Acquire comprehensive knowledge and policy-oriented skills at the intersection of security and strategic studies to kickstart your international career.

**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 policymakers 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

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"It took me a good two years to find the right graduate school programme that is not only superior in its theoretical core but is also offered by highly-qualified academics and practitioners. The programme also provided me the opportunity to tap into the coveted professional network in Brussels, through which I have met great professionals who have helped and inspired me to work on my long-term career goals."

- Orange Gimena, MA alumna
What will you study?

CORE FOUNDATIONS (COMPULSORY COURSES)
• MA Thesis Preparatory Seminar - 6 ECTS
• The Theory and Practice of International Relations - 6 ECTS
• Theories and Applied Issues of Global Security and Strategic Studies - 6 ECTS
• Geopolitics - 6 ECTS
• Research Methods - 6 ECTS

SPECIALISATION TRACKS
Students follow four compulsory courses and one elective

COMPULSORY COURSES
• MA Thesis I - 6 ECTS
• History of Great Power Competition in the 21st Century - 6 ECTS
• Grand Strategy in Theory and Practice - 6 ECTS
• Non-traditional Security Threats in Theory and Practice - 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.

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

ELECTIVE (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.

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