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## **I. Aim of training/ programme**

The goal of the degree programme is to train experts who, equipped with knowledge in international politics, economy, law, and European Union affairs, can assist managing the challenges presented by the European integration process and utilising economic and institutional opportunities effectively in the state and the nonprofit sector, at local governments and institutions dealing with regional development; they also have sound knowledge and skills that enable them to pursue their studies in the second cycle of training. Further, the program is to train intellectuals open to other cultures, who are able to meet the challenges stemming from the European integration process, capable of responding to global problems, able to represent national and regional interests in the world of international relations. They are able to undertake tasks in the field of international relations, solve problems with a creative and flexible approach at domestic or international corporations, governmental and NGO actors. They are prepared to continue their studies in a master's program.

The International Relations BA degree is an interdisciplinary course addressing key global challenges, issues, and approaches to politics. The goal of the program is to train highly qualified experts with broad education in the social sciences. We have a wide range of courses focusing on the global issues, dealing with the developing countries and the growing Asian states, while we can offer a deep insight into the European and Central Eastern European issues.

The three-year undergraduate course will provide you with the theoretical and practical context of international relations offering an intellectual preparation for a wide range of career choices.

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### III. Detailed course description for the bachelor's degree

#### 1. Recommended courses taking in **FIRST** (FALL) semester

[Course registration period as per Academic Calendar.](#)

|    | Courses should be taken in 1 <sup>st</sup> semester |                                                                                                                                                                              |
|----|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|    | course code                                         | course name                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 1  | PONT2008                                            | Legal Theory                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 2  | PONT2010                                            | World History in the 20th Century I.                                                                                                                                         |
| 3  | PONT2001                                            | Introduction to Economics                                                                                                                                                    |
| 4  | PONT2006                                            | Introduction to Political Science I.                                                                                                                                         |
| 5  | PONT2012                                            | Hungarian Political System I.                                                                                                                                                |
| 6  | PONT2016                                            | Academic Reading and Vocabulary                                                                                                                                              |
| 7  | PONT2036                                            | History of EU Integration I.                                                                                                                                                 |
| 8  | PONT2041                                            | Introduction to IR                                                                                                                                                           |
| 9  | PONT2026                                            | Political Geography                                                                                                                                                          |
| 10 | elective courses                                    | <b>Any elective courses you can select from Campus Credit options.</b><br><b><u>Note that during your 6 semesters you must collect 12 credits from elective courses.</u></b> |

| Course Code               | Course Name                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Credit | Recommended Semester            | Exam Type            | Lecturer      |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| PONT2008                  | Legal Theory                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 3      | 1 <sup>st</sup> semester – fall | Examination on grade | As per Neptun |
| <b>Course Description</b> | <p>The goal of this course is to provide comprehensive knowledge of the legal system and its operation, the most fundamental concepts of legal dogmas (e.g. law, legal norms, sources of law, rules of law, legislation, law enforcement).</p> <p>The focus will be on the analysis of the contact points of law and politics, including the social creations that are in the most direct relationship with law with special regard to the presentation of the contact points between law and the political organisations of the state.</p> <p>In addition to basic legal concepts, students will be given a review of the most general problems of the philosophy of law that concern everyday society: e.g. law and justice, compliance with the law, the role of common law, efficiency and interpretation of laws.</p> |        |                                 |                      |               |
| Course Code               | Course Name                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Credit | Recommended Semester            | Exam Type            | Lecturer      |
| PONT2010                  | World History in the 20th Century I.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 3      | 1 <sup>st</sup> semester – fall | Examination on grade | As per Neptun |
| <b>Course Description</b> | <p>The course will introduce students to the main events of first part of 20<sup>th</sup> Century; explain the causes and political history of World War I; outline the consequences of Paris peace settlements; describe the system of international relations after WWI as well as the main features of interwar history of US, Europe, Soviet Union, Asia, Africa and Latin America. We will end the semester with the origins of WWII and its political history. In addition to political history, the courses will also discuss economic, social, cultural issues as well as elements of military history.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                        |        |                                 |                      |               |

| <b>Course Code</b>        | <b>Course Name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Credit</b> | <b>Recommended Semester</b>     | <b>Exam Type</b>  | <b>Lecturer</b> |
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| PONT2001                  | Introduction to Economics                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 3             | 1 <sup>st</sup> semester – fall | Examination grade | As per Neptun   |
| <b>Course Description</b> | <p>The goal of the subject is to familiarise students with the research objective, the fundamentals, the methodology, the historical development, and the key paradigms of economics. Categories of the body of knowledge:</p> <p>Models, induction, deduction, boundary analysis, mean analysis. Needs, goods, social-economic coordination. Redistribution, reciprocity, market. Division of labour, technological and economic efficiency. Production factors, market forms, supply and demand, price mechanisms. Production and consumption, employment, unemployment, inflation, income. State, economic policy, fiscal and monetary policy. Money, financial brokering system, securities. International division of labour.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |               |                                 |                   |                 |
| <b>Course Code</b>        | <b>Course Name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Credit</b> | <b>Recommended Semester</b>     | <b>Exam Type</b>  | <b>Lecturer</b> |
| PONT2006                  | Introduction to Political Science I.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 3             | 1 <sup>st</sup> semester – fall | Examination grade | As per Neptun   |
| <b>Course Description</b> | <p>The course introduces students to the concept and basic terms of political science, its place among the various disciplines, the fundamental notions of political science, the system of political institutions and their operation.</p> <p>It will address the basic categories of political science: power, rule, legitimacy, state, and its organizations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- explores the political subsystem and its environment, the evolution, and functions of political parties.</li> <li>- analyses dictatorial and democratic political structures and their special types.</li> <li>- provides an introduction to the interpretation of political socialisation, culture, attitudes and communication.</li> <li>- separation of powers and (Comparison of different systems; checks and balances)</li> <li>- ideologies (liberalism, conservatism, anarchism, socialism, communism, fascism-nazism, green ideology)</li> </ul> <p>By presenting the special Hungarian features, this course will provide a more extensive study of the Hungarian political system comparing with other political systems.</p> <p>The course will enable students to recognise and analyse the processes taking place in the Hungarian political system, compare the Hungarian and the international political systems, draw conclusions from the differences and similarities and prepare an expert opinion.</p> |               |                                 |                   |                 |
| <b>Course Code</b>        | <b>Course Name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Credit</b> | <b>Recommended Semester</b>     | <b>Exam Type</b>  | <b>Lecturer</b> |
| PONT2012                  | Hungarian Political System I.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 3             | 1 <sup>st</sup> semester – fall | Examination grade | As per Neptun   |
| <b>Course Description</b> | <p>The course presents the Hungarian Political System and Hungary's history in the Interwar Period. Students will get acquainted with the following topics: Hungary in World War I, Hungary in 1918-1919, the Trianon Peace Treaty, and the Horthy Era: political system, domestic affairs, foreign policy, economy, society, education, culture. The last topic of the course is Hungary's German occupation and the governance of the Arrow Cross Party.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |               |                                 |                   |                 |

| <b>Course Code</b>        | <b>Course Name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Credit</b> | <b>Recommended Semester</b>     | <b>Exam Type</b>  | <b>Lecturer</b> |
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| PONT2016                  | Academic Reading and Vocabulary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 3             | 1 <sup>st</sup> semester – fall | Examination grade | As per Neptun   |
| <b>Course Description</b> | <p>A content-based English language skills course which focuses on vocabulary and reading advanced texts in politics and international relations.</p> <p>Objective:</p> <p>The objective of the course is to improve students' reading skills and to help them acquire academic and subject-related vocabulary. It prepares them to understand how written academic texts are structured: identify key themes and ideas, follow and analyse arguments, select and prioritise information. The course also aims to improve students' vocabulary by covering the following topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. International diplomacy</li> <li>2. International organisations and institutions</li> <li>3. Trends in the balance of economic and political power around the world</li> <li>4. Leading world powers, emerging democracies</li> <li>5. Human rights, minority rights</li> <li>6. World population and migration, demography</li> <li>7. Terrorism and conflict areas</li> </ol> |               |                                 |                   |                 |
| <b>Course Code</b>        | <b>Course Name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Credit</b> | <b>Recommended Semester</b>     | <b>Exam Type</b>  | <b>Lecturer</b> |
| PONT2036                  | History of EU Integration I.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 3             | 1 <sup>st</sup> semester – fall | Examination grade | As per Neptun   |
| <b>Course Description</b> | <p>The European Union is a system of cooperation that has an inevitable influence on Hungary. The goal of the subject is to familiarise students with the history and special features of this integration. They will be given an overview of the international system of relations that influence European integration, the history of relations between the member states and their development through crises with special attention to the enlargement process. The courses will explore the creation, structure, operation and relations of the integration institutions – European Parliament, the Commission, the Council, the Court – and the opportunities for the enforcement of supranational, intergovernmental and subnational agreements with the help of advisory organisations. They will put a great emphasis on the struggle of Hungary to achieve full membership and its role in the Union.</p>                                                                                            |               |                                 |                   |                 |
| <b>Course Code</b>        | <b>Course Name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Credit</b> | <b>Recommended Semester</b>     | <b>Exam Type</b>  | <b>Lecturer</b> |
| PONT2041                  | Introduction to IR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 3             | 1 <sup>st</sup> semester – fall | Examination grade | As per Neptun   |
| <b>Course Description</b> | <p>This course provides an introduction into the international relations. The course highlights among others the different approaches and theories related to IR. The course focuses on among others the history of diplomacy, the expression of national interest, the conflicts, the instruments of foreign policy, the role of the wars, the functioning of IGOs and NGOs.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |               |                                 |                   |                 |
| <b>Course Code</b>        | <b>Course Name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Credit</b> | <b>Recommended Semester</b>     | <b>Exam Type</b>  | <b>Lecturer</b> |
| PONT2026                  | Political Geography                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 3             | 1 <sup>st</sup> semester – fall | Examination grade | As per Neptun   |

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| <b>Course Description</b> | The basic category of modern political geography is the state. The change in the number, function and mutual relationships of states had a crucial impact on the development of regions in the long term. The course will review the processes of the evolution of states from the French bourgeois revolution. The number of globally recognised states was constantly debated during the time of modernisation (recognition was always tied to interests), and even today, there are several “floating states”, state-like structures within Europe too. Let’s just take Kosovo as an example with its ambiguous recognition even among the EU member states. |
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## 2. Recommended courses taking in **SECOND (SPRING) semester**

[Course registration period as per Academic Calendar.](#)

|           | <b>Courses should be taken in 2nd semester</b> |                                              |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
|           | <b>course code</b>                             | <b>course name</b>                           |
| <b>1</b>  | PONT2002                                       | Introduction to Sociology                    |
| <b>2</b>  | PONT2003                                       | Methodology of Sociology                     |
| <b>3</b>  | PONT2011                                       | World History in the 20th Century II.        |
| <b>4</b>  | PONT2007                                       | Introduction to Political Science II.        |
| <b>5</b>  | PONT2013                                       | Hungarian Political System II.               |
| <b>6</b>  | PONT2015                                       | IT in Social Sciences                        |
| <b>7</b>  | PONT2022                                       | Statistical Analysis                         |
| <b>8</b>  | PONT2017                                       | Academic Lectures                            |
| <b>9</b>  | PONT2037                                       | History of EU Integration II.                |
| <b>10</b> | PONT2038                                       | The History of IR I                          |
| <b>11</b> | PONT2023                                       | Hungarian Foreign Policy in the 20th Century |

| <b>Course Code</b>        | <b>Course Name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Credit</b> | <b>Recommended Semester</b>       | <b>Exam Type</b>  | <b>Lecturer</b> |
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| PONT2002                  | Introduction to Sociology                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 3             | 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester – spring | Examination grade | As per Neptun   |
| <b>Course Description</b> | The course offers an introduction to the central concepts and theories in the social sciences via a selection of focus topics. Themes covered range from macro through meso to micro social phenomena and highlight the diversity of social science perspectives. Topics covered include: global trends of social change in income, health, education and housing; everyday social interaction offline and online; relationships, fertility, |               |                                   |                   |                 |
| <b>Course Code</b>        | <b>Course Name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Credit</b> | <b>Recommended Semester</b>       | <b>Exam Type</b>  | <b>Lecturer</b> |
| PONT2003                  | Methodology of Sociology                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 3             | 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester – spring | Examination grade | As per Neptun   |
| <b>Course Description</b> | The course offers an introduction to the key research paradigms of the social sciences. Historical trends of social change are captured via social science data platforms which support factfulness and assist evidence based professional activities throughout students’ professional carriers. Topics covered include: religion, communities, urban life, social structure, social mobility, social milieu.                               |               |                                   |                   |                 |

| <b>Course Code</b>        | <b>Course Name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Credit</b> | <b>Recommended Semester</b>       | <b>Exam Type</b>  | <b>Lecturer</b> |
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| PONT2011                  | World History in the 20th Century II.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 3             | 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester – spring | Examination grade | As per Neptun   |
| <b>Course Description</b> | The course will introduce students to the main events of second part of 20 <sup>th</sup> Century. It will explain the consequences of Second World War, describe the evolution of Cold War; outline its most important elements in Europe and worldwide; and specify the fall of Soviet Block and its effects on the international system. Special emphasis will be put on Asia and the decolonization process. We will end the semester with an overview of the Twentieth Century and analyse how the course of the history changed during this period.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |               |                                   |                   |                 |
| <b>Course Code</b>        | <b>Course Name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Credit</b> | <b>Recommended Semester</b>       | <b>Exam Type</b>  | <b>Lecturer</b> |
| PONT2007                  | Introduction to Political Science II.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 3             | 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester – spring | Examination grade | As per Neptun   |
| <b>Course Description</b> | <p>The course introduces students to the concept and basic terms of political science, its place among the various disciplines, the fundamental notions of political science, the system of political institutions and their operation.</p> <p>It will address the basic categories of political science: power, rule, legitimacy, state and its organizations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- explores the political subsystem and its environment, the evolution and functions of political parties;</li> <li>- analyses dictatorial and democratic political structures and their special types;</li> <li>- provides an introduction to the interpretation of political socialisation, culture, attitudes and communication.</li> <li>- separation of powers and (Comparison of different systems; checks and balances)</li> <li>- ideologies (liberalism, conservatism, anarchism, socialism, communism, fascism-nazism, green ideology)</li> </ul> <p>By presenting the special Hungarian features, this course will provide a more extensive study of the Hungarian political system comparing with other political systems.</p> <p>The course will enable students to recognise and analyse the processes taking place in the Hungarian political system, compare the Hungarian and the international</p> |               |                                   |                   |                 |
| <b>Course Code</b>        | <b>Course Name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Credit</b> | <b>Recommended Semester</b>       | <b>Exam Type</b>  | <b>Lecturer</b> |
| PONT2013                  | Hungarian Political System II.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 3             | 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester – spring | Examination grade | As per Neptun   |
| <b>Course Description</b> | <p>This subject is designed to present the history of Hungary between 1918 and 2010 from a special aspect: the analysis of the political system which is influenced by external forces. With the courses building on one another, the subject will provide a detailed analysis of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the development of the Hungarian parliament and party system,</li> <li>- the relationship between the legislative and the executive powers,</li> <li>- the different features of political transition in the various countries,</li> <li>- the changes in the social structures influenced by the political system.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |               |                                   |                   |                 |
| <b>Course Code</b>        | <b>Course Name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Credit</b> | <b>Recommended Semester</b>       | <b>Exam Type</b>  | <b>Lecturer</b> |
| PONT2015                  | IT in Social Sciences                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 3             | 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester – spring | Examination grade | As per Neptun   |

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| <b>Course Description</b> | The course aims at 1.) giving an interdisciplinary overview of the connections between social sciences, social communication and globalization, in particular, about the changing social relations as a result of global technologies; 2.) introducing the changing environment and context of political communication and its research methodologies, Internet-based communication, the appearance and importance of blogs, the e-tools of elections in the hyperspace, and our mediatized everyday world; 3.) looking at European, Asian and African cases, examples; 4.) extending the horizons of students with methodological skills, knowledge, which will help them better apply relevant theories, concepts; 5.) letting the students know the basics of modern social science research, including the process of research, how to handle data, how to analyze data with different methodologies. |               |                                   |                   |                 |
| <b>Course Code</b>        | <b>Course Name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Credit</b> | <b>Recommended Semester</b>       | <b>Exam Type</b>  | <b>Lecturer</b> |
| PONT2022                  | Statistical Analysis                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 3             | 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester – spring | Examination grade | As per Neptun   |
| <b>Course Description</b> | The goal of the course is to provide students with a sound basis for finding their way in the different areas of statistics and among the various analytical tools. After reviewing the structure of databases and the types of variables, they will learn about the basic statistical tools. Starting with the study of the mean, variance, and distribution of variables we will look at the frequency row, its modified rows and the histogram, followed by a general study of the analysis of relationships. We discuss in detail association, mixed and correlations relations followed by statistical estimates and verifying hypotheses as part of deductive statistics. Finally, we will discuss linear regression as a modelling statistic.                                                                                                                                                      |               |                                   |                   |                 |
| <b>Course Code</b>        | <b>Course Name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Credit</b> | <b>Recommended Semester</b>       | <b>Exam Type</b>  | <b>Lecturer</b> |
| PONT2017                  | Academic Lectures                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 3             | 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester – spring | Practical grade   | As per Neptun   |
| <b>Course Description</b> | This class focuses on refining note taking strategies and learning to use these notes to outline, summarize, discuss and develop critical opinions about lectures. Students are exposed to lectures as well as presentations and other authentic listening opportunities to recognize cues that signal important information, bias, and point of view.<br>Objective:<br>The aim of the course is to develop and improve students' academic listening skills, which usually involve following a lecture or discussion in English and writing adequate notes on it. Students improve their listening and note-taking skills, understand how spoken texts are constructed: identify key ideas and follow arguments, select, and prioritize information, paraphrase, summarize and lay out notes.                                                                                                             |               |                                   |                   |                 |
| <b>Course Code</b>        | <b>Course Name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Credit</b> | <b>Recommended Semester</b>       | <b>Exam Type</b>  | <b>Lecturer</b> |
| PONT2037                  | History of EU Integration II.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 3             | 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester – spring | Examination grade | As per Neptun   |

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| <b>Course Description</b> | <p>The European Union is a system of cooperation that has an inevitable influence on Hungary. The goal of the subject is to familiarize students with the history and special features of this integration. They will be given an overview of the international system of relations that influence European integration, the history of relations between the member states and their development through crises with special attention to the enlargement process. The courses will explore the creation, structure, operation and relations of the integration institutions – European Parliament, the Commission, the Council, the Court – and the opportunities for the enforcement of supranational, intergovernmental and subnational agreements with the help of advisory organizations. They will put great emphasis on the struggle of Hungary to achieve full membership and its role in the Union.</p> <p><u>Competences:</u></p> <p>Students will have sufficient knowledge to understand the development of integration, be able to assess the role of member state interests, analyse the special transformation of the Union and interpret the different standpoints coherently. This knowledge will contribute to the evolution of European identity.</p>                                                         |               |                                   |                   |                 |
| <b>Course Code</b>        | <b>Course Name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Credit</b> | <b>Recommended Semester</b>       | <b>Exam Type</b>  | <b>Lecturer</b> |
| PONT2038                  | The History of IR I.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 2             | 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester – spring | Examination grade | As per Neptun   |
| <b>Course Description</b> | <p>This subject will span two semesters and discuss international relations after the Second World War, that is, the history of the Cold War, broken down into different <i>topics</i>. This kind of approach – which is otherwise not common – presupposes that each of the topics to be discussed is taken as <i>a coherent whole</i>: we will refer to the beginnings – in some cases going back to the 19th century –, contemporary facts, events and development, which we will then analyse against the international reality of our age (e.g. the notion of “crimes against humanity „was introduced during the Nuremberg trials but it was used for several massacre which occurred in the 1990s, e.g. in Rwanda, the former Yugoslavia.) The first semester will focus on the evolution of antagonistic military and political blocs, the great international crises of the Cold War as well as the issues of detente and disarmament. The second semester will be devoted to the inner disintegration of these blocs, issues discussed at the Helsinki Conference, and then the analysis of the problems stemming from the dissolution of the Soviet Union and its consequences. Next, we will turn our attention to special region struck by crises, the Middle East, starting with the establishment of the state</p> |               |                                   |                   |                 |
| <b>Course Code</b>        | <b>Course Name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Credit</b> | <b>Recommended Semester</b>       | <b>Exam Type</b>  | <b>Lecturer</b> |
| PONT2023                  | Hungarian Foreign Policy in the 20th Century                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 2             | 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester – spring | Examination grade | As per Neptun   |
| <b>Course Description</b> | <p>The course focuses on the foreign political decisions and the aims behind of Hungary during the XX century. The new independent country – just after the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy – faced a lot of diplomatic challenges and international troubles, especially with the newly formed neighboring countries. Hungary changed its foreign policy during the interwar period, became a country fighting WW2 on the side of Germany and lost. From that moment the new Hungarian government found itself in the Eastern Block until 1989</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |               |                                   |                   |                 |

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### 3. Recommended courses taking in THIRD (FALL) semester

[Course registration period as per Academic Calendar](#)

|    | Courses should be taken in 3rd semester |                                                          |
|----|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
|    | course code                             | course name                                              |
| 1  | PONT2014                                | Hungarian Political System III.                          |
| 2  | PONT2009                                | Fundamentals of Constitutional Law                       |
| 3  | PONT2018                                | Research and Writing Skills                              |
| 4  | PONT2024                                | Introduction to Social Communication - Politics and Film |
| 5  | PONT2032                                | Comparative Politics I.                                  |
| 6  | PONT2044                                | Globalisation                                            |
| 7  | PONT2029                                | Booms and Crises in the European Economy                 |
| 8  | PONT2030                                | Finance (Financial and Banking Matters)                  |
| 9  | PONT2034                                | International Law I.                                     |
| 10 | PONT2039                                | The History of IR II.                                    |

| Course Code               | Course Name                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Credit | Recommended Semester | Exam Type         | Lecturer      |
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| PONT2014                  | Hungarian Political System III.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 3      | 3rd semester – fall  | Examination grade | As per Neptun |
| <b>Course Description</b> | <p>This subject is designed to present the history of Hungary between 1918 and 2010 from a special aspect: the analysis of the political system which is influenced by external forces. With the courses building on one another, the subject will provide a detailed analysis of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the development of the Hungarian parliament and party system,</li> <li>- the relationship between the legislative and the executive powers,</li> <li>- the different features of political transition in the various countries,</li> <li>- the changes in the social structures influenced by the political system.</li> </ul> |        |                      |                   |               |
| Course Code               | Course Name                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Credit | Recommended Semester | Exam Type         | Lecturer      |
| PONT2009                  | Fundamentals of Constitutional Law                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 3      | 3rd semester – fall  | Examination grade | As per Neptun |

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| <b>Course Description</b> | In the frame of the basic legal studies the course discusses the basic principles and institutions of constitutional law (sovereignty, constitutionalism, the rule of law, separation of power, participation, representation, citizenship etc.). The course deals also with models of the main state organizations: parliament, president, government, judiciary, local governments, election, parties. The approach is comparative, focusing on the general models regulated by international organisations, emphasising the internationalisation process of constitutionalism.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |               |                             |                   |                 |
| <b>Course Code</b>        | <b>Course Name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Credit</b> | <b>Recommended Semester</b> | <b>Exam Type</b>  | <b>Lecturer</b> |
| PONT2018                  | Research and Writing Skills                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 2             | 3rd semester – fall         | Practical grade   | As per Neptun   |
| <b>Course Description</b> | <p>This course covers the skills necessary for developing a research paper: analytical reading, synthesizing, paraphrasing, and summarizing. Students will be able to write better academic essays by learning about the following: key academic grammatical structures; academic conventions; types of essays; text cohesion and signposting; planning arguments; structuring the introduction and the conclusion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Types of writing</li> <li>-The stages of writing a project</li> <li>-Reading for research purposes</li> <li>-Incorporating evidence into academic work</li> <li>-Choosing sources/Acknowledging your sources</li> <li>-Quotations, paraphrases and plagiarism /Writing a bibliography</li> <li>-Referencing: direct quotations, summaries, and paraphrases</li> <li>-Features of a summary</li> <li>-Descriptive and evaluative writing</li> <li>-Working with abstracts</li> <li>-Extended essays</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |               |                             |                   |                 |
| <b>Course Code</b>        | <b>Course Name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Credit</b> | <b>Recommended Semester</b> | <b>Exam Type</b>  | <b>Lecturer</b> |
| PONT2024                  | Introduction to Social Communication -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 3             | 3rd semester – fall         | Examination grade | As per Neptun   |
| <b>Course Description</b> | <p>Every time we turn on the radio or television, every time we open a book, magazine, or newspaper, someone is trying to educate us, to convince us to buy a product, to persuade us to vote for a candidate or to subscribe to some version of what is right, true, or beautiful. Persuasion, or by the same token, arousing fear – which is another, might be said the negative form of persuasion – are the essence of social communication and were present from the very beginning in the history of the “social animal”. We will concentrate on case studies, analysing different types of social communication, in different historical circumstances that will stretch into our modern era. Our examples or famous occurrences will include the so called “Melian Dialogue” recorded by Thucydides 2500 years ago, Machivelli’s infamous advice to the Prince, propaganda as conceived by its most notorious exponent, Joseph Goebbels in the Nazi era, “fighting words” doctrine in US’s constitutional interpretation, political communication of hatred, and beheading of innocent individuals as the most extreme form of communication practised by terrorists. Some of these examples are obviously very disturbing and raise highly controversial issues, which are worth to be discussed by the students.</p> |               |                             |                   |                 |

| <b>Course Code</b>        | <b>Course Name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Credit</b> | <b>Recommended Semester</b> | <b>Exam Type</b>  | <b>Lecturer</b> |
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| PONT2032                  | Comparative Politics I.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 3             | 3rd semester – fall         | Examination grade | As per Neptun   |
| <b>Course Description</b> | <p>Democratic political systems are organized into different structures due to historical and social reasons. This has an influence on their societies as well as their international relations. Comparative political science is designed to explore these issues. The goal of the courses is to introduce political structure of states that are important for our country. Students will get an understanding of the political structure and system of political institutions of countries like the US, Germany, France, United Kingdom, Italy, Belgium, Austria, Switzerland, and the Scandinavian states as well as Russia, Poland, the Czech Republic, and Slovakia. The courses will analyse the government system, the parliamentary features, the election system, and the party system of particular countries.</p>                                                                                                                                                         |               |                             |                   |                 |
| <b>Course Code</b>        | <b>Course Name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Credit</b> | <b>Recommended Semester</b> | <b>Exam Type</b>  | <b>Lecturer</b> |
| PONT2044                  | Globalisation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 3             | 3rd semester – fall         | Practical grade   | As per Neptun   |
| <b>Course Description</b> | <p>The spheres of globalisation. The main positions in the debate on globalisation. The presence and future of sovereignty. Some basic features of the operation of the global economy. Democracy deficit and the possible ways of strengthening democratic control, IMF, World Bank and WTO. Are human rights the foundations of a global model culture? The Western system of values, the encounter of different cultures and the globalisation of consumer habits. Questions on the reality of Americanisation. The complex problems of the third world, the social risk of economic-financial globalisation. The tools of multinational companies for the enforcement of interests; attempts to regulate their political influence and operation. New ways of the global representation and protection of interests and values. Economic globalisation and ecological crisis. Cosmopolitanism and communitarianism. The appearance of global problems in political discourse.</p> |               |                             |                   |                 |
| <b>Course Code</b>        | <b>Course Name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Credit</b> | <b>Recommended Semester</b> | <b>Exam Type</b>  | <b>Lecturer</b> |
| PONT2029                  | Booms and Crises in the European Economy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 2             | 3rd semester – fall         | Examination grade | As per Neptun   |
| <b>Course Description</b> | <p>The course focuses on the main stages and tendencies of the modern economic history, including socio-cultural implications, from the beginning of the industrialization until our days, with special focus on Europe but within global context. The main objective is that, by the end of the semester, the students have a wide range of knowledge and general understanding about the subject. The course aims to introduce the modern economic processes and theories within a historical approach and context. By the acquired knowledge, the students will have a general understanding about the subject, and they can better understand the current European and global economic and political context.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |               |                             |                   |                 |
| <b>Course Code</b>        | <b>Course Name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Credit</b> | <b>Recommended Semester</b> | <b>Exam Type</b>  | <b>Lecturer</b> |
| PONT2030                  | Finance (Financial and Banking Matters)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 3             | 3rd semester – fall         | Examination grade | As per Neptun   |

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| <b>Course Description</b> | This course is designed to provide an insight into the theory and practice of the financial processes of the economy and cover the knowledge that is indispensable for every economist. In doing so, the following clearly separable areas will be studied. The first part of the course will focus on the basic processes of money and monetary policy, while the second part will present the role of the financial brokering system, the securities, and the securities markets. This will be followed by the analysis of the functions of different banks and the structure and functions of the national banking system. The next block will be concerned with the theoretical and practical connections of international finances and its institutions. The final section will give an insight into public finances. |               |                             |                   |                 |
| <b>Course Code</b>        | <b>Course Name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Credit</b> | <b>Recommended Semester</b> | <b>Exam Type</b>  | <b>Lecturer</b> |
| PONT2034                  | International Law I.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 3             | 3rd semester – fall         | Examination grade | As per Neptun   |
| <b>Course Description</b> | A students will be getting to know the concept of international law, the legislation, the law of international contracts. They will get review the practice of international law, the relationship of international and domestic law, the role and importance of international organizations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |               |                             |                   |                 |
| <b>Course Code</b>        | <b>Course Name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Credit</b> | <b>Recommended Semester</b> | <b>Exam Type</b>  | <b>Lecturer</b> |
| PONT2039                  | The History of IR II.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 3             | 3rd semester – fall         | Examination grade | As per Neptun   |
| <b>Course Description</b> | The course analyses the main trends, crucial events, conflicts, and political decisions that characterise international relations and international politics from the late 1980s to the present day. The main objective of the course is to familiarize students to the understanding and discussion of aftermath of the Cold War, the Post-Cold War situation, and the global challenges. The course will give an insight to the following topics: The history and politics of transatlantic relations; The Balkans; the Arab World and Africa; North-Korea; Iraq and Afghanistan; The Arab Spring and migration tendencies.                                                                                                                                                                                              |               |                             |                   |                 |

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#### 4. Recommended courses taking in FOURTH (SPRING) semester

[Course registration period as per Academic Calendar.](#)

|   | Courses should be taken in 4th semester |                                                             |
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|   | course code                             | course name                                                 |
| 1 | PONT2004                                | Democracy Theories                                          |
| 2 | PONT2019                                | Speaking and Discussion Skills                              |
| 3 | PONT2040                                | The History of IR III.                                      |
| 4 | PONT2033                                | Comparative Politics II.                                    |
| 5 | PONT2045                                | Introduction to Diplomacy                                   |
| 6 | PONT2046                                | International Civil Society                                 |
| 7 | PONT2031                                | International Economics                                     |
| 8 | PONT2035                                | International Law II.                                       |
| 9 | PONT2043                                | Theories and Practices of International Conflict Resolution |

**Please don't forget your specialization subjects. See page 23 and 25.**

| Course Code               | Course Name                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Credit | Recommended Semester              | Exam Type         | Lecturer      |
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| PONT2004                  | Democracy Theories                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 3      | 4 <sup>th</sup> semester – spring | Examination grade | As per Neptun |
| <b>Course Description</b> | As a form of government, in the history of mankind, most of the time, democracy was an accident rather than the rule for human societies. Moreover, even in those times when it existed, its critics (Plato, Aristotle, to name just the most influential) were more to be heard than its enthusiasts. This brief statement suggests that democracy is something unnatural, while we live in an era in which democracy seems for us the most natural form of government, and even autocratic regimes try to get democratic legitimacy. We will follow the historical path of democracy from 5th Century B.C. Athens to the Italian city states of the 15th Century, from the first description of democracy as found on the ground by Alexis de Tocqueville and in the meantime rendering the first thorough critique of it, from its take-off in the liberal 19th Century and its collapse at the beginning of the 20th (think of Nazism and Communism), from the heyday of democracy in the second half of the 20th Century to its limits experienced today when populism takes the stage. While embarking on this historical journey, we will try to disclose the inner contradictions of democracy as well. |        |                                   |                   |               |
| Course Code               | Course Name                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Credit | Recommended Semester              | Exam Type         | Lecturer      |
| PONT2019                  | Speaking and Discussion Skills                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 3      | 4 <sup>th</sup> semester – spring | Examination grade | As per Neptun |
| <b>Course Description</b> | This advanced level class has a strong focus on speaking skills needed for success in lecture classes and seminars. The course is designed to develop students' speaking skills for more effective communication in study and professional situations. The objective of the course is to equip students with the language skills which are necessary for discussions based on properly structured reasoning. It also aims to provide students with an opportunity to improve their fluency through group discussions and debates, and to learn oral argumentation through individual presentations. The course is designed to develop students' persuasion skills while covering topics of discussion in various scientific and academic fields related to students' studies and interests.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |        |                                   |                   |               |

| Course Code               | Course Name                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Credit | Recommended Semester              | Exam Type         | Lecturer      |
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| PONT2040                  | The History of IR III.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 3      | 4 <sup>th</sup> semester – spring | Examination grade | As per Neptun |
| <b>Course Description</b> | The course analyses the main trends, crucial events, conflicts, and political decisions that characterise international relations and international politics from the late 1980s to the present day. The main objective of the course is to familiarize students to the understanding and discussion of aftermath of the Cold War, the Post-Cold War situation, and the global challenges. The course will give an insight to the following topics: The history and politics of transatlantic relations; The Balkans; the Arab World and Africa; North-Korea; Iraq and Afghanistan; The Arab Spring and migration tendencies                                                                                                                                                                                                |        |                                   |                   |               |
| Course Code               | Course Name                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Credit | Recommended Semester              | Exam Type         | Lecturer      |
| PONT2033                  | Comparative Politics II.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 3      | 4 <sup>th</sup> semester – spring | Examination grade | As per Neptun |
| <b>Course Description</b> | Democratic political systems are organised into different structures due to historical and social reasons. This has an influence on their societies as well as their international relations. Comparative political science is designed to explore these issues. The goal of the seminar is to introduce the political structure of states that are important for our country. Students will get an understanding of the political structure and system of political institutions of countries like the US, Germany, France, United Kingdom, Italy, Belgium, Austria, Switzerland and the Scandinavian states. The courses will analyse the government system, the parliamentary features, the election system and the party system of particular countries through the                                                     |        |                                   |                   |               |
| Course Code               | Course Name                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Credit | Recommended Semester              | Exam Type         | Lecturer      |
| PONT2045                  | Introduction to Diplomacy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 3      | 4 <sup>th</sup> semester – spring | Practical grade   | As per Neptun |
| <b>Course Description</b> | The goal of the course is to introduce students to fundamentals of diplomacy, which is important even in the globalising 21st century, the rules that regulate the relations, behaviour, and communication of transnational actors.<br>In this course, students will have an opportunity to conduct a dialogue with practising and former diplomats and experts working in diplomacy in Hungary and abroad. As the main feature of a practice-oriented approach, students will be able to get an insight into the everyday reality of diplomatic bodies: the role and tasks of diplomacy, the institutions, tools and features of diplomacy as well as the rules and characteristics of behaviour and communication (work) in diplomacy.                                                                                    |        |                                   |                   |               |
| Course Code               | Course Name                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Credit | Recommended Semester              | Exam Type         | Lecturer      |
| PONT2046                  | International Civil Society                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 3      | 4 <sup>th</sup> semester – spring | Examination grade | As per Neptun |
| <b>Course Description</b> | In a broad sense, the civil society is the realm of freedom and democracy, where citizens choose their own identity, rights and obligations in a given political and legal setting. So, the idea of civil society is based on an autonomous, initiative personality, including all initiatives of citizens in which they participate on a voluntary basis to represent and defend their interests and values, and which initiatives work autonomously, separated from the state.<br>The goal of this course is to present the theories, structures, and importance of civil society in the operation of modern democracies. It will address questions like how NGOs respond to political, economic, and social challenges, what are the objectives they are created to accomplish and how they function in a given society. |        |                                   |                   |               |

| Course Code               | Course Name                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Credit | Recommended Semester              | Exam Type         | Lecturer      |
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| PONT2031                  | International Economics                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2      | 4 <sup>th</sup> semester – spring | Examination grade | As per Neptun |
| <b>Course Description</b> | Comprehensive presentation of the key areas of international economic relations in an independent context from the viewpoint of economics. In addition to presenting the theoretical background of foreign trade and the practical opportunities offered by foreign trade policies, it is important to clarify how the macroeconomic and financial theories developed for closed national economies change if the analysis is done in the context of an approach that integrates the system of foreign trade relations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |        |                                   |                   |               |
| Course Code               | Course Name                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Credit | Recommended Semester              | Exam Type         | Lecturer      |
| PONT2035                  | International Law II.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |        | 4 <sup>th</sup> semester – spring | Examination grade | As per Neptun |
| <b>Course Description</b> | A students will be getting to know the concept of international law, the legislation, the law of international contracts. They will get review the practice of international law, the relationship of international and domestic law, the role and importance of international organizations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |        |                                   |                   |               |
| Course Code               | Course Name                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Credit | Recommended Semester              | Exam Type         | Lecturer      |
| PONT2043                  | Theories and Practices of International Conflict Resolution                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 3      | 4 <sup>th</sup> semester – spring | Examination grade | As per Neptun |
| <b>Course Description</b> | The course is designed to introduce students to the basic theories of international conflict resolution and its practical forms. It signifies the historical importance of wars and peace agreements, while in the same time, describes how liberal, realist, radical and constructivist theories explain these concepts. Beside the theories of international relations, it also discusses the basics of conflict and peace research discipline. Among others, the course reviews the works and theories of Johan Galtung, Kenneth Boulding, Rudolph J. Rummel, Micheal W. Doyle, David Singer, and Michael Lund. By using examples from these authors, the course outlines models of conflict cycle and explains how conflict resolution techniques were developed in order to deal with different stages of conflicts. The program also examines practical forms of conflict resolution such as preventive and crisis diplomacy; conflict management; peace enforcement; peacekeeping; and peacebuilding. It explains the goals, methods, and contradictions of these techniques, moreover, shows what are the boundaries of empirical analyzes. The course focuses mainly on IIN practice, however |        |                                   |                   |               |

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## 5. Recommended courses taking in FIFTH (FALL) semester

[Course registration period as per Academic Calendar.](#)

|   | Courses should be taken in 5 <sup>th</sup> semester |                            |
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|   | course code                                         | course name                |
| 1 | PONT2005                                            | Ideologies                 |
| 2 | PONT2020                                            | Introduction to EU Studies |
| 3 | PONT2027                                            | Regional Policy            |

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| Course Code               | Course Name                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Credit | Recommended Semester            | Exam Type         | Lecturer      |
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| PONT2005                  | Ideologies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 3      | 5 <sup>th</sup> semester – fall | Examination grade | As per Neptun |
| <b>Course Description</b> | In the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century we are confronted with an increasingly disoriented public. Ideologies once were the landmarks for political commitments. But the language of ideologies became confused. Since the French Revolution and the Enlightenment that prepared it, we got used to rely on ideologies, and the 19th Century obviously was the heyday of liberal ideology. In the first half of the 20th Century, totalitarianisms like Fascism, Nazism, and Communism claimed that the rule should be based exclusively on some ideology. After 1989, for a short period it seemed that we have reached once again the end of ideologies, as the liberal democracy emerged as the only triumphant ideology. But very soon it turned out, that this is not the case. The revival of fundamentalisms (conservative among them), nationalisms, Islamism strongly suggests that we have to reconsider the “end of ideologies” thesis. We will discuss classical ideologies: liberalism, conservatism, socialism, the quasi-ideologies, nationalism, feminism, ecologism, Islamism and the combination and alteration of |        |                                 |                   |               |
| Course Code               | Course Name                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Credit | Recommended Semester            | Exam Type         | Lecturer      |
| PONT2020                  | Introduction to EU Studies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 3      | 5 <sup>th</sup> semester – fall | Examination grade | As per Neptun |

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| <b>Course Description</b> | <p>The aim of the course is to provide an insight into the history, institutions, structure, values of the EU, to introduce students to some of the common policies, the ways decisions are made, as well as the major political, economic, social issues of the EU.</p> <p>There is an emphasis on discussions based on students' readings as well as individual presentations. We also aim at compiling a useful set of English terms related to a wide range of topics, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Facts and figures - short history of the EU</li> <li>- Structure of the EU- roles and powers of the institutions</li> <li>- Fundamental values</li> <li>- Decision making processes</li> <li>- The enlargement process and the road to membership</li> <li>- Financial framework: the budget</li> <li>- Regional policy, CAP, the single market</li> <li>- EMU and the Euro, the Euro zone</li> <li>- EU and the world, foreign affairs, CFSP, Brexit</li> <li>- EU citizenship, European and national identity, euroscepticism</li> </ul> |               |                                 |                   |                 |
| <b>Course Code</b>        | <b>Course Name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Credit</b> | <b>Recommended Semester</b>     | <b>Exam Type</b>  | <b>Lecturer</b> |
| PONT2027                  | Regional Policy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 3             | 5 <sup>th</sup> semester – fall | Examination grade | As per Neptun   |
| <b>Course Description</b> | <p>Regional policy is one of the most important public policies of the EU and for the European member states. Its aims, institutions, means are used in Europe and also are expanding to other continents applied by international development agencies. The principles of the EU structural and cohesion funds like subsidiarity, partnership, monitoring, evaluation, have crucial influence in formulation of domestic development policies aimed catching up the regions lagging behind.</p> <p>The course in a frame of regional and civilization studies introduces the main objectives of EU cohesion policy, and its means like planning, financing, monitoring etc.</p> <p>The students can get insight into the basic terms of regional (social, economic, infrastructural) inequalities and challenges of economic development as well.</p> <p>The material of the course consists public policy documents (guidelines, plans, legal</p>                                                                                                                         |               |                                 |                   |                 |

## 6. Recommended courses taking in SIXTH (SPRING and LAST) semester

[Course registration period as per Academic Calendar.](#)

|   | Courses should be taken in 5th semester |                                   |
|---|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|   | course code                             | course name                       |
| 1 | PONT2021                                | Current Affairs                   |
| 2 | PONT2028                                | Introduction to Migration Policy  |
| 3 | PONT2025                                | Introduction to Political Culture |
| 4 | PONT2042                                | Introduction to Security Policy   |
| 5 | PONT2047                                | Thesis Writing                    |

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| Course Code               | Course Name                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Credit | Recommended Semester  | Exam Type         | Lecturer      |
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| PONT2021                  | Current Affairs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 3      | 6th semester – spring | Examination grade | As per Neptun |
| <b>Course Description</b> | <p>The course gives an insight into the world of the British and US/American public and private media through the analysis of current examples from newspapers, magazines, TV and radio programs. Students will also learn about the conventions of language and the structure of different media text types used in newspapers, magazines, and radio programs. Participants are also invited to create similar writings on their own and in team.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The History of the British Press / News Agencies</li> <li>2. The media and their audiences.</li> <li>3. Mode of address</li> <li>4. The genres: news and comment</li> <li>5. The British papers – an overview</li> <li>6. The History of the American Press</li> <li>7. The New York Times</li> <li>8. Radio and Television (commercial vs. public)</li> <li>9. News on the radio</li> <li>10. Politics and the media</li> <li>11. Interview on the BBC</li> <li>12. Evaluation</li> </ol> |        |                       |                   |               |
| Course Code               | Course Name                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Credit | Recommended Semester  | Exam Type         | Lecturer      |
| PONT2028                  | Introduction to Migration Policy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 3      | 6th semester – spring | Examination grade | As per Neptun |

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| <b>Course Description</b> | The course provides a theoretical background to international migration. It tackles migration policy while understanding the complexities of development, the role of the diasporas, together with the questions of integration. It addresses a number of case studies connected with the current refugee crisis in Europe.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |               |                             |                   |                           |
| <b>Course Code</b>        | <b>Course Name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Credit</b> | <b>Recommended Semester</b> | <b>Exam Type</b>  | <b>Lecturer</b>           |
| PONT2025                  | Introduction to Political Culture                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 2             | 6th semester – spring       | Examination grade | As per Neptun             |
| <b>Course Description</b> | The course provides an introduction to Political Culture with an angle of a theoretical overview of political culture in CEECs, and an emphasis of the characteristics of political culture in Hungary. A ‘triangular approach’ (developed by the lecturer) will be used for a better understanding of the interconnected aspects (including also political socialization and political communication): the intention is to present the three ‘legs’ on which the context of investigation is based when political culture is discussed, and different political cultures are compared. This ‘triangular framework’ will show the major notions and points of reference to help students comprehend the complexity of political culture.<br>Students will broaden their understanding of the concept of political culture. They will be able to point out the underlying connections among the different aspects of political behaviour. They will also understand the major political heritage of Hungary, the historic figures, and events in Hungarian politics. Contemporary issues such as foreign and immigration policies will also be discussed in detail and with a critical |               |                             |                   |                           |
| <b>Course Code</b>        | <b>Course Name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Credit</b> | <b>Recommended Semester</b> | <b>Exam Type</b>  | <b>Lecturer</b>           |
| PONT2042                  | Introduction to Security Policy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 3             | 6th semester – spring       | Examination grade | As per Neptun             |
| <b>Course Description</b> | The course examines security from a global perspective and discusses security issues that transcend borders, and which can only be adequately addressed through global security cooperation. Most of the actual global security issues are non-traditional in the sense that they are not directly related to traditional nation state competition and interstate war. The course introduces the concept of security and discusses the key theories, concepts, and issues that are under its domain, such as realism, liberalism, great power politics, regional issues, and asymmetric conflict. The course also gives a special focus on Hungarian issues.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |               |                             |                   |                           |
| <b>Course Code</b>        | <b>Course Name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Credit</b> | <b>Recommended Semester</b> | <b>Exam Type</b>  | <b>Lecturer</b>           |
| PONT2047                  | Thesis Writing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 7             | 6th semester – spring       | thesis writing    | depends on the supervisor |
| <b>Course Description</b> | Students will be introduced to the formal and content requirements of thesis writing, the basic expectations and the theory and practice of exploring a thesis topic. After a joint introductory session, every student will continue with their own consultant to prepare for writing the thesis under his/her guidance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |               |                             |                   |                           |

**The total credit value of the compulsory subjects must reach 180 credits by the end of the training, includes chosen specialization, which gives 30 credits and elective (freely) chosen subjects with 12 credit points, reaching the 180 credits end of the 6<sup>th</sup> semester.**

## IV. Specializations by semesters:

### 1. European Integration Specialisation (NTBASANG01)

#### 1.2 Instructor responsible for the internship program

**Important: regarding International Studies in Practice (EU) and International Studies in Practice (IR) courses** – Please note that within the Department of Political Science, Dr. Máté Deak is responsible for the mandatory professional internship program. Therefore, if any questions or matters occur, please contact him directly on [deak.mate@pte.hu](mailto:deak.mate@pte.hu) for further guidance.

|          | <b>Specializations by semesters</b>                     |                                               |
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|          | <b>European Integration Specialisation (NTBASANG01)</b> |                                               |
|          | <b>course code</b>                                      | <b>course name</b>                            |
| <b>1</b> | PONT3002                                                | Sectoral Policies in the EU I.                |
| <b>2</b> | PONT3001                                                | EU Law and the Harmonisation of Laws          |
| <b>3</b> | PONT3007                                                | Thesis Consultation                           |
| <b>4</b> | PONT3003                                                | Sectoral Policies in the EU II.               |
| <b>5</b> | PONT3004                                                | The Issue of European Integration and Nations |
| <b>6</b> | PONT3006                                                | International Studies in Practice (EU)*       |
| <b>7</b> | PONT3005                                                | Enforcement of EU Legislation                 |

| <b>Course Code</b>        | <b>Course Name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Credit</b> | <b>Recommended Semester</b>       | <b>Exam Type</b>  | <b>Lecturer</b> |
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| PONT3002                  | Sectoral Policies in the EU I.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 3             | 4 <sup>th</sup> semester – spring | Examination grade | As per Neptun   |
| <b>Course Description</b> | The operation of the European Union can be best understood through sectoral policies. This course is designed to present the policies of the European Union that was created through European economic and political integration and the regulations that apply to these policies. In this course, students will be introduced to the basic principles of EU law, the enforcement obligations of the member states, the basic rights EU citizens are entitled to, the institutions of EU citizens, the regulation of the internal market, the basic economic freedoms (freedom of goods, services, workforce and capital), the foreign and internal security of the EU, cooperation in police and justice matters as well as agrarian and environmental policy, which play a central role in integration. It will analyse the daily practice of multilevel governance through the procedures of trade policy, education |               |                                   |                   |                 |
| <b>Course Code</b>        | <b>Course Name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Credit</b> | <b>Recommended Semester</b>       | <b>Exam Type</b>  | <b>Lecturer</b> |
| PONT3001                  | EU Law and the Harmonisation of Laws                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 3             | 4 <sup>th</sup> semester – spring | Examination grade | As per Neptun   |
| <b>Course Description</b> | The goal of this subject is to present the law of the European Union and the tasks of legislative harmonisation at the EU and the Hungarian level. By completing the course, students will get an understanding of EU legislation, the relationship between international law and EU law, the legal sources of EU law as well as the development and interpretation of legislation by the European Union Court. The following doctrines will be presented through concrete cases: the immediate effect of “Treaties”; the immediate effect of regulations, decisions; the direct applicability of directives; primacy, priority, the obligation of interpretation and the liability of states. Students will get an insight into the situation of Hungarian legislative harmonisation after the accession and be able to follow                                                                                         |               |                                   |                   |                 |
| <b>Course Code</b>        | <b>Course Name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Credit</b> | <b>Recommended Semester</b>       | <b>Exam Type</b>  | <b>Lecturer</b> |

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| PONT3007                  | Thesis Consultation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 3             | 5 <sup>th</sup> semester – fall   | Practical grade   | depends on the supervisor |
| <b>Course Description</b> | Students will be introduced to the formal and content requirements of thesis writing, the basic expectations and the theory and practice of exploring a thesis topic. After a joint introductory session, every student will continue with their own consultant to prepare for writing the thesis under his/her guidance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |               |                                   |                   |                           |
| <b>Course Code</b>        | <b>Course Name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Credit</b> | <b>Recommended Semester</b>       | <b>Exam Type</b>  | <b>Lecturer</b>           |
| PONT3003                  | Sectoral Policies in the EU II.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 3             | 5 <sup>th</sup> semester – fall   | Examination grade | As per Neptun             |
| <b>Course Description</b> | The operation of the European Union can be best understood through sectoral policies. This course is designed to present the policies of the European Union that was created through European economic and political integration and the regulations that apply to these policies. In this course, students will be introduced to the basic principles of EU law, the enforcement obligations of the member states, the basic rights EU citizens are entitled to, the institutions of EU citizens, the regulation of the internal market, the basic economic freedoms (freedom of goods, services, workforce and capital), the foreign and internal security of the EU, cooperation in police and justice matters as well as agrarian and environmental policy, which play a central role in integration. It will analyse the                                                                      |               |                                   |                   |                           |
| <b>Course Code</b>        | <b>Course Name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Credit</b> | <b>Recommended Semester</b>       | <b>Exam Type</b>  | <b>Lecturer</b>           |
| PONT3004                  | The Issue of European Integration and                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 4             | 5 <sup>th</sup> semester – fall   | Examination grade | As per Neptun             |
| <b>Course Description</b> | European integration and the nation states are important categories in our region. The categories of state – nation – sovereignty generate hot debates which flare up now and again. This subject will look at the relationship between these categories. We will examine the relationship between the member states and European integration since their accession and the constant changes of the Europe policies of the national elite. Using the tools of comparative political science, we will examine the possibilities and the role of the national parliaments in influencing integration, the cooperation between supranational and government organisations and the systems used in the member states for the supervision of the integration processes. Special attention will be devoted to member state models in the European Community, the problems in regard to the legitimacy of |               |                                   |                   |                           |
| <b>Course Code</b>        | <b>Course Name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Credit</b> | <b>Recommended Semester</b>       | <b>Exam Type</b>  | <b>Lecturer</b>           |
| PONT3006                  | International Studies in Practice (EU)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 10            | 5 <sup>th</sup> semester – fall   | Examination grade | As per Neptun             |
| <b>Course Description</b> | International Studies in Practice is a 1 month long (4 weeks, 20 workdays at least) practical trainee program, where students analyse real life cases and problems presented by organisational leaders that operate in international environments. These leaders appeal to students to use their area-specific and multi-disciplinary background in International Studies as well as their research capabilities to provide them with novel and critical insights that can assist them in their future decision-making. Students are responsible to find their own host institution and the period of practice can only take place during their summer (non-academic period, when physical presence is not required by the university). The host institution can be domestic or international,                                                                                                     |               |                                   |                   |                           |
| <b>Course Code</b>        | <b>Course Name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Credit</b> | <b>Recommended Semester</b>       | <b>Exam Type</b>  | <b>Lecturer</b>           |
| PONT3005                  | Enforcement of EU Legislation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 3             | 6 <sup>th</sup> semester – spring | Examination grade | As per Neptun             |

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| <b>Course Description</b> | The course intends to introduce students to the supranational characteristics of the European Union, with special regard to implementation and enforcement of EU law. Students will be able to understand the differences between public international law, EU law and national legal systems in terms of legislation, implementation and enforcement. The course will enable students to follow basic procedures of implementation and enforcement both within the European Union and in national law. The consequences of EU law violations (focusing on infringement procedure, but explaining actions for failure |
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## 2. International Relations (NTBASANG02)

[Course registration period as per Academic Calendar.](#)

|          | <b>Specializations by semesters<br/>International Relations (NTBASANG02)</b> |                                                   |
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|          | <b>course code</b>                                                           | <b>course name</b>                                |
| <b>1</b> | PONT3019                                                                     | Contemporary USA                                  |
| <b>2</b> | PONT3025                                                                     | The Balkan in the 18-20th century                 |
| <b>3</b> | PONT3020                                                                     | History of Latin America in the 19-20th centuries |
| <b>4</b> | PONT3021                                                                     | African Studies                                   |
| <b>5</b> | PONT3022                                                                     | International Studies in Practice (IR)*           |
| <b>6</b> | PONT3023                                                                     | Thesis seminar                                    |
| <b>7</b> | PONT3024                                                                     | Asia in the Global World                          |

| <b>Course Code</b>        | <b>Course Name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Credit</b> | <b>Recommended Semester</b>       | <b>Exam Type</b>  | <b>Lecturer</b> |
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| PONT3019                  | Contemporary USA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 3             | 4 <sup>th</sup> semester – spring | Examination grade | As per Neptun   |
| <b>Course Description</b> | <p>The course deals with the United States of America from two, though y inseparable perspectives. This is not a history lecture, but rather focuses on the specifics - the historical context is explored through the required and recommended literature and the films to be watched. The focus is on the nature and functioning of American democracy. The first description of American democracy was given to us by Alexis de Tocqueville, and the study of this work is therefore essential. Although Montesquieu is the source of the division of powers theory, the American constitutional system of checks and balances differs from the original proposal in many respects. The decisions of the US Supreme Court are crucial to the functioning of democracy, and we will therefore also analyze landmark decisions relating to the Bill of Rights, which owes much to John Locke's political philosophy. American politics is to a large extent centered on the President. We must therefore familiarize ourselves with at least a few presidents: Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Woodrow Wilson, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Donald Trump... Federalism, the electoral system can also be classified in what we might call the political perspective.</p> <p>The social perspective is also inexhaustibly rich. Here, too, we can only attempt to highlight certain problems. Tocqueville already expressed his admiration for the diversity of American social life and, above all, for the multiplicity of autonomies (individuals, associations, media), but in the last 150 years or so the scope of social freedom seems to have narrowed. This narrowing could be better described as partisanship and radicalization, accelerated and deepened by social media, political micro-targeting, in short, by the Digital Age, which is creating social divides.</p> |               |                                   |                   |                 |
| <b>Course Code</b>        | <b>Course Name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Credit</b> | <b>Recommended Semester</b>       | <b>Exam Type</b>  | <b>Lecturer</b> |
| PONT3025                  | The Balkan in the 18-20th century                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 3             | 4 <sup>th</sup> semester – spring | Examination grade | As per Neptun   |
| <b>Course Description</b> | <p>The course aims to examine the political geography and modern history of the states of the Balkan Peninsula, in the period between the 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Although it is not a history class, it uses a historical perspective in order to provide a better understanding of the region's complexities. Given that the Balkans can be interpreted as an area where the geopolitical interests of various regional and global actors have clashed, the course puts special emphasis on the analysis of the role that the region was playing in a wider context of international relations during the aforementioned period. This is complemented by the thorough investigation of the political, economic and cultural developments that were taking place within the region. The course consequently deals with a wide set of issues, including the slow demise of the Ottoman Empire, the regional interests of the Russian Empire, the formation of nation states in the Balkans, the relevant developments during the two world wars, the internal and foreign policies of regional states during the Cold War, and the painful breakup of Yugoslavia. The lectures' theoretical approach will be complemented by exercises, that students will have to carry out in the form of in-class presentations. Fulfilling the course will give</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |               |                                   |                   |                 |

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| PONT3020                  | History of Latin America in the 19-20th centuries                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 3             | 5 <sup>th</sup> semester – fall | Examination grade | As per Neptun   |
| <b>Course Description</b> | <p>This course is a general overview of Latin American history from the beginning of the 19th century to the present, providing students with familiarity with the region and preparing them for future, more specialized studies with a focus on history. While Latin America is united by a common history of Spanish and Portuguese imperialism, it is also an incredibly diverse region. In this course, we will focus on the history of a continent that was established after a colonial period and with even the most ancient cultural heritage. During the 19th century, South American countries won their independence from Spain and Portugal, and the search for the identity of the nation-states emerging from the remnants of the colonies gave rise to further conflicts. They fought numerous wars with each other for territory, sea access, resources, or national prestige. During the 20th century, military dictatorships took power in many countries of the continent, which were only replaced by democratically elected governments towards the end of the 20th century. After the economic boom, progressive social policy and the integration efforts of South America in the 2010s, the concept of “crisis” describes the reality of the continent the most. Whereas before it seemed that the expanding middle class and the diversifying economic structure makes Brazil and some others in the region an important player in the 21st century, by the second decade of the century these hopes faded. Nowadays, terms such as the "captive state", the "petro-state" or the "narco-state" became popular. The common starting point is the assumption of a structural problem, which is political and economic weakness. Besides the traditional perspectives, the course also offers a</p> |               |                                 |                   |                 |
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| PONT3021                  | African Studies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 3             | 5 <sup>th</sup> semester – fall | Examination grade | As per Neptun   |
| <b>Course Description</b> | <p>The course offers an overview of some of the major dimensions of the study of the African continent. Mainly departing from IR perspectives, it investigates the ethnographic and linguistic contexts, together with the present-day socio-economic and political realities of African countries and regions. Culture will be highlighted in the discussions, providing an easy-to-understand ground for getting familiar with certain groups, traditions and policies of the peoples of Africa. Case studies will shed light on a number of Sub-Saharan African countries based upon the numerous field research projects of the professor since 2006. Among the topics to investigate the following will be given emphasis: the question of security in a holistic dimension, from the broader angle of human security; the issue of the rise of violent extremist organizations (VEOs) and terrorism in general across the continent; the complexities of African migrations and the global African diaspora; the involvement of external actors in African development; the trends and tendencies of African urbanization and urban youth challenges; and the rise of a middle class in the African continent.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |               |                                 |                   |                 |
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| PONT3022                  | International Studies in Practice (IR)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 10            | 5 <sup>th</sup> semester – fall | Practical grade   | As per Neptun   |

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| <b>Course Description</b> | International Studies in Practice is an academic collaborative trainee project course where students work with companies, NGOs or other governmental or supranational institutions for a minimum of 30 days long period. Students are responsible to find their place from the above-mentioned possibilities which develops their skills to apply for a trainee position. During the programme they reflect and analyse typical procedures of international relation building, and societal or institutional issues presented by the University of Pecs or the cooperating organisational partners. During the programme students need to use their area-specific and multidisciplinary background in International Studies as well as their research capabilities to assist both their adopting institution as well as the University of Pecs. This course teaches students to merge their International Studies background in practice. Students learn to conduct holistic research using their multidisciplinary grounding, that is, historical, cultural, economic, and political—as taught from a Humanities perspective, and area expertise while developing the skills to be able to work at an inter- or multinational environment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |               |                                   |                   |                           |
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| PONT3023                  | Thesis seminar                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 3             | 5 <sup>th</sup> semester – fall   | Practical grade   | depends on the supervisor |
| <b>Course Description</b> | <p>The aim of the subject is to help students write their theses, apply their theoretical and methodological knowledge in practice, and finally, to prepare them for PhD training. During the semester, the thesis supervisor helps students find their research topics, identify research problems, formulate research questions, and come up with a (praxis oriented) research plan. The supervisor also helps students choose their sources, collect, and analyse their data, find the sufficient theoretical frameworks, and find and critically interpret relevant theoretical and thematic literature. In addition, (s)he also shows students the ethical aspects of doing research.</p> <p>Methods: the course builds on the methodological skills and disciplinary knowledge students have acquired during their training. The research seminar is led by the teacher of the student's own choice, who help the students write a coherent scientific text that meets the requirements of the discipline. During the semester, students are expected to regularly consult their supervisors and report on their progress in collecting and analysing source material, discuss relevant works and theoretical frameworks, and present chapters of the thesis.</p> <p>The course will enable students to identify and sensitively handle environmental and social issues. It develops ethical sensitivity and an ability to think complexly about environmental and social issues. It also increases students' competency in understanding scientific literature and writing</p> |               |                                   |                   |                           |
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| PONT3024                  | Asia in the Global World                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 4             | 6 <sup>th</sup> semester – spring | Examination grade | As per Neptun             |
| <b>Course Description</b> | This course is designed to help students acquire the most important geographical knowledge on the continent and give them an insight into the key historical processes. They will have a clear understanding of the present, and more importantly, the future of potential economic and geopolitical relations. The course will assess the role of Asia in the global world by an integrated approach to geographical, cultural and economic knowledge. It will focus on the global role of India, China and Russia while highlighting the key regions on the continent.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |               |                                   |                   |                           |

## V. Useful information

### Arriving to Hungary

You can reach Pécs with flight landing at the Hungarian National airport called [Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport](#). Airport code is: BUD/LHBP. Getting to downtown Budapest from the airport please visit [Budapest's public transport website](#).

### Arriving to Pécs

From Budapest there are several options to reach Pécs. You can use:

- national public transportation: [train](#) or [bus](#) services
- or any other private shuttle companies run between Budapest International Airport and Pécs – you need to google it.

### Academic information for freshman and senior students

On the very first week, our faculty holds several orientation opportunities – under *Orientation Day* title – where all important information is shared with freshman students. The faculty kindly asks you to plan your travel well in advance to make sure you arrive in time calculating with possible travel restrictions / complications. Exact days for orientation will be announced accordingly.

For senior students please see [faculty's academic calendar](#) for the actual academic year.

All students are welcome to use academic calendar.

### Specialization modules

In certain training programmes, the curriculum prescribes a 30-credit curriculum block, a so-called specialization module. Students are allowed to choose a specialization (module) offered by their own training programme. For international relations BA students the options for specializations are

- European Integration Specialisations
- International Relations

Application procedure of selections usually happens in III. semester, and its education begin from IV. semester. Further information will be shared accordingly with those, who are eligible for module selection.

### Immigration issues

If you are a **third-country** national can obtain a residence permit for the purpose of studies who

- enrolls or has enrolled in a public education institution registered as operating in the public education information system for full-time school education, or according to the working schedule of full-time education, or
- studies within the framework of full-time training at a state-recognized higher education institution or a licensed foreign higher education institution operating in Hungary,
- and wishes to stay in Hungary in order to participate in the preparatory training organized by the higher education institution.

For further information please visit [National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing](#) website.

If you are an **EU and EEA national** (EU+ Norway, Iceland, Lichtenstein, Switzerland) and **non-Hungarian**, for further information please visit [National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing](#) website regarding your stay in Hungary while you are a higher educational student.

**Public/ National Holidays (Bank Holidays) in Hungary during 2025/2026. academic year**

Please note that during public/ national holidays most of the shops, public sector services, banks are closed. Applies for schools and universities too.

| <b>Day or Days</b>                 | <b>Event or Reason</b>                        |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 23 (and 24) October 2025 (Thu-Wed) | Memorial Day of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution |
| 1 November 2025 (Sat)              | All Saint's Day                               |
| 24 December 2025 (Wed)             | Christmas Eve                                 |
| 25 - 26 December 2025 (Thu-Fri)    | Christmas                                     |
| 31 December 2025 (Wed)             | New Year's Eve                                |
| 1 (and 2) January 2026 (Thu-Fri)   | New Year's Day                                |
| 15 March 2026 (Sun)                | Memorial Day of the 1848 Hungarian Revolution |
| 3 April 2026 (Fri)                 | Good Friday                                   |
| 5-6 April 2026 (Sun-Mon)           | Easter                                        |
| 1 May 2026 (Fri)                   | Labour Day/ May Day                           |
| 24 - 25 May 2026 (Sun-Mon)         | Whit Sunday and Monday                        |