

**INFORMATION ON FINAL EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS
2025/2026. II. (spring) semester**

International Public Service Relations MA

1) Final examination

Preconditions for partaking in the final examination:

- obtaining the pre-degree certificate*;
- foreign language requirements: the completion of two subjects is necessary from the technical language subject group defined in the curriculum (LPS I-II-III-IV-V).
- succesful evaluation of the thesis.

*Conditions for obtaining the pre-degree certificate:

The university issues a pre-degree certificate for students who have completed the study and exam requirements set in the curriculum, the internship and acquired the necessary credits; the pre-degree certificate states that the student has fulfilled all the necessary study and exam criteria without qualification or assessment.

Number of credits required to earn a master's degree: 90 credits, of which:

- obligatory: 74 credits
- thesis: 4 credits
- foreign language requirements: 4 credits
- optional subjects: 8 credits.
- fulfillment of Ludovika Festival Open University criteria requirement (only full-time students)

Parts of the final examination:

- Defending the thesis;
- Oral exam of the course-units specified below:

Code	Subject	Cr.
ÁNJTE01	International Organisations – Law and Policy-making	3
ÁKNGTE01	International political economy	3
ÁNKDM40	Area Studies	5
ÁEUTTE01	EU Sectoral Policies	3
HHKNBTTE02	EU Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP)	3
Final exam course-units' credits in total:		17

(1) Elements of the thesis defense:

The defense consists of the presentation of the thesis (along with a Power Point presentation) and the answers to the questions asked in the opponent's review, as well as the answers to other questions asked by the committee.

(2) Oral exam:

The final oral exam is only possible in the case of a successful thesis defense. In the event of a failed thesis defense, the candidate may not take part in the oral final examination.

The current list of preparatory questions can be found on the [faculty's website](#).

The result of the final examination:

The result of the final exam, based on the Academic and Study Regulations, is the simple mathematical average of the grades received. A fail at any module shall automatically result in a failed final examination.

The total result of the final examination shall consist of the mathematical average of the grades given for diploma work and the oral module of the final examination (if it comprises several modules the round average of the grades received).

$$FE = (Th + OE) / 2$$

A successful final exam cannot be repeated.

If the examination mark of one of the modules was insufficient, the candidate shall take the repeated examination only for the part which failed. The final exam can be repeated twice. A final examination may be taken only in the next final examination period (s). If the student has successfully defended his / her thesis, but was unable to meet any of the other examination requirements, he / she does not have to prepare a new thesis for the repeated examination.

2) Thesis

The thesis is a creative paper carried out individually in possession of the knowledge acquired through the programme, which may be elaborated in the course of a semester with the guidance of a supervisor or consultant. By completing the thesis, the candidate may prove that he/she has gained sufficient proficiency in the practical use of the training material to synthesise outcomes and find creative solutions to tasks related to his/her field. The student is also able to carry out work tasks individually using skills and competences relevant to his/her qualifications.

The credit value of the thesis course: 4 credits
Thesis course: ÁIPUSMDM001, Degree Thesis

The preparation, content- and form-related requirements of the thesis are defined in the Academic and Study Regulations.

3) Degree

The condition for receiving the degree is a successful final examination.
The grade consists of the simple average of the following:

- the grade for the defence of the thesis;
- the grade for the oral part of the final examination;
- the (two-decimal) average of the academic average of the completed semesters.

$$(Th + OE + ((A1 + \dots + An) / n) / 3$$

The final grade of the degree is based on the following guidelines:

- outstanding, if the average is 5.00;
- excellent, if the average is: 4.51 to 4.99;
- good, if the average is: 3.51 to 4.50;
- satisfactory, if the average is: 2.51 to 3.50;
- pass if the average is 2.00 to 2.50.

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