

Study Track: International Relations and Diplomacy

2022-2023 Academic Year

Why follow the International Relations and Diplomacy study track?

Given the strong emphasis of the educational offer on international relations and diplomacy at both the College of Europe and The Fletcher School, MATA students may choose to focus on these aspects as part of their study programme on transatlantic affairs

Students starting at the College of Europe

Students starting at the Fletcher School

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Semester 1 in Bruges

- 6 courses, 20 ECTS

MATA-IRD study track students take a total of **6 courses** during the first semester and begin work on their thesis. They also begin searching for their internship for the second year.

Compulsory courses

- US-EU Relations in the 21st Century: A Multidisciplinary Analysis of Transatlantic Affairs (J. SHATTUCK, 5 ECTS, 27h)
- EU institutions and Decision-Making (C. LORD, 1 ECTS, 15h)
- EU Foreign and Security Policy (A. JUNCOS, 3.5 ECTS, 20h)
- International and EU Negotiation Analysis (F. MARCHI, 3.5 ECTS, 20h)

Additional compulsory courses (select 2)

- European Diplomacy in the 21st Century: Theory Meets Practice (H. MAURER, 3.5 ECTS, 20h)
- External Dimensions of EU Internal Policies (S. SCHUNZ and S. WOLFF, 3.5 ECTS, 20h)
- Legal Aspects of the EU's External Relations (J. WOUTERS, 3.5 ECTS, 20h)
- The EU in a Global Political Economy Context (S. GSTÖHL, 3.5 ECTS, 20h)

A special seminar "Research Methodology in EU External Action", dealing with research design and methodology as well as with theoretical approaches to EU external relations, will be offered to all

students. The first part 'Research Design for the Master's Thesis' will take place during the first semester before students choose their thesis topic in October; the other two parts will take place at the beginning of the second semester.

Non-credit courses

- Research Methodology in EU External Relations (S. GSTÖHL & S. SCHUNZ, 0 ECTS, 12h)
- [Compact Seminars](#)

Semester 2 in Bruges

- 6 courses, 26 ECTS plus MATA study trip to Brussels and IRD study trip to Geneva

Compulsory courses

- US-EU Relations in the 21st Century: Transatlantic Project (E. ALESSANDRI & B. BERTI, 5 ECTS, 20h)
- Simulation Game: EU International Crisis Response (A. RIBO LABASTIDA & Q. WEILER, 3 ECTS, 30h)

Elective courses (select 4, preferably spread across at least 2 different clusters):

Security, Justice and Values

- Les politiques étrangères nationales et l'action extérieure de l'Union européenne (D. CADIER, 4.5 ECTS, 25h)
- The EU's Area of Freedom, Security and Justice : Internal and External Dimensions (V. MORENO-LAX, 4.5 ECTS, 25h)
- Invisible Security Challenges: Hybrid Threats and the EU (H. SMITH, 4.5 ECTS, 25h)
- Drivers of European Defence Cooperation and the Transatlantic Alliance (S.J. SMITH, 4.5 ECTS, 25h)
- Politique de sécurité et de défense commune de l'Union européenne: stratégie, partenariats, opérations (T. TARDY, 4.5 ECTS, 25h)
- EU Democracy Promotion and Human Rights Policy (R. YOUNGS, 4.5 ECTS, 25h)

Foreign Economic Relations and Sustainable Development

- EU External Energy Policy (A. GOLDTHAU, 4.5 ECTS, 25h)
- The EU and International Development (J. MACKIE , 4.5 ECTS, 25h)
- Négociations et politiques commerciales de l'UE : outils et études de cas (N. PERIDY, 4.5 ECTS, 25h)
- The EU and the Global Politics of Climate Change and the Environment (S. SCHUNZ, 4.5 ECTS, 25h)
- Political Risk Analysis in a European Perspective (4.5 ECTS) (C.E SOTILOTTA, 4.5 ECTS, 25h)

Bi- and Multilateral Diplomacy

- Gendering EU External Affairs : Towards a more Inclusive Diplomacy ? (G. ALLWOOD & R. GUERRINA, 4.5 ECTS, 25h)
- Les relations de l'Union européenne avec les grandes puissances (T. DE WILDE D'ESTMAEL , 4.5 ECTS, 25h)
- The Transatlantic Partnership: Renewal and Global Challenges (S. FRÖHLICH, 4.5 ECTS, 25h)
- Speaking with one Voice? The EU's External Representation (C-M GEURTS & S. GSTÖHL, 4.5 ECTS, 25h)
- The Evolving Relations between the EU and China: Partnership and Competition in a Changing World Order (A MICHALSKI, 4.5 ECTS, 25h)
- EU Enlargement ... and UK Withdrawal Order (D PHINNEMORE , 4.5 ECTS, 25h)

Specific Professional Skills

- The EU and Peace Mediation (G. BANIM G. & A. HERRBERG, 4.5 ECTS, 25h)
- Public Relations and Communications Management (C. COLOMINA SALO, 4.5 ECTS, 25h)
- Prospective et planification stratégiques dans le cadre de la politique étrangère de l'UE (H. DELPHIN & F. GAUB, 4.5 ECTS, 25h)
- Le rôle de l'aide humanitaire dans l'action extérieure globale de l'Union européenne : cadre et pratique (A. KOULAIMAH, 4.5 ECTS, 25h)
- European Intelligence Analysis in Practice (H. RÉGO, 4.5 ECTS, 25h)
- Project Management in Development Cooperation (K. WAGNER , 4.5 ECTS, 25h)

Non-credit courses

- Research Methodology in EU External Relations (cont'd) (S. GSTÖHL & S. SCHUNZ, 0 ECTS, 12h)
- [Compact Seminar](#)

Studytrip

MATA-IRD students participate in the MATA study trip to Brussels and the IRD study trip to Geneva

Semesters 3 and 4 in the US

During the second year, MATA-IRD students will spend one semester at the Fletcher School and one semester doing a high-level internship related to transatlantic affairs for a minimum of 3 months. Students can select which semester for both the internship and Fletcher coursework.

Students submit their master's thesis (25 ECTS) in April on a topic related to transatlantic affairs, supervised by a faculty member from both the College of Europe's IRD faculty and the Fletcher School.

At [the Fletcher School](#), MATA-IRD students select 4 courses (6 ECTS and between 26.5h and 32.5h each) from any of the three divisions:

- International Law and Organizations (ILO);
- Diplomacy, History and Politics (DHP);
- Economics and International Business (EIB)

They may also cross-register and substitute one of these four courses from Tufts University or Harvard University. Additionally, they may take an extra half course.

Students starting at the Fletcher School

Semester 1 at Fletcher

- 4 courses

Students take a total of 4 courses in the first semester. They also begin work on their thesis and searching for their internship for the second year.

Compulsory course

- US-EU Relations in the 21st Century: A Multidisciplinary Analysis of Transatlantic Affairs (J. SHATTUCK, 5 ECTS, 27h)

Students also choose at least one course from each of the three divisions ('breadth requirement'):

- [International Law and Organizations \(ILO\)](#)
 - ILO L200: International Legal Order (recommended)
 - ILO L240: Legal and Institutional Aspects of International Trade (recommended)
- [Diplomacy, History and Politics \(DHP\)](#)
 - DHP D220: Processes of International Negotiation (strongly recommended)
 - DHP D263: The Arabs and their Neighbours (recommended)
- [Economics and International Business \(EIB\)](#)

Semester 2 at Fletcher

- 5 courses

Students follow 5 courses during the second semester, in addition to preparing for their internship and continuing work on their thesis. A supervisor from the Fletcher School and the IRD faculty are identified.

Compulsory course

- US-EU Relations in the 21st Century: Transatlantic Project (E. ALESSANDRI & B. BERTI, 5 ECTS, 20h)

Students also choose at least one course from each of the three divisions ('breadth requirement'), with the following recommended courses:

- International Law and Organizations (ILO)
 - ILO L209: International Treaty Behaviour (recommended)
 - ILO L224: Peace Operations (recommended)
- Diplomacy, History and Politics (DHP)
 - DHP P219: Political Economy of Development (recommended)
- Economics and International Business (EIB)

Semester 3 High-level internship in Europe

Students may also cross-register and substitute one of them by a relevant course from Tufts University or Harvard University.

Semester 4 in Bruges

Students undertake a high-level internship related to transatlantic affairs for at least 3 months.

Students take 4 courses and have the possibility to take a range of non-credit courses. MATA-IRD students attend the IRD study trip. Students submit their master's thesis (25 ECTS) on a topic related to transatlantic affairs in April, supervised by a member from both the College of Europe's IRD faculty and the Fletcher School.

Compulsory courses

- Thesis submission (25 ECTS)

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