Master of International Relations
Master of International Relations

- Interdisciplinary insight into studies of international relations from a social sciences' perspective
- Focus on international politics, diplomacy, sustainability, and global and regional governance
- Practical competences and experience of working in an intercultural and diverse study environment

- Two-year Master's program in English
Master of International Relations

EU Studies
Global Gender Studies
Global China Studies
(Aalborg)

Global Refugee Studies
(Copenhagen)
Preparatory courses: IR theories

1st semester

- Research Design (+ project)
- International Politics and Diplomacy (+ simulation game)
- Electives:
  - EU Politics and Polity
  - Global Gender Studies
  - Global China I

2nd semester

- Sustainability and Project Management (+ solution camp)
- Project
- Electives:
  - EU Policies
  - Gendering Global Governance
  - Global China II
3rd semester

- Internship (+ project)
- Thesis Preparation

4th semester

- Master Thesis
1st semester

EU Politics and Polity

What is the EU and how does it work?
1) Foundation and development of the EU
2) EU’s current workings
3) Major challenges to the EU’s governance model
EU Policies

1) Policy-making processes and policy analysis
2) Key policy areas, e.g., trade, migration, environment, employment, energy, internal market
3) External dimensions, i.e. foreign and security policies
Competences

- Knowledge about EU institutions, policies, and decision-making processes
- Knowledge about various theoretical approaches to the study of International Relations and EU Studies
- The ability to analyze aspects of European economic, political, and societal developments from an interdisciplinary perspective
- Experience in working in an intercultural environment
### 1st semester

**Global China: Politics and Institutions**

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Global China: Governance and sustainability

Sustainable China
- China inequality, development, and limited resources
- China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI): Issues and Challenges
- China Building Global Supply Chains for Green Industry
- Bringing Green to the World in Chinese foreign Policy
- China and the Global South: Issues and Challenges

Governance and Digital China
- Citizenship and access to welfare in China
- Online communities and international politics: China, Japan and nuclear waste-water
- China and Information Technology Competition in an Era of Digital Economy
- Digital Governance in China and the SCS

Global China Studies profile
# 1st semester

## Global Gender Studies

- Theories, methods and practices within the field of gender and global studies
- Analysis and discussion of gender and global studies in relation to empirical cases

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Gendering Global Governance

- Theories and practices within the field of gender and global governance
- Analysis and discussion of gender and global governance theories in relation to empirical cases

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Competences

- Knowledge about gender equality policies and institutions
- Knowledge about theoretical and methodological approaches to the study of gender, international relations, and global governance
- Ability to analyze policies, processes, and actors of international relations from a gender perspective
- Ability to formulate policies on gender equality and diversity and assess practices, in politics and business
- Experience in working in an intercultural and diverse study environment
Internship

- Embassies all around the world
- International organisations, e.g., EU, UN
- A long list of NGOs and lobby organisations, e.g., WAVE, Save the Children, Alliance of Democracies, Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace
- Companies, e.g., Siemens Gamesa
Career options

- The master programme focuses on competences in relation to political analyses, project management, diplomacy, and public administration.
- IR candidates are employed in institutions, organizations, NGOs, or companies working internationally.

I did an internship at the Danish Embassy in India, and I use those competences from my internship very much in my present job. [...] I spent a lot of time monitoring political developments and human rights issues.
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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
Further information

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- Master of International Relations webpage: International Relations - Master degree - Aalborg University (aau.dk)
- Master of International Relations curriculum: Curriculum for the Master's Programme in International Relations, 2022 (aau.dk)