

	Themes of Group Papers:
	a) Political Psychology and Political Tradition in Eurasia б) Energy Factor in the Eurasian Space в) Regional Conflicts Around Russia

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- I. International Relations
- II. Development Studies
- III. Domestic Policy
- IV. Economics and Public Policy

**Admission Information and Requirements**

To be considered for enrollment, the completed application form and all required materials must be mailed to the MGIMO-University Graduate Department no later than **March 15th 2010**.

Following are the required elements of the completed application:

- the completed University application form (in .pdf, Adobe Reader required);
- a CV/Resume that includes professional experience, educational background, and other relevant experience (see application for details);
- application essay (see application for details);
- two letters of recommendation (see application for details);
- copy of official transcripts from each college and graduate school attended;
- copy of language certificates.

**Tuition Fee**

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**MGIMO-UNIVERSITY MASTER'S DEGREE IN REGIONAL STUDIES "POLITICS AND ECONOMICS OF WORLD REGIONS"**

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**Master of Arts in Regional Studies**

Master of Arts in Regional Studies (MARS) program at MGIMO University is designed to meet the professional needs to attest newest international trends: rising role of world regions in international relations, world politics and economics important to understand and work in the public service professions, including domestic and international government agencies and non-profit organizations.

The MARS program provides rigorous on-campus training in quantitative reasoning and qualitative analysis, preparing degree candidates for successful careers in government, higher education, private and non-profit organizations, the media, civil service, international NGOs, research institutions and supplying intellectual breadth, organizational skills, and self-confidence necessary to assume leadership positions in an increasingly complex government and civil service environment. Approximately 80 students are usually enrolled in the program.

**The MGIMO Difference**

MARS students benefit from:

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

#### **Degree Requirements**

The MARS year begins with an intensive program in World Regional Studies, Politics, International Relations, Economics, designed to strengthen students' skills. All courses are taught in Russian, two foreign languages including English are thought to meet foreign languages requirement by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.

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

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*I. World Regions and International Relations*

*II. Problems of Internal Politics in World Regions and Decision Making Process*

*III. Economics of World Regions*

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- copy of official transcripts from each college and graduate school attended;
- copy of language certificates; Entering exams.

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#### **Curriculum**

**World Regions and Comprehensive Regional Studies: Evolution of the Discipline, International Debates, Methodology and Methods**

Mandatory course, 4 ECTS credits. The autumn term.

Lecturer: Prof. Dr.Pol.Sc. Alexei D. Voskressenski,

PhD (University of Manchester), PhD (Institute of Far Eastern Studies)

Seminars: Dr. Ekaterina V. Koldunova, Ms. Anna Kireeva

Learning results:

— Deep understanding of the evolution and current methodological trends in World Regional Studies — an interdisciplinary field descending from the IR theory, Comparative Politics, and Area Studies.

— Ability to compare methodological standpoints of different international schools of thought, evaluate strengths and weaknesses of competing theories and approaches in World Regional Studies, IR and Comparative Politics.

— Critical thinking skills, basic understanding of the logic and the need for interdisciplinary methodological synthesis.

Assessment: 2 essays, presentation of a methodological review, closed-book exam.

#### **Cross Regional Political Analysis**

Mandatory course, 4 ECTS credits. The spring term.

Lecturer: Prof. Dr.Pol.Sc. Alexei D. Voskressenski

PhD (University of Manchester), PhD (Institute of Far Eastern Studies)

Seminars: Dr. Ekaterina V. Koldunova

Learning results:

— Deep understanding of current disputes in the field of World Regional Studies, ability to demonstrate how they affect theoretical knowledge and analytical findings.

— Ability to apply disciplinary theories to interdisciplinary research, position the topic of one's Master thesis within a broader framework of international scholarship.

— Critical thinking skills, ability to design a research programme, as well as to review and assess methodological correctness of research programmes designed by one's classmates.

Assessment: 2 presentations, essay, peer review of a research proposal, closed-book exam.

#### **The English Language**

Mandatory course, 18 ECTS credits. Continuously runs for 3 terms.

Tutors: appointed by the English Language Department.

Learning results: according to the student's personal level of language.

Assessment: essays, grammar exams, oral and written translations, research proposal.

Political Analysis

Mandatory course (Track One), 4 ECTS credits. The autumn term.

Lecturer: Prof. Dr.Pol.Sc. Alexei D. Bogaturov, Distinguished Professor

Seminars: Igor A. Istomin, Andrey A. Sushentsov

Learning results:

— Deep understanding of basic theoretical approaches and methods for political expertise and prognostication (with a special accent on the system approach and computer modeling), ability to employ them in the analysis of international situations and processes.

— Mastering of semi-formal analytical methods (such as logical graphs) and their

application in case-studies of current political issues and trends.

— Skills of brainstorming, verification of information derived from open sources, and interpretation of analytical findings received by collective political expertise.

Assessment: 3 scenarios for situational analysis, foreign policy recommendations, closed-book exam.

#### **Theories of the IR and Regional Integration**

Mandatory course (Track One), 4 ECTS credits. The spring term.

Lecturer: Prof. Dr. Marina V. Strezhneva, PhD (University of Manchester)

Learning results:

— Deep understanding of key theoretical issues in the field of contemporary International Relations and Regional Integration (such as transnationalisation, regionalism, and multi-level governance).

— Ability to classify theoretical approaches employed by the IR and Regional Integration Studies according to epistemological principles, explain the historical logic of their development, as well as their comparative strengths and weaknesses.

— Ability to compare and contrast regional integration patterns (e.g. the EU, NAFTA, ASEAN, etc.) against each other, define and explain their characteristic features.

Assessment: essay, closed-book exam.

#### **Financial and Energy Infrastructure of World Economy**

Mandatory course (Track One), 4 ECTS credits. The spring term.

Lecturers: Prof. Dr. Olga V. Butorina, Dr. Nikolay Y. Kaveshnikov

Learning results:

— Ability to analyse the most dynamic and important sectors of the contemporary world economy — energy and finance, deep understanding of their architecture, key instruments, and driving forces.

— Ability to explain current trends and problems in the development of global fi-

nancial and energy infrastructure (including those originated from the 2008 world economic crisis), as well as to analyze the effectiveness of existing political tools for regulation of regional and national markets.

— Deep understanding of Russia's financial and energy security policies, their correlation with Russia's foreign policy and socio-economic development.

Assessment: case-studies, closed-book exam.

#### **National, Regional, and Global Security Issues**

Mandatory course (Track One), 4 ECTS credits. The autumn term.

Lecturers: Prof. Dr. Sergey I. Lounev, Dr. Ekaterina V. Koldunova

Learning results:

— Deep understanding of the global international security system and its regional subsystems, their architecture, as well as social, economic, political, and cultural transformation patterns.

— Ability to implement complex multi-factor analysis for evaluation of retrospective and current security trends on the global, regional, and national levels.

— Mastery of wide-range analytical techniques (including brainstorming, situational analysis, collective political expertise, and mind-mapping).

Assessment: mind-mapping exercise, situational analysis report, closed-book exam.

#### **Federalism and Regional Politics**

Mandatory course (Track Two), 4 ECTS credits. The autumn term.

Lecturer: Prof. Dr. Irina M. Busygina

Seminars: Dr. Ekaterina V. Koldunova

Learning results:

— Ability to analyse the pattern of power distribution across territorial structures of modern nations, with regard to key theoretical and practical issues of federalism and regional politics.

— Deep understanding of Russia's complex territorial structure, principles of pow-

er sharing and legal interaction between the federal government, regional governments, and local authorities.

— Ability to analyse typical social, economic, and political problems of regions-within-the-state, both in Russia and other countries.

— Basic skills of employing GIS for territorial analysis of political processes (elections, etc.).

Assessment: round table presentation, closed-book exam.

#### **Decision Making and Politics**

Mandatory course (Track Two), 4 ECTS credits. The spring term.

Lecturer: Prof. Andrey A. Degtyarev

Learning results:

— Deep understanding (and practical application) of contemporary notions, concepts and approaches developed within the political decision-making theory.

— Ability to explore the network structure of a decision-making process at governmental bodies (both legislative and executive); thoroughly analyze its key actors, formal and informal factors, general stages, and dynamics.

— Team-working skills, mastery of policy planning techniques, ability to visualize the decision-making process via cartograms, graphs, etc.

Assessment: 2 essays, collective expertise, oral exam.

#### **Theory and Practice of Business-Government Relations (GR)**

Mandatory course (Track Two), 4 ECTS credits. The autumn term.

Lecturer: Prof. Andrey A. Degtyarev

Learning results:

— Deep understanding of basic principles and mechanisms of lobbying and GR, as well as typical forms and methods for interaction with governmental bodies in Russia and abroad.

— Practical skills of elaborating administrative and legislative decision-making projects, drafts of agreements and memoranda, programme for GR campaigns.

— Ability for strategic planning and risk analysis, time, information, and resource management skills, team-working skills.

Assessment: 2 group projects, presentation of individual policy recommendations, oral exam.

**The Europe and Americas Major Scheme A Regional Language** (besides English; in conformity with major scheme)

Mandatory course, 12 ECTS credits. Continuously runs for 3 terms.

Tutors: appointed by the respective Language Department.

Learning results: according to the student's personal level of language.

Assessment: essays, grammar exams, oral and written translations.

**Ethnic Psychology and Business Patterns of Europeans and Americans**

Mandatory course (Europe and America), 4 ECTS credits. The autumn term.

Lecturers: Prof. Nicolay A. Kosolapov, Prof. Alexander A. Chanyshv, Dr. Ivan N. Timofeev

Learning results:

— Integrated knowledge of ethnopsychological features, national character, ethnic stereotypes, etc. intrinsic to various European/American peoples.

— Deep understanding of ethnic, cultural, and religious traditions, norms and customs, casual and business etiquette, ability to live and work in multicultural environment.

— Ability to critically reassess one's own social and cultural experience, adapt oneself to changes in social and cultural milieu.

Assessment: case-studies, role-playing, simulation games, oral exam.

**European and American Foreign Policy of Russia**

Mandatory course (Europe and America), 4 ECTS credits. The autumn term.

Lecturers: Prof. Dr. Tatiana A. Shakleina, Prof. Dr. Boris F. Martynov, Dr. Tatiana V. Yurieva

Learning results:

— Deep understanding of the logic, nature and evolution of Russia's foreign policy towards major European, North American and Latin American states, its current priorities, trends, and achievements.

— Ability to analyze potential resources as well as limitations for Russia's participation in multilateral cooperation and regional integration projects in Europe and the Western hemisphere, employing respective methodology.

— Ability to evaluate Russia's diplomatic relations with the US, the European Union and Latin American countries in both regional and global contexts.

Assessment: essay, presentations, closed-book exam.

**Modernization in Europe and Latin America**

Mandatory course (Europe and America), 4 ECTS credits. The autumn term.

Lecturers: Prof. Dr. Sergey M. Khenkin, Prof. Dr. Lyudmila S. Okuneva

Learning results:

— Deep understanding of social, economic, and political factors, which lead to establishment of authoritarian / totalitarian regimes, as well as those, which facilitate democratization.

— Ability to contrast intrinsic features of an authoritarian / totalitarian regime against the set of democratic norms and principles, to differentiate national models and patterns of democratic transit, to detect and reveal authoritarian / totalitarian heritage in a transitional society.

— Awareness of the nature, logic, models, legal foundations, dominant trends, as well as social and psychological consequences of international migration, ability to evaluate internal challenges posed by migration to nation-states and "immigrant nations".

Assessment: essay, closed-book exam.

**Security Issues in Europe and the Americas**

Elective course (Europe and America), 4 ECTS credits. The spring term.

Lecturers: Prof. Dr. Boris F. Martynov, Dr. Tatiana V. Yurieva, Dr. Sergey S. Veselovskiy

Learning results:

— Ability to critically evaluate contemporary theoretical explanations to the historical evolution of regional security complexes in Europe, North America and Latin America, as well as prospects for future regional security cooperation.

— Understanding of the US role (and Russia's potential role) in maintaining regional security in Europe and the Western hemisphere.

— Ability to analyze institutional and functional frameworks for regional control on arms proliferation, conflict resolution, and non-traditional security threats.

Assessment: test, closed-book exam.

#### **European Integration**

Elective course (Europe and America), 4 ECTS credits. The spring term.

Lecturer: Prof. Dr. Olga V. Butorina

Seminars: Dr. Anna N. Tsiulina

Learning results:

— Deep understanding of the logic, evolution, driving forces, and internal contradictions of the European integration processes, as well as key dimensions and institutional forms of the EU-Russia interaction.

— Ability to analyze institutional and functional systems of the EU's relationship with other regions of the world, detect essential problems and dominant trends of their development.

— Ability to critically read and evaluate the scope of the EU documentary base, social and economic statistics.

Assessment: essay, presentations, closed-book exam.

#### **Comparative Political Systems of the Americas**

Elective course (Europe and America), 4 ECTS credits. The spring term.

Lecturers: Prof. Dr. Vladimir V. Sogrin, Prof. Dr. Lyudmila S. Okuneva

Learning results:

— Comprehensive analysis of national political systems and political processes in the Western hemisphere (the US and Latin American countries), by employing methodologies of historical knowledge and political science.

— Deep understanding of general democracy types (parliamentary, liberal, etc.) and evolutionary stages of the US democracy model, compared to those of Latin American states.

— Ability to demonstrate distinctive characteristics and peculiarities of Latin American transits to democracy with regard to national political cultures and historical experiences.

Assessment: 2 essays, closed-book exam.

#### **Political Decision Making in the US and the EU: A Comparative Analysis**

Elective course (Europe and America), 4 ECTS credits. The autumn term.

Lecturers: Prof. Dr. Vladimir O. Pechatnov, Distinguished Professor

Prof. Dr. Marina V. Strezhneva, PhD (University of Manchester)

Learning results:

— Deep understanding of political processes in the US and the EU: their key actors, legal mechanisms, and the dynamics.

— Ability to analyze decision-making processes of the US and the EU in the spheres of domestic and (common) foreign policies.

— Mastering of analytical and prognostic methods, including logical (verbal) modeling of various political situations.

Assessment: 2 essays, presentations, oral exam.

#### **Euro-Atlantic Dimension of Global Problems**

Elective course (Europe and America), 4 ECTS credits. The autumn term.

Lecturer: Prof. Lev S. Voronkov

Learning results:

— Deep understanding of global problems of the Modernity: their origins, nature, and impact on social, economic, political

processes in the integrated Europe and the United States.

— Ability to track and analyze how different non-state actors, nation-states, and state groupings react on global threats and challenges.

— Skills of consistent monitoring and analytical approach to study of global problems as an essential factor that affects political decision-making in the contemporary world.

Assessment: essay, closed-book exam.

#### **Research Master Class**

Geopolitical and International Problems of Contemporary Arctic

US Foreign Policy Strategy

Contemporary Brazil: Major Issues of Socio-Economic Development

Central and Eastern Europe: Problems of Transformation

European Civilization and its Value Foundation

Major European TNCs

Regional Aspects of Business Development Strategy

Two elective courses, 2 ECTS credits. The autumn term.

Lecturers: appointed by the Department of European Integration, Department of History and Politics of Europe and Americas, the Department of International Economics

Learning results:

— Basic skills of conducting independent scholarly research and practical analytical work (e.g. political consulting).

— Basic skills of academic reflection, self-instruction, independent monitoring of relevant information sources.

— Awareness of contemporary methodological disputes in the discipline, ability to choose, apply, and combine necessary analytical tools in conducting one's research.

— Ability to critically evaluate and interpret one's academic findings.

Assessment: essays, PowerPoint presentations, group-working and team reports, discussions, oral exam.

#### **The Asia and Africa Major Scheme**

**A Regional Language** (besides English; in conformity with major scheme)

Mandatory course, 12 ECTS credits. Continuously runs for 3 terms.

Tutors: appointed by the respective Language Department.

Learning results: according to the student's personal level of language.

Assessment: essays, grammar exams, oral and written translations.

Ethnic Psychology and Business Patterns of Asians and Africans

Mandatory course (Asia and Africa), 4 ECTS credits. The autumn term.

Lecturers: appointed by the Department of Asian and African Studies

Seminars: Anna A. Kireeva, MA

Learning results:

— Integrated knowledge of ethnopsychological features, national character, ethnic stereotypes, etc. intrinsic to various Asian\African peoples.

— Deep understanding of (and respect for) ethnic, cultural, and religious traditions, norms and customs, casual and business etiquette, ability to live and work in multicultural environment.

— Ability to critically reassess one's own social and cultural experience, adapt oneself to changes in social and cultural milieu.

Assessment: case-studies, role-playing, simulation games, oral exam.

#### **Asian and African Foreign Policy of Russia**

Mandatory course (Asia and Africa), 4 ECTS credits. The autumn term.

Lecturers: appointed by the Department of Asian and African Studies including acting diplomats

Seminars: Ms. Anna Kireeva, MA

Learning results:

— Deep understanding of Russia's contemporary role in international relations (including Asian and African international subsystems), as well as the influence of Asian and African problems on Russia's foreign policy.

— Knowledge and understanding of Russia's Foreign Policy Concept (2008), ability to explain the logic of its regional priorities and legal mechanisms of its development.

— Ability to analyze historical and contemporary trends in Russia's bilateral relations with Asian and African nations, present a grounded vision of Russia's diplomatic reaction to key regional issues with regard to national interests of her Asian and African counterparts.

Assessment: imitative role-playing, 3 press-releases, a mind-map, closed-book exam.

**Ethno political and Religious Conflicts in Asia and Africa**

Mandatory course (Asia and Africa), 4 ECTS credits. The autumn term.

Lecturers: appointed by the Department of Asian and African Studies

Seminars: Anna A. Kireeva, MA

Learning results:

— Critical engagement with the scholarly literature on War and Peace Studies, ability to explain and evaluate contemporary theories and approaches to conflict resolution.

— Deep understanding of (and critical reflection on) the origin, types, social forces, mobilisation patterns, and international consequences of major ethnic and religious conflicts in Asia and Africa.

— Ability to unveil and analyze the historical, cultural, social, economic, political potential for de-escalation and peaceful settlement of ongoing conflicts, to develop and present respective foreign policy recommendations.

Assessment: role-playing, foreign policy recommendations, closed-book exam.

**Modernization in Asia and Africa**

Mandatory course (Asia and Africa), 4 ECTS credits. The autumn term.

Lecturers: appointed by the Department of Asian and African Studies

Seminars: Dr. Ekaterina V. Koldunova

Learning results:

— Critical evaluation of competing modernization theories, including theories of dependency, uneven development, underdevelopment, maldevelopment, etc.

— Deep understanding of Asian and African modernization patterns on regional, sub-regional, and national levels, compared and contrasted to those of the Western countries.

— Ability to conduct comparative cross-country analysis of national correlations between Western and indigenous, imposed and adopted, modern (industrial, postindustrial) and traditional, amalgamated in the course of Asian and African modernization efforts.

Assessment: SWOT-analysis reports, presentations, closed-book exam.

**Regional (Asian and African) Challenges to the World Order**

Elective course (Asia and Africa), 4 ECTS credits. The spring term.

Lecturers: appointed by the Department of Asian and African Studies

Seminars: Anna A. Kireeva, MA

Learning results:

— Ability to critically analyze regional projections of global political, economic, social, cultural transformations and major challenges to the existing world order posed by Asian and African nations.

— Understanding of the nature of contemporary Asian and African challenges both as potential (or actual) regional problems and threats, *and* as alternative routes for national and regional development.

— Brainstorming skills, ability to reveal and evaluate both positive and negative consequences of Asian and African regional challenges for the global international system of states.

Assessment: essay, 2 PowerPoint presentations, closed-book exam.

**Comparative Political Systems and Processes of Asian and African Countries**

Elective course (Asia and Africa), 4 ECTS credits. The spring term.



Lecturers: appointed by the Department of Asian and African Studies

Seminars: Dr. Ekaterina Koldunova / Ms. Anna Kireeva, MA

Learning results:

— Deep understanding of major contemporary theories and approaches to comparative political studies, their epistemological potential and limitations for studying non-Western (Asian and African) societies.

— Case-studies of Asian and African political issues: democratic transits, state corporatism, leadership and legitimacy, elite recruitment, network societies, casteism and communalism, army and civil society, political parties and electoral systems, clerical models of statehood, the Islamic state, non-liberal democracy, and failed states.

Assessment: team-working and group reports, closed-book exam.

#### **Economic Analysis of International and Regional Development: Models and Trends**

Elective course (Asia and Africa), 4 ECTS credits. The spring term.

Lecturer: Prof. Dr. Vitaly A. Melyantsev

Learning results:

— Critical evaluation of contemporary theoretical approaches and practical decisions in international political economy, comparative analysis of macroeconomic, political, and behavioral characteristics of international socio-economic systems.

— Comprehensive knowledge and understanding of economic evolution of both developed and developing states in the global and regional context, explanation of their models and trends.

— Skills of cross-temporal and cross-cultural multifactor analysis of Asian and African macroeconomic strategies, outlining best-case and worst-case scenarios for economic development, assessing their feasibility.

Assessment: PowerPoint presentations, closed-book exam.

#### **Globalization and Regional Integration in Asia and Africa**

Elective course (Asia and Africa), 4 ECTS credits. The autumn term.

Lecturers: Prof. Dr. Vyacheslav V. Karlusov, Prof. Dr. Svetlana S. Suslina, Dr. Denis. A. Degtyarev, Dr. Ludmila S. Bocharova.

Learning results:

— Basic skills of interdisciplinary system analysis of the world economy and international trade relations, with an emphasis on the role of Asian and African markets.

— Ability to render, explain, and critically evaluate current academic discussions on globalization, as well as political standpoints expressed in official documents of nation-states and international organisations.

— Deep understanding of key factors, actors, problems and prospects of Asian and African regionalism, readiness to discuss them in the globalization context.

Assessment: presentations, discussions, closed-book exam.

#### **Political Thought of Asian and African Nations**

Elective course (Asia and Africa), 4 ECTS credits. The autumn term.

Lecturers: appointed by the Department of Asian and African Studies

Seminars: Dr. Natalia V. Stapran

Learning results:

— Deep understanding of the traditional mentality and religious beliefs that underlie the contemporary political thought of Asian and African nations.

— Ability to trace and explain the transformation patterns of traditional culture exposed to the impact of modernization and Westernisation processes.

— Basic skills of reading and interpreting original texts, which make a part of Asian and African cultural heritage.

Assessment: 3 analytical conspectuses of original texts of Asian and African political thinkers (translated into Russian), discourse analysis, closed-book exam.

**Research Master Class**

Africa in World Politics  
Islam in World Politics  
East Asia in World Politics  
South Asia in World Politics  
South-East Asia in World Politics  
Central Asia in World Politics  
Asia and New Challenges  
Integration in Asia-Pacific  
Two elective courses, 2 ECTS credits.

The autumn term.

Lecturers: appointed by the Department of Asian and African Studies, appointed by

Learning results:

— Basic skills of conducting independent scholarly research and practical analytical work (e.g. political consulting).

— Basic skills of academic reflection, self-instruction, independent monitoring of relevant information sources.

— Awareness of contemporary methodological disputes in the discipline, ability to choose, apply, and combine necessary analytical tools in conducting one's research.

Ability to critically evaluate and interpret one's academic findings.

Assessment: essays, PowerPoint presentations, group-working and team reports, discussions, oral exam.

**INTERNSHIPS AND PRACTICE**

**Internet and Library Research**

Mandatory course, 4 ECTS credits. The Autumn term.

Lecturer: Prof. Malinova and Ms. Anna Kireeva, MA

Learning results:

— Basic skills of finding and evaluating relevant information, as well as its retrieval from open academic sources and organizing into a personalized digital database.

— Basic skills of conducting bibliometric analysis (e.g. finding a citation index), proficiency in operating with bibliographic reference tools, library and Internet resources.

— Ability to provide a structured bibliography styled according to Russian academic regulations, and literature review on the topic of one's Master thesis.

Assessment: a bibliographic database in the Zotero RDF format, a literature review.

**Research Proposal Training**

Mandatory course, 4 ECTS credits. The spring term.

Lecturer: Dr. Ekaterina Koldunova and Ms. Anna Kireeva, MA

Learning results:

Basic skills of drafting one's research proposal, including one's goals, hypotheses, and theoretical background.

Ability to operationalise one's hypothesis by proposing relevant variables and indicators.

Ability to critically evaluate and validate one's personal design of analytical tools.

Assessment: a research proposal.

Internship

— Mandatory course, 12 ECTS credits. The spring term.

— Learning results:

— Practical experience of diplomatic and/or consular service at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, other Ministries and Agencies, work in TNCs, NGOs and consulting companies;

— Basic skills of time-management, stress-management, professional competence, interpersonal and cross-cultural communication.

**MGIMO-UNIVERSITY MASTER'S DEGREE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS "INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND TRANSNATIONAL BUSINESS"**

This Master's Program was opened in 2007. The goal of this interdisciplinary program is to instill in students the competencies required for better understanding international affairs in business related areas, economic consultancy, international economic and financial institutions or the political governance of economic processes. The program primarily caters for the interests of IR students, historians, political scientists, soci-