1	Introduction to Politics	6
2	Modern Europe	6
3	Sociology	6
4	World Language 1* (Italian, German, French or Spanish)	6
5	Elective Course	6
6	Introduction to International Relations	6
7	Macroeconomics	6
8	English for Special Purposes	8
9	World Language 2	6
10	Macedonian Language	2
11	Internship	2
<b>Total ECTS</b>		<b>60</b>

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Elective courses, 1 of the following:		
	Microeconomics	6
	US History and Culture	6
	Composition 1	6
	Computer Applications 1	6
	Computer Applications 2	6
	Introduction to Law	6
	Roman Law	6
	Introduction to Management	6
	Speech Communication	6
	British Studies	6
	Introduction to Literature	6
	Introduction to Creative Writing	6

### Economic Diplomacy

Year 2		
Courses:		ECTS
1	Constitutional Law	6
2	EU Law, Institutions and Governance	6
3	Research Methods	6
4	World Language 3	6
5	Elective Course	6
6	International Public Law	6
7	International Business	6
8	Political Thought	6
9	World Language 4	6
10	Comparative Politics Systems	6
<b>Total ECTS</b>		<b>60</b>

Year 2		
Elective courses, 1 of the following:		
	Administrative Law, Public Policy and Management	6
	Political Culture	6
	Nationalism and Ethnopolitics	6
	Electoral Systems	6
	Regional Autonomy and Local Self-Government	6
	Cross-Border Policies and Governance	6
	Environmental Law and Sustainable Development	6
	Critical Theory	6
	Global Understanding and Intercultural Communication	6
	Literature, Film and Politics	6

## Economic Diplomacy

Year 3		
Courses:		ECTS
1	Geopolitics and International Security	6
2	Economic Diplomacy	6
3	Globalisation and International Communication	6
4	World Language 5	6
5	Elective Course	6
6	International Organizations	6
7	Social Psychology	6
8	Business Module 1 (Entrepreneurship and e-Business)	6
9	Business Module 2 (Business Law and Ethics)	6
10	Graduation Paper	6
<b>Total ECTS</b>		<b>60</b>

Year 3		
Elective courses, 1 of the following:		
	Media and Politics	6
	International Human Rights	6
	Migration and Refugees	6
	Multiculturalism	6
	East Asia in World Politics	6
	Conflict Management	6
	World Language 6	6

## International Relations and Diplomacy 4+1

Courses:		ECTS
1	Theory and Practice of International Relations and Diplomacy	10
2	International Public Law	6
3	International Organisations	6
4	Macedonian Foreign Policy Workshop	2
5	Elective Course	6
6	Advanced Research Methods	10
7	MA Thesis Writing Workshop	2
8	Elective Course	6
9	MA Thesis	12
<b>Total ECTS</b>		<b>60</b>

<b>Elective courses, 2 of the following:</b>	
EU Foreign and Security Policy	6
US Foreign Policy	6
Global Migration	6
European Integration	6
Nationalism and Globalisation	6
Business English	6
Statistics	6
Economic Diplomacy	6
Terrorism, Security and Protections of Human Rights	6
Current Issues in International Relations and Diplomacy	6
New Public Diplomacy	6
Global Media	6
Human Resources Management	6
Conflict Resolution and Mediation	6
Global Energy and Climate Policies	6
Asia in World Politics	6
Populism and Democracy	6
Leadership	6
Advanced Organisational Behavior	6
Political Communication	6

## International Relations and Diplomacy 3+2

Courses:		ECTS
1	Theory and Practice of International Relations and Diplomacy	10
2	International Public Law	6
3	International Organisations	6
4	Macedonian Foreign Policy Workshop	2
5	Elective Course	6
6	Advanced Research Methods	10
7	Elective Course	6
8	Elective Course	6
9	Current Issues in International Relations and Diplomacy	10
10	EU Foreign and Security Policy	6
11	New Public Diplomacy	6
12	Economic Diplomacy	6
13	Terrorism, Security and Protection of Human Rights	6
14	Diplomatic Protocol Workshop	2
15	Strategic Foresight Workshop	2
16	Elective Course	6
17	MA Thesis Writing Workshop	2
18	MA Thesis	22
<b>Total ECTS</b>		<b>120</b>

<b>Elective courses, 4 of the following:</b>	
US Foreign Policy	6
European Integration	6
Global Migration	6
Global Media	6
Nationalism and Globalisation	6
Business English	6
Statistics	6
Human Resources Management	6
Conflict Resolution and Mediation	6
Global Energy and Climate Policies	6
Asia in World Politics	6
Populism and Democracy	6
Leadership	6
Advanced Organisational Behavior	6
Political Communication	6

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\*The University American College Skopje reserves the right to amend the program

A collection of wooden chess pieces, including pawns, knights, and kings, are arranged on a dark, reflective surface. The pieces are slightly out of focus, creating a sense of depth. The background is a soft, light-colored gradient.

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