

Schematic overview of student workload at the doctoral study programme of International Relations

<i>Student workload</i>	<i>ECTS</i>
Year 1 Teaching and learning activities – theory and research: introductory courses	60
Year 2 Scientific research – group dynamics among teachers and doctoral candidates; development of awareness of independent scientific research; research methodology; doctoral conferences; communication with potential mentors; elaboration and presentation of research seminar papers; elaboration and publication of scientific papers.	60
Year 3 Work with mentor and co-mentors – elaboration and defence of doctoral thesis; congress presentation speech, participation in symposiums, seminars, workshops and round tables.	60

Studying process and obligations of doctoral candidates – 1st year

<i>Semester 1</i>	Core module lectures: 1. International Relations 2. Research Methodology 3. Diplomacy 4. Globalisation presentations in interest areas from part of teachers as future mentors; provision of research topics that can be selected by doctoral candidates as their fields of research. Doctoral candidate is expected to obtain 30 ECTS credits, meet obligations in core modules and pass all course exams.	<i>ECTS</i> 8 6 8 8
<i>Semester 2</i>	Core module lectures: 1. Economic Diplomacy 2. International Security 3. International Business 4. International Institutions presentations in interest areas from part of teachers as future mentors; provision of research topics that can be selected by doctoral candidates as their fields of research. Doctoral candidate is expected to obtain 30 ECTS credits, meet obligations in core modules and pass all course exams.	<i>ECTS</i> 8 8 8 6
	Doctoral candidate chooses their mentor and selects the research area in accordance with their interests. Doctoral candidate drafts their research, which is approved by mentor.	

Studying process and obligations of doctoral candidates – 2nd year

<i>Semester 3</i>	The end of semester marks the first doctoral conference at which the doctoral candidate presents two research seminar papers (Seminar paper 1 and Seminar paper 2), which they prepared with their mentor during the course of the semester. Explanatory description of the draft of research (synopsis) as well as profound and multilateral discussion. Elaboration of research synopsis (upon receipt of academic legitimacy for the presented draft of research and approval from mentor). The doctoral thesis synopsis connects theoretical concepts and research strategies with research methods. Doctoral candidate is expected to obtain 30 ECTS credits. Requirement for the enrolment in the 4th semester is the mentor's signature validating the research synopsis.	<i>ECTS</i> 30
<i>Semester 4</i>	The end of semester marks the second doctoral conference at which the doctoral candidate presents two research seminar papers (Seminar paper 3 and Seminar paper 4), which they prepared with their mentor during the course of the semester. Defence of doctoral thesis synopsis. Discussion, suggestions for improvement of synopsis. Doctoral candidate is expected to obtain 30 ECTS credits. Mentor validates completion of obligations with their signature.	<i>ECTS</i> 30

Studying process and obligations of doctoral candidates – 3rd year

<i>Semester 5</i>	Work with mentor. Consultation with teachers of doctoral courses, if necessary. Doctoral candidate is expected to obtain 30 ECTS credits. Requirement for the enrolment in the 6th semester is the mentor's signature validating that the doctoral candidate has met all expected obligations regarding the conceptualisation of the final structure of their thesis, data analysis, interpretation of results and elaboration of specific parts of the doctoral thesis.	<i>ECTS</i> 30
<i>Semester 6</i>	Work with mentor. Elaboration of the final version of the doctoral thesis. Mentor's signature validates that the doctoral thesis is ready for submission to the Committee for the defence of doctoral theses appointed by the Doctoral Study Programme Council. Mentor validates completion of obligations with their signature.	<i>ECTS</i> 30