



Acquire both *theoretical* foundations and *practical* skill sets essential for a career in these fast-evolving areas of the *international order*.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Strong link between theory and actual practice (only for students with 90-credit option)
- Intensive skills training and policy workshops
- Designed and taught by a network of leading international academics as well as senior policy-makers from international organisations
- Organised in cooperation with the Belgian Royal Military Academy
- Small, interactive classes with practical focus (incl. Capstone project)
- 90 ECTS option (12 months) and 120 ECTS option (15 months)

CAREER PROSPECTS

- International organisations (EU, UN, NATO, etc.)
- Diplomatic missions, foreign affairs offices, ministries
- Research

WHAT SETS US APART

- Personalised • Career focused
- Connected and interactive • Innovative
- International • Diverse • Interdisciplinary

“ This Master’s programme allowed me to further strengthen my expertise in diplomacy. The ability to combine my knowledge in Traditional Diplomacy, as a career diplomat, with expanding on Modern Diplomacy was exemplary. The programme was very comprehensive and provided a robust experience that certainly added value to my professional and academic life. The faculty provided me with a fresh approach to both research and practice, aimed at achieving a win-win situation in negotiations and mediation.

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- Serve Darlington Tehmeh, MA alumnus (2021)



Internships



Experience the real world! Gain experience in a professional environment with one of our partners in Brussels.

Our students have interned at:

- Carnegie Europe
- German Marshall Fund
- The Royal Military Academy
- UN PRME

About our school



The Brussels School of Governance is an alliance between the Institute for European Studies (VUB) and Vesalius College. This MA in Diplomacy and Global Governance is a programme of which the degree will be awarded by Vesalius College.

Who can apply?

All students who:

- Are seeking to make use of the many networking opportunities in Brussels and prepare their careers in a city that is one of the largest diplomatic centres in the world.
- Prefer small class groups in which they are able to express themselves.

Requirements:

- Undergraduate degree in Social, Economic or Political Sciences, Business or Law qualifying for graduate studies in the country of origin. Relevant work experience in these or related fields may qualify.
- English language proficiency

What will you study?

TRIMESTER 1

CORE FOUNDATIONS (COMPULSORY COURSES)

- MA Thesis Preparatory Seminar - 6 ECTS
- The Theory and Practice of International Relations - 6 ECTS
- The Theory and Practice of Diplomacy and Global Governance - 6 ECTS
- Foreign Policy Analysis Within and Beyond the State - 6 ECTS
- Research Methods - 6 ECTS

TRIMESTER 2

SPECIALISATION TRACKS

Students follow four compulsory courses and one elective

COMPULSORY COURSES

- MA Thesis I - 6 ECTS
- Current and Future Challenges in Diplomacy - 6 ECTS
- Mediation, Negotiation and Conflict Resolution in Theory and Practice - 6 ECTS
- Transnational Network Diplomacy and Global Public Policy - 6 ECTS

ELECTIVE COURSES* (CHOOSE ONE)

- Public Diplomacy – 6 ECTS
- International Relations of the Korean Peninsula – 6 ECTS
- Terrorism, Counterterrorism and (De-) Radicalization – 6 ECTS
- Disinformation, Cyber Warfare and Post-Truth - 6 ECTS

**In order to be organised, an elective course requires a minimum number of 4 students.*

TRIMESTER 3

MA THESIS, CAPSTONE CASE STUDY AND ONE ELECTIVE

In addition to advancing their MA Thesis and working on a Capstone project, students take one elective which could be an internship.

COMPULSORY COURSES

- MA Thesis II - 15 ECTS
- Intensive Capstone - 9 ECTS

ELECTIVE COURSES* (CHOOSE ONE)

- Internship - 6 ECTS (only for students with 90-credit option)
- Cases and Issues in Global Security & Diplomacy - 6 ECTS

The programme offers the flexibility of enrolling for an additional 30 ECTS in the shape of an extra semester.

Deadlines

	SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION	APPLICATION
EU citizens	15 April	30 June
Non-EU citizens	15 April	31 May

Get in touch!

Chat with our students

Book an appointment



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