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**The School of Political Affairs at MGIMO-University** is the oldest of all Schools of Political Science and Politics in Russia. Unlike many other institutions of higher learning that are focused mostly on training lecturers in Political Science or Politics, here at MGIMO-University we have established our own “full-cycle” School of Political Affairs which as a research and teaching centre offers the entire range of graduate degrees — BA, MA and Ph.D. The School trains political scientists of the highest caliber for work as lecturers, researchers, diplomats, analysts, consultants and practitioners. The unique nature of the School allows it to offer prospective students a much wider range of specializations than in many other educational institutions in Russia, while at the same time giving them an excellent grounding in theory and valuable practical skills.

**The School has 7 departments: Department of Comparative Politics, Department of World Politics, Department of Political Theo-**

ry, Department of Applied Analysis of International Relations, Department of Political Economy and Economic Policy, Department of Civil Society, Department of Language Training.

Basic student training for all specializations includes Political Science with an emphasis on international issues as a distinctive feature of MGIMO-University. *Department of Political Economy and Economic Policy* is oriented to case studies in political regulation of economic processes and also in business-government relations. *The Department of World Politics and the Department of Applied Analysis of International Relations* place special emphasis on international analysis and management of interaction in the sphere of world politics. The graduates of the *Department of Comparative Politics* major in comparative analysis of political process and political expertise. *The Department of Political Theory* concentrates on theoretical issues, and the *Department of Civil Society* does research and teaching in Civil Society issues. *The Department of Language Training* provides language teaching in a number of foreign languages (English, French, German, Spanish and Chinese) and researches on language-related issues.

Our School offers undergraduates unique opportunities not only to obtain broad knowledge here at MGIMO-University but to enhance it in an international environment through various partnerships and exchange programs with higher educational establishments in many countries. A variety of internships and language training programs are available to students at all levels of education. In addition, prominent visiting professors regularly give lecture courses here. Political scientists from *Sciences Po* (Paris), *Freie Universität Berlin*, *Stanford University*, *University of California* (Berkeley), *North Carolina*, *Iowa*, *Columbia University* and *State University of New York*, *Oxford University*, *University of Bergen* (*Universitetet i Bergen*, Norway), *Yuan Zhi University*, *China Institute of International Affairs*, *Delhi University* and many other universities come to

the School to deliver their courses. "In return" the School organizes various specialized courses that are in demand with foreign students.

The School of Political Affairs collaborates with one of the first **double-degree** Master's at MGIMO-University — *Russian-French Master's Program in International Relations and World Politics* that is organized jointly with Sciences Po (Paris). Sciences Po is one of the world's top international training centers for specialists in Political Science, International Relations and World Politics. A similar program is executed in collaboration with *German universities*: *Freie Universität Berlin* and *Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin* and *Potsdam Universität*. The graduates get dual degrees and, what is most important, an opportunity to study at the best international centers of learning where they expand their knowledge and hone skills.

For undergraduates the School provides an opportunity of having introductory **internships** in Russian Parliament and government offices (Presidential Administration, Government Executive Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, other ministries), as well as private consulting firms, think-tanks, and recently in foreign embassies.

The School extensively uses simulations and games in teaching. In the study both of comparative politics and international relations through modeling conflicts and elaborating strategies for their resolution the students acquire invaluable practical competencies. Computerized teaching and new methods of testing students' knowledge are now part of the teaching process.

The graduates of the School have excellent career prospects and the career paths for them are extremely varied. Majors in Comparative Politics work as comparative political science researchers, analysts, and there is predicted growth in demand for them in Russia. World Politics alumni may pursue different careers working for Russian and international organizations engaged in organizational support of international activity and international analysis. They have numerous

options of becoming political scientists, international relations specialists, diplomats, experts, international mediators, management analysts, government and private sector advisers and consultants. There has been quite a rapid growth in demand for qualified political scientists and experts in international affairs in an increasing number of national and foreign companies in Russia.

The School has 80 professors and lecturers. Among them there are experts in international relations and political science, theoreticians with expertise across vast areas of politics, practitioners with experience of working for MFA of Russia and other branches of government, the private sector as well as in centers of fundamental and applied research. Among the Senior members of the faculty at different times were: Andrei Kokoshin (Head of the Parliamentary Committee), Yuri Pivovarov (Director of RAS Institute), Yevgenyi Primakov (former Prime Minister), Tatiana Alexeeva, Alexey Bogaturov (First Vice-Rector of MGIMO-University), Irina Busygina, Alexei D. Voskressenski (Dean of the School), Oxana Gaman-Golutvina, Andrey Degtyaryov, Igor Ivanov (former Foreign Minister of RF), Mikhail Ilyin, Alexander Konovalov, Nikolai Kosolapov, Vladimir Kulagin, Marina Lebedeva, Olga Malinova, Andrei Melville (former Vice-Rector for Research at MGIMO-University), Alexander Nikitin, Victor Sergeev, Alexander Solovyov, Mark Khrustalev, Pavel Tsygankov, Dmitry Feldman, Tatiana Shackleina.

The School of Political Affairs and World Politics develops cooperation with the foreign partners engaged in academic research and teaching in the sphere of Political Science and Politics. At different stages among our foreign partners were colleagues from Stanford University, University of California (Berkeley), North Carolina, Iowa, Columbia University and Brown University, State University of New York, Sciences Po, Freie Universität Berlin, University of Oxford, University of Bergen (Universitetet i Bergen, Norway), Upsala University (Uppsala Universitet, Sweden), Delhi University (India), Institute of International

Relations of the MFA of PRC, Fudan University (China), Yuan Zhi University etc.

**Departments at the School of Political Affairs:**

The Department of Comparative Politics

*Head:* Prof. Dr. Pol. Sc. Oxana Gaman-Golutvina. The Department does teaching and research in Comparative Political Science and Comparative Politics.

The Department of Political Theory

*Head:* Prof. Dr. of Philosophy Tatiana Alexeeva. The Department teaches students general problems and theoretical approaches to contemporary Political Science. The main focus of the Department is the analysis and the development of concepts and theories.

The Department of World Politics

*Head:* Prof. Dr. of Philosophy Marina Lebedeva. The Department deals with World Politics.

The Department of Applied Analysis of International Problems

*Head:* Professor, Dr. of History Tatiana Shackleina. The Department teaches (as well as perform research) methods of applied analysis of international issues, political management of economic and international processes, issues of international relations and world politics.

The Department of Civil Society

*Head:* LLD Vladislav Grib. The Department was established in June 2008 meeting the demands of the civil society development in Russia and at the request of the Public Chamber of the Russian Federation. The Department concentrates on contemporary mechanisms of civil society and on the mechanism of human rights protection.

The Department of Political Economy and Economic Policy

*Head:* Dr. Elena Zavialova, PhD in Economics. The Department was established in

2011 in collaboration with IKEA to teach Political Economy, Economic Policy and to make research on government-business relations.

**The Department of Language Training**

*Head:* Dr. Irina Mazaeva, Ph.D in Linguistics. The Department offers instruction in the English Language, developing students' communication skills and competences to the target level of proficiency in their specialist fields, set by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation for communication in the professional sphere.

**MGIMO-UNIVERSITY MASTER'S DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE "POLITICS AND ECONOMICS IN EURASIA"**

**The Master's Degree in Political Science**

The Master's in Political Science (M.P.S.) program at MGIMO University's is designed to meet the needs of rising leaders in the public service professions, including domestic and international government agencies and non-profit organizations by providing up-to-date, firsthand information about Russia and Eurasia from a Russian view point.

The M.P.S. program provides rigorous on-campus training in quantitative reasoning and policy analysis, preparing degree candidates to successful careers and supplying intellectual breadth, organizational skills, and self-confidence necessary to assume leadership positions in an increasingly complex public service environment. Approximately 20 students will be enrolled in the program.

**The MGIMO Difference**

M.P.S. students benefit from:

- a small Master Degree program designed within a major Russian international studies oriented university;
- a diverse student body and alumni network;
- close working relationships between world-renowned faculty staff;
- an innovative curriculum;

- an attention to career-building skills in all areas of public affairs.

**Degree Requirements**

The M.P.S. year begins with an intensive program in politics, international relations, economics, designed to strengthen students' skills. All courses are taught in English. If candidates' command of Russian is adequate, during the M.P.S. academic year they can select additional courses from the courses available to the Russian students of Master Programs in International Relations and Political Science taught in Russian.

Some courses are essentially lecture/discussion; others are seminars in which students present papers for group discussion; and still others are workshops based on field research, participation by visiting experts, and group reports.

**Curriculum**

A List of Main Courses

1.	Conceptualising Eurasia. New Trends in Political Thought.
2.	International Security in Eurasia
3.	Russia and the USA in World Affairs
4.	Russia and Its Neighbors: the case of the CIS
5.	Conflicts in the Belts of Russia's New Frontiers
6.	Russia and China
7.	Russia and the EU
8.	The Conflict Arch in Asia. The Middle East and the Far East
9.	Russia's Economy and World Economy
10.	Energy security in the CIS
11.	Contemporary Russian Domestic Politics
12.	Doing Business in Russia
13.	Political Systems and Political Developments in Smaller States of Eurasia
14.	Russia's Political History. Statehood and State-Building
15.	National Psychology and Cultures of Eurasian Nations
16.	Russia's Political Geography