



SOFIA UNIVERSITY "ST. KLIMENT OHRIDSKI"

FACULTY OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION

CURRICULUM

Professional Field: **3.5. Public Communications and Information Sciences**

Educational and Qualification Degree: **Master**

Specialty: **Journalism**

Master's Program: **International Journalism**

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Form of study: **part-time**

Duration of training (number of semesters): **three (90 credits)**

Professional qualification: **Master of International Journalism**

Qualification description

Specialty: JOURNALISM

Master's Program: INTERNATIONAL JOURNALISM

1. Focus, educational goals

The Master's Degree Program is aimed at the acquisition of knowledge of journalism – of the place and of the role of media in contemporary society, of the interaction between the different social groups with means of mass information, as well as of the possibilities for social activity through the created by the media social field, simultaneously with the acquisition of knowledge in the field of international relations – both general theoretical knowledge, and knowledge focused on current contemporary developments. The aims, which are posed by the program, are for the students to acquire skills for understanding, assessing and analyzing of the foreign policy of separate states and of problems with regional, continental and global significance, and to acquire skills for their interpretation – to comment and analyze them with appropriate journalistic means.

The program is aimed at students, who have acquired the educational and qualification degree “Bachelor” or “Master” at Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” and at other high education institutions.

2. Training (knowledge and skills necessary for successful professional activity; general theoretical and special training, etc.)

The training includes a broad set of general theoretical knowledge that is linked to the problems and contradictions of the contemporary world, globalization, the European integration and the processes of Europeanization of the public sphere, media law. The training includes also specialized training that is oriented toward current world developments and problems, which puts an emphasis on key regions and participants in the international relations, the global process in media and the coverage of international news, the changes in the contemporary international economic relations, the dynamics of the development of the international law, the contradictions linked to minorities and the multicultural societies. Practical tasks are foreseen with the aim of acquisition of initial experience in the writing on international topics.

3. Professional and general competencies, specific competencies

The Master's Degree Program of “International Journalism” graduates will have the competencies: to discover important problems and points of view on world, regional/continental and national level; quickly to gather information, which includes the ability to have general knowledge of social events in international aspect; to present the information in an effective journalistic form, to analyze the information in an appropriate historical framework, including to visualize it and to present it with a very good written and oral linguistic competency.

4. Professional development (according to the National classification of professions and positions in the Republic of Bulgaria/ international classifications and according to the position of the future specialist in the national qualification framework for high education and the European qualifications framework)

The Masters of international journalism can develop as authors, reporters, editors, spokesperson in Bulgarian electronic and online media and information agencies, as well as analyzers, commentators and monitoring specialists in the field of the international relations and the foreign policy. The training allows a development at companies for media analysis, at the departments of communications at state, local and European institutions, and at private companies. According to the National classification of professions and positions in the Republic of Bulgaria (NKPD-2011), the graduated students can develop as: 1330 Managers in the field of the information and communication technologies, 2641 Writers and similar professions, 2642 Journalists, 2656 Radio, Television and other types of spokesperson, as well as other positions in this sector that respond to the market's needs. The students who have acquired the educational and qualification degree “Master” of “International Journalism” can continue their training in the higher educational form “Doctor of Philosophy” in Bulgaria and abroad.

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Major in "Journalism"/ Master's Program "International Journalism" - part-time (90 credits)

for the class starting in 2024-2025 year

№	Course Code	Course Title	Type - C, E, O	term	ECTS credits	Number of classes - total					Number of classes per week	Type of evaluation* - E, CA, CEV, Cont.
						Total	Lectures	Seminars	Practical classes/ practices	Extracurricular Activity		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

Compulsory Courses

1	3 6 6 3	International Journalism and International Relations	C	1	5	150	23	7	0	120	23+7+0	E
2	3 3 9 2	Theory of Journalism and the Media	C	1	5	150	30	0	0	120	30+0+0	CEV
3	3 3 4 3	International Economic Processes and Organizations	C	1	5	150	30	0	0	120	30+0+0	E
4	3 2 5 2	International Law and International Organizations	C	1	4	120	30	0	0	90	30+0+0	E
5	3 6 5 7	Global Developments in the Radio	C	1	5	150	30	0	0	120	30+0+0	E
6	3 7 7 8	Media Politics of the European Union	C	1	3	90	15	8	0	67	15+8+0	E
7	3 3 7 3	The Contemporary World - Problems and Contradictions	C	1	3	90	23	0	0	67	23+0+0	CA
8	3 6 6 5	Fake News and Disinformation	C	2	7	210	15	8	0	187	15+8+0	E
9	3 6 5 8	Global Developments in the Television	C	2	8	240	30	0	0	210	30+0+0	E
10	3 6 5 9	European Integration and Europeanization of Public Spheres	C	3	4	120	23	7	0	90	23+7+0	E
11	3 1 0 8	The Balkans and the European Union	C	3	3	90	15	0	0	75	15+0+0	E
12	3 6 6 2	Migration, Multiculturalism and Minorities	C	3	4	120	30	0	0	90	30+0+0	E
13	3 6 5 6	Foreign Politics of Germany	C	3	2	60	0	15	0	45	0+15+0	E

Elective Courses – the selected disciplines must carry a minimum of 17 credits (from which 15 from the second semester and 2 from the third semester)

1	И 6 6 4	Online Television Forms	E	2	5	150	15	0	0	135	15+0+0	CA
2	И 4 4 5	Social Online Networks	E	2	5	150	15	0	0	135	15+0+0	CA
3	И 7 8 1	Coverage of International News in Television (Practice)	E	2	5	150	0	15	0	135	0+15+0	CA
4	И 7 7 9	Copyright and Related Rights in International Journalism	E	2	5	150	0	15	0	135	0+15+0	CA
5	И 7 8 2	Creation of Content for Digital Media (Practice)	E	3	2	60	0	15	0	45	0+15+0	CA
6	И 7 8 0	Documental Journalism in the Streaming Platforms	E	3	2	60	0	15	0	45	0+15+0	CA

Optional Disciplines															
1	Φ	0	4	0	Sources of Information in the International Journalism	0	2	2	60	15	0	0	45	15+0+0	CA

Graduation

Form of a degree completion	ECTS - credits	First thesis defence session	Second thesis defence session
Master Thesis Defence	15	July	November

Successfully taken exams in the Erasmus+ Program during a period of outgoing academic mobility of students at FJMC are accepted and included in the diploma instead of or along with the elective courses, which are a part of the curriculum.

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Curriculum Reference Statement

Major in "Journalism"/ Master's Program "International Journalism"
 educational form: part-time, duration of training 3 semesters (90 credits)

Course Load, ECTS-credits and number of grades for the term																																	
Type of courses	I Term			II Term			III Term			IV Term			V Term			VI Term			VII Term			VIII Term			IX Term			X Term			Total		
	Course Load (number of classes)	ECTS – credits	Number of grades	Course Load (number of classes)	ECTS – credits	Number of grades	Course Load (number of classes)	ECTS – credits	Number of grades	Course Load (number of classes)	ECTS – credits	Number of grades	Course Load (number of classes)	ECTS – credits	Number of grades	Course Load (number of classes)	ECTS – credits	Number of grades	Course Load (number of classes)	ECTS – credits	Number of grades	Course Load (number of classes)	ECTS – credits	Number of grades	Course Load (number of classes)	ECTS – credits	Number of grades	Course Load (number of classes)	ECTS – credits	Number of grades			
Compulsory Courses	196	30	7	53	15	2	90	13	4																					339	58	13	
Min. of elective courses				45	15	3	15	2	1																					60	17	4	
Optional Courses:																																	
Study Practices																														number of classes			
Total:	196	30	7	98	30	5	105	15	5																				399	75	17		

Form of a degree completion	ECTS - credits	Number of classes for preparation	First thesis defence session	Second thesis defence
Master Thesis Defence	15		July	November

Acquired professional qualification: Master of International Journalism