



JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY
IN KRAKÓW



International Security & Development



**MA
in
International
Security
and
Development**

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Welcome!

International Security and Development is designed to educate responsible and competitive leaders of our globalised world. This innovative study program translates theory into the practice. The Jagiellonian University is one of the most prestigious universities in Poland and has a very rich tradition of academic excellence.

The university is based in Krakow - a city known as a fantastic place to live and offering not only a vast range of opportunities to gain knowledge, but also a chance to meet students from all over the world. In Poland, rapidly growing economic leader of Central Europe, you may also develop your future career as many international corporations opened their branches here.



General information

2 years
4 semesters
120 ECTS

4,000 EUR
per annum

International Security and Development (ISAD) is an international MA programme of studies addressed to students from all over the world who are interested in security and development issues. The programme provides not only theoretical, but also practical knowledge, as Polish and international academic staff and practitioners are part of our team.

ISAD aims at fostering creative thinking about complex problems of global security and development, as well as to equip students with analytical tools, language expertise, and cross-cultural understanding. It also helps gain professional skills needed for managing global security and development in an international environment.



Academic Tracks

International security & crisis management

The aim of this academic track is to extend knowledge of the causes of contemporary conflicts and crisis response based on the analysis of empirical cases, as well as intercultural communication including different regional conditions in different parts of the world (Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and Latin America). The studies include analysis of non-traditional threats (hybrid war, cyberterrorism, international terrorist and criminal networks spreading, energy security, climate protection) and conflict management, peace building on many levels.

Development & security

This academic track provides knowledge in difficulties that governments, international institutions, aid agencies, and NGOs have to face in case of conflicts, humanitarian crises, poverty challenges, post-conflict reconstruction etc. We focus on gaining basic skills within planning, designing, conducting and managing aid policies. The studies include also challenges associated with development effectiveness and human security.





Programme structure

The courses and modules we outline are divided into two major categories: mandatory modules prevailing in the first two semesters will give you a solid foundation in security and development studies. Academic tracks courses taught in the third and fourth semesters will provide more focused knowledge and competence in your chosen area. Apart from these, there are a number of optional courses offered every year.

Additionally, we offer a language course in one of the following languages: German, French, and Polish. Other languages may also be offered.

ISAD, as a two years programme, is divided into four semesters. Students need to complete modules worth at least 60 ECTS credits each year and 120 ECTS in total.





Programme structure

The first semester

Hours ECTS

Mandatory module: Introduction to International Security and Development

Introduction to Security and Development	45	6
Conflicts, Peacebuilding and Development	30	4
Development economics	60	9
Foreign Language	30	3

Optional courses: Non-Traditional Security and Development

The International Order and Development Policy	40	4
Just War Theory and Its Adversaries	30	4
Management of International Sustainable Development	30	4

The second semester

Mandatory module: History and Theory of International Security and Development

World Politics since 1945	60	9
Preventive Diplomacy and Multilateral Conflict Management	30	4
Strategic and International Policy Analysis	45	6
Foreign Language	30	3

Optional courses: Understanding Causes of Conflict

Cultural Awareness	30	4
Cross-cultural communication	30	4
Psychology of security	30	4



Programme structure

The third semester

Hours ECTS

Academic Track: International Security & Crisis management

Violence and Conflicts in the 21st Century	30	4
Warfare and Military Forces in Contemporary World	20	3
Armed Conflicts Law and Peace Operations	20	3
Fragile and Failed States impact in a Globalized World	20	3
Problems of Security in the Middle East and North Africa	30	4
War and Defence in Space	30	4
Problems of Security in the Asia-Pacific	30	4
Polish History and Culture	30	4

Academic Track: Development & Security

Global Economic Governance	30	4
From Aid to Development Effectiveness	20	3
Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development. Theories and practice	20	3
Migration and Development	20	3
Epidemics and International Cooperation in Health	30	4
Political Economy in Sub-Saharan Africa and Developing Countries	30	4
Development and Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific	30	4
Polish History and Culture	30	4

Mandatory module

Intellectual Property	10	2
Diploma Thesis Seminar	20	4
Internship	120	3



Programme structure

The fourth semester

Hours ECTS

Academic Track: International Security & Crisis management

International Organizations in Crisis Management	30	4
International Policy of Counter terrorism	20	3
Politics and Ideology of International Protection of Human Rights	20	3
International Responsibility to Protect and Humanitarian Intervention: Workshops and Practices	20	3
Cybersecurity	30	4
The Problems of Security in Africa	30	4
Minerals, Water and Conflicts in 21st Century	30	4

Academic Track: Development & Security

Trade and Economic Development	30	4
Global Poverty and International Financial Aid Institutions	20	3
Fundraising, Monitoring and Project Cycle Management: Workshops and Practices	20	3
Management of Humanitarian Programmes and Post-Conflict Reconstruction	20	3
Working with Volunteers: NGO's Aid Development after Crisis Situation	30	4
Energy Security and Environmental Protection in the Era of Climate Change	30	4

Mandatory module

Diploma Thesis Seminar	30	9
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Why chose us?

Why ISAD?

This programme combines intellectual rigour with a practical focus that allows students to understand the complexity of today's world security and development issues. ISAD as an innovative project was awarded the grant of Polish National Centre for Research and Development and is co-financed by the European Union funds.

Why the JU?

The Jagiellonian University is the oldest university in Poland and the leading centre in the field of security and development. It was named the best university in Poland in 2018 (journal "Perspectives" ranking) and one of top academic institutions in this part of Europe (QS EECA University Ranking and Webometrics Ranking of World Universities).

Why Kraków?

Studying is not only about the university, but also about the city and people. Magical Krakow, with its wide range of cultural and social events, around 200,000 students, and millions of tourists passing through this UNESCO site each year, is the perfect place to study.

Why Poland?

Poland is the largest economy in Central Europe and one of the fastest growing on the whole European continent. As a development success story example it offers unique job opportunities and place to gain experience for your future career.



Who is it for?

The programme is designed for students with BA diploma in social sciences, humanities, and other relevant fields. It is

ideal for people who want to increase their knowledge in international security and development. It is perfect for those who are interested in both fields, but from different perspectives and different academic disciplines such as politics, history, economy, culture and sociology. With the ISAD programme, they will gain a solid grounding that will develop their career. Graduates of ISAD are ready to work in a variety of public and private institutions and organizations, both national and international, including governmental and international bodies dealing with development and security issues, as well as non-governmental organizations. In addition, they have a very good command of English and a second language at B2 level.



Jagiellonian University students' testimonials

I believe that both my academic endeavors with the Jagiellonian University, as well as my time living in Krakow, have given me a unique opportunity to further my education and develop my own perspectives. Three years after coming to Poland, and I can honestly say that this step into the unknown was one of the most significant and fruitful decisions of my life. What better way to study the world and its political structures than by studying alongside students from every corner of the Earth? My knowledge has been shaped from their perspectives; which offer dimension to the multi-lateral and rapidly changing globalised society we live in.

Karolina Bešenić, United States



At the Jagiellonian University, I found an inspiring team of scholars in a dynamic and open environment, and I enjoyed a refreshing learning experience based on active participation. The invaluable opportunity of giving individual presentations and being involved in teamwork always matched the rigour and the quality of the courses I attended. My BA in International Relations at the Jagiellonian University has prepared me exceptionally well for the Master's degree at Oxford that I am studying this year.

Giovanni Caporioni, Italy





Jagiellonian University students' testimonials

Being a student at the Jagiellonian University has been an incredible experience; the university is one of the oldest and most prestigious in Europe. I found an inspiring group of scholars within the Faculty that are always eager to develop and transform students into future leaders. Finally, is worth mentioning the diverse environment and vibrancy that I have found in Krakow. The city is full of students, culture, history, and beauty. This has truly been the best decision I have made so far!

Alejandro Leal, Mexico



During my time at the Faculty of International and Political Studies at JU, I enjoyed every single moment of taking part in intellectual discussions and learning from professors as well as from fellow students. However, simply the city of Krakow has a lot to offer. So, I would highly recommend JU for prospective students, as they will have high quality of education, fruitful time for networking and discovering their potentials for making a difference in their life.

Jeyhun Ashirov, Azerbaijan





Entry requirements

Persons eligible to apply for the programme are the holders of a higher education diploma (at least undergraduate) in social sciences, humanities and other relevant fields.

Additional formal requirement is documented command of English language at least on the B2 level specified by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. At the same time, we accept a number of recognized language certificates. English native speakers or graduates from study programmes where English was the language of instruction are exempted from the requirement of the certificate.

Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Diploma grade – maximum of 50 points;
2. Motivation letter – maximum of 25 points;
3. Reference letters – maximum of 25 points.





Practical information

Accommodation

Krakow is a wonderful place to study and housing is generally inexpensive and, as a result, more affordable than in the United States or Western Europe. A month's rent for a flat, including utility fees (electricity, gas, water etc.) will generally come to anywhere between U.S. \$150 (EUR 110) to \$500 (EUR 380). For a room at a JU hall of residence you will pay around PLN 360 (about \$100) a month.

We will provide you with any support you might need in finding accommodation in a dormitory or residence. You can apply for accommodation at one of many Jagiellonian University halls of residence. Please note that the tuition fee does not cover accommodation or board.

You might also want to rent a room or a private apartment. Krakow is an academic city, and thus offers many options for private accommodation. Once you have arrived in Krakow, you will find that the process is not as difficult as it may seem. Thousands of foreign students live here and find housing within a few days of their arrival.





Practical information

Health insurance

All foreign citizens, regardless of the length of their stay in Poland, are obliged to hold a valid medical insurance. If they fail to provide a proof of an insurance in need of medical aid, they will have to cover costs of medical services.

Citizens of member states of the EU, Norway, Liechtenstein, Iceland and Switzerland who hold a valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) can get free medical aid in surgeries and hospitals funded by the Polish National Health Fund (NFZ).

Citizens of countries other than abovementioned need to provide a Polish consul with a proof of a medical insurance upon submitting their visa application. After they arrive in Poland, they benefit from an insurance policy obtained in their country, if the policy allows it. If not, they can sign an agreement with the Polish National Health Fund (NFZ) or with a Polish private insurance company.

National visa

Visa applications of Non-EU candidates are submitted to the Polish consulate in the country of residence of the candidate. You will need to include additional documents in your visa application, such as your passport photo, documents justifying the purpose of your visit or confirming that you have enough resources to support yourself during your stay.



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