



SOFIA UNIVERSITY „ST. KLIMENT OHRIDSKI”

FACULTY OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION

CURRICULUM

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

Education and Qualification Degree: „**Master**”

Area of Study: **Journalism**

Master's Degree Program: **International Journalism**

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Form of Study: part-time

Length of Study (number of semesters): **three (90 credits)**

Professional qualification: **Master in International Journalism**

Qualification Description

Area of Study: JOURNALISM

Master's Degree Program: INTERNATIONAL JOURNALISM

1. Aims and Educational Objectives

The master's program is aimed at acquiring knowledge in journalism - about the place and role of the media in modern society, about the interaction between different social groups with the means of mass communication, as well as about the opportunities for social activity through the social field created by the media, simultaneously with the acquisition of knowledge in the field of international relations - both generally theoretical and focused on current contemporary developments. The goals pursued by the program are for students to acquire skills in understanding, evaluating and analyzing the foreign policy of individual countries, as well as problems of regional, continental or global importance, and to interpret - comment on and analyze them, with appropriate journalistic means.

The program is intended for students who have acquired the educational and qualification degree „Bachelor" or „Master" at Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski" and other higher education institutions.

2. Description of the educational content (knowledge and skills required for a successful professional realization; general and theoretical background, specific areas of study, etc.)

The education includes a wide range of general theoretical knowledge related to the problems and contradictions of the modern world, globalization, European integration and the processes of Europeanization of the public spheres, media law. It also includes specialized training oriented towards current world developments and problems, which emphasizes key regions and participants in international relations, global processes in the media and the coverage of international news, the changes in contemporary international economic relations, the dynamics of the development of international law, contradictions related to minorities and multicultural societies. Practical tasks are planned with the aim of gaining initial experience in writing on international topics.

3. Professional and general competences, specific competences

Graduates of the Master's program „International Journalism" will have the competencies: to identify important issues and perspectives at the global, regional/continental and national levels; to quickly gather information, which includes having general knowledge of public events internationally; to present information in an effective journalistic form, to analyze it in an appropriate historical framework, including illustrating it, and to present it with very good written and oral language competence.

4. Professional realization (according to the National Classification of Occupations and Positions in the Republic of Bulgaria /based on the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO)/ and in reference to the place of the future specialists in the National Qualifications Framework for higher education and the European Qualifications Framework for higher education)

Masters in International Journalism can be realized as authors, reporters, editors, presenters in Bulgarian electronic and online media and news agencies, as well as analysts, commentators and observers in the field of international relations and foreign policy. The education allows for quality realization in media analysis companies, in the communications departments of state, local and European institutions, as well as in private companies. According to the National Classification of Occupations and Positions in the Republic of Bulgaria (NCOP-2011), graduates will be able to work as: 1330 Managers in the field of information and communication technologies, 2641 Writers and related professionals, 2642 Journalists, 2656 Radio, television and other speakers, as well as in other positions in the sector that meet market demand. Those who have acquired the educational and qualification degree „Master" in „International Journalism" can continue their studies in the higher educational degree „Doctor" in Bulgaria and abroad.

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Program code

Area of Study "Journalism" / Master's Degree Programme "International Journalism" - part-time form of study (90 credits)

admission: winter semester of the 2026-2027 academic year

№	Course Code	Course Title	Type - C, E, O	Semester	ECTS credits	Number of classes - total					Classes per week	Assessment* - e, ca, ce, cont.
						Total	Lectures	Seminars	Practical Classes/ Observation	Self study		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

Core Subjects

1	3 6 6 3	International Journalism and International Relations	C	1	5	150	23	7	0	120	23+7+0	CE
2	3 3 9 2	Theory of Journalism and the Media	C	1	5	150	30	0	0	120	30+0+0	E
3	3 3 4 3	International Economic Processes and Organizations	C	1	5	150	30	0	0	120	30+0+0	CE
4	3 2 5 2	International Law and International Organizations	C	1	5	150	30	0	0	120	30+0+0	CE
5	3 6 5 7	Global Developments in Radio	C	1	4	120	23	0	0	97	23+0+0	CE
6	3 7 7 8	Media Policy of the European Union	C	1	3	90	15	8	0	67	15+8+0	CE
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	CE
9	3 6 5 8	Global Developments in Television	C	2	8	240	30	0	0	210	30+0+0	CE
10	3 6 5 9	European Integration and Europeanization of Public Spheres	C	3	4	120	23	7	0	90	23+7+0	CE
11	3 3 7 1	Contemporary World Media 20th-21st centuries	C	3	3	90	15	0	0	75	15+0+0	CE
12	3 6 6 2	Migration, Multiculturalism and Minorities	C	3	4	120	30	0	0	90	30+0+0	CE
13	3 6 5 6	Germany's Foreign Policy	C	3	2	60	0	15	0	45	0+15+0	CE

Elective Courses – the chosen electives have to contribute to minimum 17 credits (of which 15 from the second semester and 2 from the third semester)

1	И 6 6 4	Online Television Formats	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 on Television (Practice)	E	2	5	150	0	15	0	135	0+15+0	CA
4	И 8 3 0	Problems and Contradictions in the Middle East	E	2	5	150	0	15	0	135	0+15+0	CA
5	И 7 8 2	Creating Content for Digital Media (Practice)	E	3	2	60	0	15	0	45	0+15+0	CA
6	И 7 8 0	Documentary Journalism on Streaming Platforms	E	3	2	60	0	15	0	45	0+15+0	CA

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

Degree Completion

Form of degree completion	ECTS - credits	First State Exam Session	Second State Exam Session
Defence of a Master's thesis	15	July	November

Successfully taken exams under the Erasmus+ Program during a period of outgoing academic mobility of students at the 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

Area of Study "Journalism" / Master's Degree Programme "International Journalism"

form of study: part-time, length of study: 3 semesters (90 credits)

Course hours, ECTS credits and number of grades per semester																																	
Type of courses	I			II			III			IV			V			VI			VII			VIII			IX			X			Total		
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compulsory courses	189	30	7	53	15	2	90	13	4																			332	58	13			
min. elective courses				45	15	3	15	2	1																			60	17	4			
optional courses																																	
internships																												Total Auditorium Classes					
Total:	189	30	7	98	30	5	105	15	5																		392	75	17				

Form of degree completion	ECTS credits	Study Hours	First State Exam Session	Second State Exam Session
Defence of a Master's thesis	15		July	November

Acquired Professional Qualification: Master in International Journalism