



SORBONNE
UNIVERSITY
ABU DHABI



Master in
**INTERNATIONAL
LAW, SPACES AND
SOVEREIGNTY**

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overview

The Master in International Law, Spaces and Sovereignty prepares students for global careers in international law, diplomacy, international relations, security and defence.

In the current era of dynamic political forces and globalization, cooperative measures in politics and international security are at the forefront of global policy. With increased trade and communication across different channels and platforms, individuals with diplomatic competence and an international outlook are in high demand to address the many constant political and legal challenges. Diplomacy is a key skill, imperative to mediate conflicts and to regulate the escalating matters between states and major international actors. The various cultural, economic, historical, legal and political factors at play make this field a compelling career choice for astute and ambitious leaders, keen on peacefully shaping our world.

This multidisciplinary program introduces students to the frameworks and processes underlying international

relations. You will learn the key intellectual tools that expose you to contemporary international relations. Specialist study modules focus on the forms of organization, dispute settlement, the law of treaties, law of the sea and rules governing diplomatic relations.

Additionally, you will study economic and financial relations, international trade, economic law in its institutional aspects followed by international criminal and human rights law, environment and sustainable development and nuclear law.

Students also explore the historical and geopolitical contexts of international relations, providing working knowledge of tried and tested diplomatic techniques.

Students will additionally be introduced to the history of national and international security within a multidisciplinary framework. You will learn key tools about war mechanisms, security policies and doctrines to better understand defense issues in today's world. It allows students to acquire theoretical and technical knowledge, along with an overall vision of the issues involved in defense, peacekeeping, intelligence services, international security and diplomacy. Starting from History of intelligence and national security, Geopolitics of conflicts, to the modern question of Cybersecurity. These major themes are taught to a very high level of expertise by academics and practitioners related to international military institutions.

Our faculty is composed of professors and law professionals from Université Paris Cité and from other prestigious European universities and academic institutions who have achieved worldwide acclaim. Highly specialized experts, diplomats and military experts will contribute to our students strategic thinking and planning.

With the participation of :

- Professor Frederic Charillon, Science politique, Université Paris Cité
- Erik Franckx, Professeur à la Vrije Universiteit Brussel
- Professeur invité à la Université Gent
- Professeur honoraire à l'Université Nelson Mandela, Port Elizabeth, Afrique du Sud
- Professeur émérite à l'Université libre de Bruxelles
- Ancien Président de la Société belge de droit international (2017-2022)
- H.E. Éric Danon (TBC), French Ambassador
- Amiral Alain Oudot de Dainville, Former Chief of Staff of the French Navy
- Amiral Christophe Prazuck, Former Chief of Staff of the French Navy



Programme *highlights*

→ Enhancing individual & national development

Within the next decade, the UAE is poised to dedicate its focus towards socio-economic sustainability. The curriculum at Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi will be crucial in creating and encouraging a new generation passionate about national and international political stability and to refine their skills and career potential to complement the country's rapid and ambitious progress.

→ International recognition

Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi provides the combined experience of Sorbonne University and Université Paris Cité. This rich heritage of joint excellence is now available in Abu Dhabi under the Ministry of Education and is recognized worldwide.

→ Networking

Each class will have a reduced number of students from different countries. A strict entry selection procedure will guarantee the quality of the degree and will allow you to expand your personal network with high potential peers.



Structure

The degree in International Law, Spaces and Sovereignty is taught in English and covers a total of four semesters across two years. The exclusively designed course schedule includes evening classes in consideration of students who intend to combine their studies with work.

Master's thesis

Students have a choice to submit an essay based on their internship or a research-based thesis. For students wishing to enroll in a PhD program, the Master's thesis is compulsory

Internship

For non-working students, Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi recommends completing an internship in the second year. The internship will encourage critical thinking and improve students' reasoning abilities by blending academic theory with real life work experience. Students will benefit from a greater depth of experience working in a professional environment.

The internship also provides an excellent opportunity to gain crucial insights and improve access to various career opportunities in the region and beyond. Students will discover that this collaborative learning process can lead to enduring professional relationships, which will open doors and forge new career paths.



The first year of the programme is common for students aiming to study the Master in International Law, International Relations and Diplomacy and the Master in Defence and International Security.

Year 1

Semester 1 / BLOC 1 - Remedial courses

UE 1 - Introduction to international relations

History of Legal and Political Systems
Introduction to international affairs

BLOC 2 - Specialised courses

UE 2 - Legal international structures

Advanced Public Law
International environmental law
Comparative law and political issues

Semester 2 / BLOC 1 - Fundamental courses

UE 1 - General public law

International Public Law
Public Business Law
International Trade Law

BLOC 2 - Specialized courses

UE 2 - International stakeholders

History of international relations
International organisations



Year 2

Semester 1 / BLOC 1 - Fundamental courses

UE 1 - Diplomacy and international security	New diplomatic practices Law of conflicts and security
UE 2 - UE Sovereign issues and industries	Security and defense industries Cybersecurity and cyberdefense International space law and policies
UE 3 - Elective courses (1 choice out of 2)	Geopolitics of conflicts History of defense and national security

BLOC 2 - Methodology

UE 4 - Research methodology	Research methodology
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Semester 2 / BLOC 1 - Fundamental courses

UE 1 - International governance	Diplomatic and consular law International dispute settlement International criminal law - International protection of human rights
UE 2 - Maritime issues	Law of the sea Maritime geopolitics and naval security
UE 3 - Elective courses (2 choices out of 5) : Sovereign issues and industries 2	Intelligence studies and influence strategies Space competition and commercial perspectives Space technologies and regional stake holders Aerospace, digital and telecommunications Contemporary diplomatic problems

BLOC 2 - Research

UE 4 - Final master project (1 choice out of 2)	Thesis Internship report
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Assessment & graduation requirements

Throughout the year, there will be frequent assessments and evaluations. Students will be evaluated on individual assignments, internships presentations, reports and examinations, which usually take place at the end of each course. Attendance to all classes is mandatory and it is important that students are punctual and comply with university regulations at all times.



Career prospects

There are abundant and rewarding opportunities at a regional and global level for our graduates. This program exceptionally prepares students for careers in international diplomacy, governmental and non-governmental organizations, public administration, think tanks, risk analysis and research agencies as well as media consultants. There are several further enriching career opportunities in political spheres and foreign affairs departments from public figures, diplomats, legal advisors and consultants to research consultants. Graduates can secure prominent positions in embassies and governmental institutions and agencies all over the world as well as planning careers in the fields of national security policy, international security affairs, defense analysis, arms control, and education.

At the end of their studies at SUAD (Master 2 required), students can present the Bar exam at the Université Paris-Cité. The courses of the Institute of Judicial Studies (IEJ) are now also given in a dematerialized way and can thus be followed in addition to the completion of their Master. With the Master International Law, Spaces and Sovereignty, students also have the opportunity of pursuing a Ph.D.



Admission prospects

Admission to our master's programs is selective and competitive and each applicant will be considered on his/her own merit. Our admissions process ensures that every course has an ideal mix of people with talent, impressive interpersonal skills and a positive attitude.

General entry requirements

- Bachelor in a relevant field with a CGPA of 3 out of 4 or equivalent. Candidates with a GPA between 2.5 and 2.99 (or equivalent scores as per the equivalency table) may be conditionally admitted under probation during the first semester. The student will be authorized to continue in the program only if they secure an average of at least 12 out of 20 which is obtained by the end of the first semester. The decision is based on academic performance and will be made official after the completion of the first semester or
- Bachelor with minimum of 2nd class honours or
- Bachelor with an average of 12 out of 20
- Bachelor students with a GPA below 3 may be admitted on the ground of their professional and/or personal experience, in case they are granted a VAPP by SU's or UP's VAPP commission
- IELTS certificate with minimum overall band of 6.0 with a validity of 2 years or TOEFL certificate with minimum score of 79 (or equivalent) with a validity of 2 years or, Native English speaker who completed 3 full years in an English-medium institution within a maximum period of 3 years or equivalent

Shortlisted candidates will be asked to attend an interview to assess the candidate's motivation, career expectations and relevant professional experience in the degree area. Applicants who earned their undergraduate degrees from universities outside the UAE must present a Certificate of Equivalency for their graduation certificates from the UAE Ministry of Education. Applicants, who are holders of undergraduate degrees issued by a licensed higher education institution in the UAE, are required to submit a copy of their degrees attested by the UAE Ministry of Education. For details on requirements, kindly visit the Ministry's website:

www.moe.gov.ae

Tuition Fees

AED 166,400 (approximately US\$ 45,344)

Scholarships are available for this programme* :

- 20% alumni discount
- 25% academic excellence scholarship
- 25% discount upon enrolment on a second master's degree
- 5%-15% corporate offer

Visit our website for more information.

*Conditions apply

Why Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi ?

In today's fast-paced and globalised economies, knowledge and languages both serve an important role in creating progressive and vibrant societies. The French education system is known for its high level of rigorous critical thinking and debating skills, which play a significant role in developing future pioneers and leaders.

Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi is a globally recognised education institution that serves as a bridge between civilisations by offering a multicultural environment, which promotes and develops a strong culture of tolerance, curiosity, harmony and cultural awareness for today's modern economy. Students have access to internationally acclaimed faculty, world-class facilities and internationally certified degrees, which places them firmly on the right path in preparation for a successful career.

This degree is awarded by Université Paris Cité and officially accredited by the UAE Commission for Academic Accreditation (www.caa.ae).





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