Master of Arts in Social Sciences
International Relations and Regional Studies
Democracy and Governance
European Union-Russia Studies

Language of instruction: English
Duration of the programme: 2 years
Location: Tartu, Estonia

General admission requirements
• Bachelor’s degree (or equivalent)

Application process
1) Submit an online application with required documents (link available on the programme’s website);
2) Mail the documents after being admitted or when requested by the university.

Documents to be submitted
• online application;
• motivation letter;
• official copy of the Bachelor’s diploma or its equivalent and Diploma Supplement (transcript/mark sheet) in the original language;
• official translation of the Bachelor’s diploma and Diploma Supplement (transcript/mark sheet) into English, translation certified;
• proof of English language proficiency (ut.ee/requirements);
• copy of the passport page stating the applicant’s personal details.

All copies of educational documents (diplomas and diploma supplements/academic transcripts) must be officially certified. Certified copies should bear an original signature and seal of the authority certifying that these are true copies of the original. The documents can be certified: 1) by an authorized official of the issuing institution; 2) by a notary; 3) with an Apostille attached. The University does not accept simple copies of already certified copies.

Application deadline
March 15

NB! Applicants graduating and having their diplomas issued later than the application deadline, should electronically submit their most recent official Transcript of Records by the required deadline along with the rest of the required documents.

Tuition fee & scholarships
€3400/year
Top-ranked applicants receive tuition-waiver scholarships
ut.ee/scholarships

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The programme combines comprehensive study of international relations as an academic discipline and political practice with in-depth understanding of one or several key regions of the world. By focusing on the analysis of contemporary international issues as well as on the practical skills development, the programme is suitable for all those who plan a career with an international focus, be it in diplomacy, public service, private sector or with non-governmental organizations.

Curriculum structure
Total 120 ECTS

- General module 30 ECTS
  - International Relations
  - International Law
  - Security Politics
  - Foreign Policy Analysis
  - Conflict Management and Resolution
- Methodology module 18 ECTS
- Specialisation modules 24 ECTS
  - European Studies (24 ECTS)
  - Russian and Eurasian Studies (24 ECTS)
  - Baltic Sea Region Studies (24 ECTS)
- Elective module 18 ECTS
- Master thesis 30 ECTS

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Democracy and Governance

Democracy and governance are essential parameters of political development in the contemporary world. Understanding them is the key for building a successful career in modern governance, civil society, politics and international organisations. This programme integrates empirical and theoretical knowledge about political systems, democratic institutions, public governance and policy analysis into a single whole. It examines the domestic and global challenges that countries face in their political development in the 21st century.

Curriculum structure
Total 120 ECTS

- General module 36 ECTS
  - Political and Social Change
  - Public Governance
  - Political Theory and Ethics
  - Elections and Political Behaviour
  - Democracy and Democratic Institutions
  - Comparative Ethnopolitics
- Methodology module 18 ECTS
- Specialisation module 30 ECTS
  - Third Sector Management & Marketing
  - EU Institutions and Policy-making
  - Politics of History and Memory
  - Religion and Politics
  - Post-communism
- Elective module 6 ECTS
- Master thesis 30 ECTS

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European Union – Russia Studies

This unique programme provides the analytical tools and skills to grasp the political, historical, and economic developments in Russia, the European Union, and their neighbourhood. Students are involved in a multidisciplinary process of active learning, in which the focus on global issues combines academic rigour and innovative teaching techniques. Through a personalising on the academic and career development, students are prepared to successfully pursue international careers in private and public sector or to engage in PhD studies.

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Total 120 ECTS

- General module 36 ECTS
  - From Ideas to Realities: Europe and Russia
  - EU and Russia in the World
  - Challenges of Socioeconomic Developments in the EU and Russia
  - History and Processes of the EU and Russia
- Specialisation module 48 ECTS
  - Globalisation and Competitiveness
  - Cultures and Identities
  - Migration and Challenges of Human Resources
  - Policy Transfer in Action: The Case of Public Engagement
  - Ethics and Justice in a Pluralist World
  - Biopolitics, Medicine and Healthcare
  - Energy and Security
  - Sovereignty and Supranationalism
  - Origins and Dynamics of Power Relations
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