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Ph.D. Programme in **International Relations**

Department of European Studies and International Relations



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AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME

The Department of European Studies and International Relations offers a Ph.D. programme in International Relations. The programme aims at the creation and interpretation of knowledge which extends the forefront of the discipline of International Relations (in the wider reading of the discipline), through original research and critical thinking. Holders of a Ph.D. in IR will be able to conceptualise, design and implement projects for the generation of significant new knowledge and/or understanding in the field of International Relations. Furthermore, holders of a Ph.D. in IR will have the qualities needed for employment that requires the ability to make informed judgments on complex issues in specialist topics of IR, and innovation in tackling and solving conceptual and practical problems in world politics. The Department recognises and incorporates a range of contemporary approaches to the acquisition of knowledge in International Relations and guides students to choose these lines of inquiry most suitable to successful careers.

The programme is designed to prepare students for a wide variety of careers in college and university teaching, research, public service, and the private sector. Students successfully completing the programme will:

- (a) gain a deep knowledge at the most advanced frontier of aspects of modern international relations;
- (b) acquire the most advanced and specialised skills and techniques, including synthesis and evaluation, required to solve critical problems in research and/or innovation and to extend and redefine existing knowledge and/or professional practice in the field of international relations;
- (c) develop competence in identifying and evaluating numerous forms of evidence on public events in world politics;
- (d) gain an understanding of complex theories of, as well as actors and institutions in international relations, and means of evaluating their preferences and outcomes;
- (e) acquire greater skills in written and oral communication in English.



WHO CAN APPLY TO THE PROGRAMME?

The Department of European Studies and International Relations welcomes applications to the Ph.D. programme in International Relations by holders of a Master's degree in International Relations, Regional Studies (European, Middle Eastern, American, Latin American, African, Asian), Politics, Political Science, History, Law, Economics and other related areas who fulfill the minimum criteria of admission.

DURATION OF STUDY

Ph.D. candidates must complete their study in the Ph.D. programme within three academic years at the minimum and eight academic years at the maximum.

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

Ph.D. candidates may write their dissertation either in English or in Greek.

PROGRAMME PROFILE AND REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLETION

The Ph.D. degree requires the completion of 180 ECTS out of which 60 ECTS are for the research proposal and the remaining 120 ECTS for the writing of the Dissertation.



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ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

For admission, applicants must present:

- (a) An accredited Master's degree in International Relations, Regional Studies (European, Middle Eastern, American, Latin American, African, Asian), Politics, Political Science, Public Administration, History, Law, Economics) and other related areas;
- (b) Proficiency in the English language - required when the BA/BSc or MA/MSc degrees were not offered in English. If the proposed research is to be conducted in a language other than English, the candidate will have to provide evidence of sufficient proficiency in that language as well. Evidence of additional language skills will be considered an added advantage.
- (c) A proposed dissertation topic which is within the supervisory competences of at least one faculty member;
- (d) A statement of intent of 500-1000 words that includes an outline of the proposed dissertation topic and research area to be evaluated by the Department's Admissions Committee consisting of the Department Head and two other faculty members. The topic must fall within the supervisory competences of one faculty member.

The Application Package must include:

- (a) A completed PhD Application Form
 - (b) Certified copies of the Degrees
 - (c) Transcripts of previous academic work at the BA/BSc and MA/MSc levels
 - (d) Two letters of recommendation written in English
 - (e) Evidence of English proficiency (if the candidate's first language or the instruction of previous academic work was not in English), such as:
 - An IELTS minimum score of 5.5 or
 - A paper-based TOEFL minimum score of 550 or
 - An internet-based TOEFL minimum score of 80
- Applications may be submitted either for Fall or Spring Semesters.
 - Applicants may submit their MA thesis or any publications they may have.
 - Applicants who fulfill the minimum criteria will be invited for an interview.

FACULTY

1. **Dr. Andreas Theophanous, Professor**
European Integration, Political Economy, Cyprus-related Issues
2. **Dr. Michalis Attalides, Professor**
European Integration, Nationalism, Cyprus Society and Politics
3. **Dr. Paschalis Kitromilides, Professor**
Political Theory, Theory of International Relations,
Theories of Political Development
4. **Dr. Farid Mirbagheri, Professor**
Critical Theory, Islamic Studies, The Middle East
5. **Dr. Hubert Faustmann, Associate Professor**
Politics and Foreign Policy, British Colonial History of Cyprus
1878-1960, Cypriot History, Greek-Turkish Relations
6. **Dr. Craig Webster, Associate Professor**
Comparative Foreign Policy, Public Opinion Analysis, Human Rights
7. **Dr. Giorgos Kentas, Assistant Professor**
Theory of International Politics, Philosophy of Social Science,
Organized Violence and Conflict in World Politics
8. **Dr. Christina Ioannou, Assistant Professor**
European Integration, Europeanisation, Social Policy, Labor Law