



INSTITUTE
OF FOREIGN
LANGUAGES



REGIONAL STUDIES: EUROPEAN STUDIES

MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME



ADVANTAGES

- ✔ **Competence-Based Approach.** The Programme develops students' competency necessary for future professional activity in the field of diplomacy and intercultural relations. Students will gain in-depth knowledge of the specifics of the European region in both contemporary and historical context.
- ✔ **Interdisciplinary Studies.** The curriculum includes the study of historical, political, economic disciplines which develop students' understanding of key challenges the European region faces.
- ✔ **International Communication Skills.** Our graduates are proficient in two foreign languages. Students study English, which is the first foreign language, and a second foreign language of their choice (French, Italian, German, Spanish and other European languages).
- ✔ **Research Activity.** The programme is aimed at developing analytical and research skills. Students participate in international conferences and round-tables discussions, publish the results of their researches in scientific journals from high-ranking databases including Web of Science and Scopus, defend their Master's graduation papers in the English language.
- ✔ **Study Abroad.** Students benefit from a wide range of student mobility programmes including Erasmus +, student exchanges, winter and summer schools.
- ✔ **Careers and Employability.** A postgraduate course in European Studies opens up a wide range of career options. Our graduates will benefit from strong links the Institute of foreign languages established with researchers and companies both in Russia and abroad. Knowledge and skills our students acquired enable them to pursue careers in diplomacy, banking, government service, international organizations or opt for postgraduate research.



CURRICULUM

120 ECTS Credits

Lectures, seminars, practical training, internships



HISTORY AND METHODOLOGY OF FOREIGN AND COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL STUDIES

- Globalisation and regionalism.
- The notion of “region”.
- Types of regions and the criteria for categorization.
- Macroregions.
- Regional Studies as a new scientific branch in social sciences.
- Research schools in Regional Studies and Regional Politics.
- Method and methodology.
- Scientific approaches in Regional Studies.
- Key methods in International and Regional Studies.



POLITICAL SYSTEMS AND CULTURES OF THE FOCUS REGION

- Introduction to the study of political systems and cultures.
- West-European political cultures.
- Values and priorities of Russian political culture.
- Euroasian political project.
- Political culture of Islamic countries.



INTEGRATION PROCESSES IN EUROPE

- Nature, objectives and controversies of regional integration.
- Functions and mechanisms of regional integration, their implementation.
- Patterns, mechanisms and contradictions of financial integration.
- Regional integration as a mechanism for modernization of the society.
- Integration processes and new security issues.
- European regionalism patterns, trends, challenges.



THEORY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND REGIONAL INTEGRATION

- Theory of political realism.
- Neo-marxism.
- Constructivism.
- English school of international studies.
- Systematic approach to the Theory of International Relations.
- World politics. International security.
- Theory of international integration.



FINANCIAL AND ENERGY STRUCTURE OF GLOBAL ECONOMY

- Sectoral structure of the world economy and peculiarities of its development.
- Financial structure of the world economy.
- Energy structure of the world economy and its features.
- Main trends in the world economy: financial and energy aspects.



FOREIGN POLICY DECISION-MAKING

- Nature and peculiarities of decision-making process.
- Theory of decision-making. Foreign policy decision.
- Mechanism for foreign policy decision-making.
- Implementation of foreign policy decision.
- Managing the implementation of a foreign policy event.
- International negotiations as a political activity.
- Preparation for and conducting international negotiations.



POLITICAL SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES IN THE PROFILE REGION COUNTRIES

- Current political processes in the USA.
- Current political processes in Germany.
- Current political processes in France.
- Current political processes in the UK.
- Current political processes in Italy.
- Current political processes in South Eastern Europe.
- Political life in Europe and America at the end of the 20th and the beginning of the 21st century.

STUDENTS' REVIEWS

 **KSENIA LYSHCHENKO, RUSSIA**

“ My name is Ksenia Lyshchenko. I am currently studying for a Master's degree at the Institute of Foreign Languages of RUDN University. I wanted to study at this University when I was at school, so in 2014 I entered the bachelor's degree programme at the Institute of Foreign Languages, the specialization “European Studies”. After graduation, I decided to continue my studies at the same place in the Master's programme.

I have chosen this specialty because I always wanted to work in the international sphere, study foreign languages and be a specialist in the European region. Regional studies seemed to me quite a promising and versatile specialty, so this direction was suitable for me.

The training programme provided the opportunity to choose a second foreign language to study, as well as a convenient schedule of classes. There were a lot of interesting subjects. What I liked most during my studies was teaching experience, a lot of language practice, and it was always interesting to discuss various topics at seminars.

During my internship, I had to do translations of official documents and a couple of times I was able to take part in the organization of conferences, which was useful. At the moment, the internship in the Master's programme is more related to research work, writing, structuring texts and materials. I think that knowledge of contemporary European politics and language skills will help me get a desired job one day. ”

**DANIELA STAMOVA, BULGARIA**

“ I am Daniela Stamova. I am from Bulgaria and I graduated from Paisii Hilendarski Plovdivski University. I was a student at “Pedagogy of Teaching Bulgarian and Russian Languages and Literature” department. I had experience of working with Russian and Bulgarian linguists and professors who instilled my respect and love for the Russian language and literature. This is the reason why I decided to continue my education in Russia. I have chosen RUDN because of its high education quality and a wide range of opportunities for future employment. The Institute of Foreign Languages offers the Master’s programme “European Studies”. While studying one can attend international research conferences and publish research articles.

Due to a high level of fundamental and practical education at the Institute, I have the best opportunities for employment, developing my professional and individual skills. I consider I will be a high-quality specialist in my field with the IFL education.

The international specificity of the University helps me to learn more about other cultures and to make friends with people from all over the world. ”



HEAD OF THE PROGRAMME

NATALIIA SOKOLOVA



Director of the Institute of Foreign Languages of RUDN University, PhD in Philology, Professor, Head of the Department of Foreign Languages in Theory and Practice, Academician of International Teachers' Training Academy of Science.

Chairman of the Organizing Committees of regular international conferences and Chief Editor of the Proceedings.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Honourary Worker of Higher Professional Education of the Russian Federation, Peter the Great Medal "For Merit in the Field of Education", Gold Medal "Laureate of the All-Russian Exhibition Center", Honourary Diplomas of the Rectorial Administration and the Academic Council of RUDN University, Veteran of Labour, Veteran of RUDN University, The Certificate of Honour and the Medal "For Education Development" of UK Academy of Education.

AREA OF EXPERTISE

- Theory and Practice of Intercultural Communication, Speech Etiquette, Text Linguistics, Linguistics and Information Technologies, Foreign Language Teaching Methods, Pedagogy, Psychology, Practical PR, Modern Languages, Linguistics, Education, Digital Linguistics, Smart Linguistics.
- Author of more than 190 scientific papers, including monographs, multimedia course books, study guides, training programmes, research articles indexed in Web of Science, Scopus (Q1- Q2) and other international citation bases.
- Recipient of grants from Russian and foreign scientific foundations for conducting research and organizing scientific events.