

REVIEW of the Bachelor's educational programme "Regional studies"

The Bachelor's educational programme "Regional studies" is reviewed within the framework of academic cooperation between University of Zagreb (Croatia) and Borys Grinchenko Kyiv Metropolitan University (Ukraine).

The reviewed programme for the undergraduate level of higher education is focused on the training of the competent, competitive specialists in the field of international relations. The program provides acquaintance with origins, main stages, patterns of development and the current state of international relations and world politics; political system, history, cultural and national traditions, values of the countries/regions of the world, which influence the formation and implementation of foreign policy and international cooperation; structure and peculiarities of activity of diplomatic service and foreign policy institutions and international organizations; theories of social sciences and special scientific methods of research of problems of international relations.

The strong points of the reviewed programme: focus on the macro-regions (Europe, Americas, Asia and Pacific, Africa); 2 obligatory foreign languages (English and possibility to choose a second foreign language); special disciplines which have to form ability to solve complex specialized tasks and practical problems of professional activity in the system of political, socio-economic and cultural relations between states and other subjects of international relations. Proposed elective blocs of disciplines are aimed on the deepening of the regional studies within 2 very topical issues: integrational processes and regional unions, and regional dimension of transformation of the system of international relations. Programme is well adapted to the European Quality Requirements for Teaching and Learning.

The propositions of the improvement of the educational programme "Regional Studies" were discussed with Dr. Maryna Bessonova (Associate Professor, Department of International Relations, Borys Grinchenko Kyiv Metropolitan University (Ukraine)) during her stay at the Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Zagreb (Croatia), in 2023 and 2024 within her academic mobility activities. The academic staff of the Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Zagreb confirms the high level of the Bachelor's educational programme "Regional Studies".

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