**PROFESSIONAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

**Security and International Relations**
*Master’s Degree Program (Practical Profile)*

**1. Objectives of the Internship**

The primary objective of the professional internship in the field of Security and International Relations is to allow students to not only verify the theoretical knowledge acquired during their studies but also to develop practical skills in a real-world professional environment. These internships are an integral part of the educational process, aimed at providing comprehensive preparation for future employment in international organizations, diplomatic services, governmental agencies, and institutions dealing with national and international security.

**Detailed internship objectives include:**

1. **Applying theoretical knowledge in practice**

Students will have the opportunity to apply knowledge from the fields of international politics, security, diplomacy, and international law in practical scenarios, helping them better understand how theoretical issues function within real organizational structures. For example, they may participate in preparing political analyses, forecasts on international security, or reports on crisis management.

1. **Acquiring practical skills**

The internships are designed to help students acquire key practical skills such as:

* + **Risk analysis and assessment** in the context of national and international security, including the analysis of terrorist threats, conflict forecasting, and crisis management ***(****BiSM\_UW13)*.
	+ **Strategy and policy development** – students will have the opportunity to participate in projects related to building national security strategies and international defense structures, as well as developing public policies in the area of security and diplomacy ***(****BiSM\_UW12****,*** *BiSM\_WG07****)***.
	+ **Collaboration in international environments** – through direct contact with international institutions and representatives of other countries, students will learn effective communication, negotiation, and cooperation within multicultural teams ***(****BiSM\_UK01****,*** *BiSM\_KK01)*.
1. **Developing social and professional competencies**

Internships also provide an opportunity to acquire key social competencies such as professional responsibility, awareness of one's limitations, teamwork, and readiness to act in accordance with the highest ethical standards. Students will learn how to manage teams in crisis situations and will develop the ability to make decisions in stressful and dynamic conditions ***(****BiSM\_KK02****,*** *BiSM\_UO01****,*** *BiSM\_KO01)*.

1. **Understanding the functioning of international institutions**

Through internships, students will gain direct insight into the organizational structures of institutions such as NATO, the UN, the European Union, public diplomacy agencies, international non-governmental organizations, think tanks, and Polish diplomatic missions. They will become familiar with management procedures, document flow, and the operational rules within international agreements and collaborations ***(****BiSM\_WG10****,*** *BiSM\_WG12)*.

1. **Preparation for professional work**

Internships allow students to practice specific professional tasks, such as diplomatic negotiations, developing defense strategies, collaborating with international institutions, and preparing analytical reports and expert opinions on security and political analyses. The internships prepare students for various positions within international structures and both Polish and foreign governmental and non-governmental institutions ***(****BiSM\_UW05****,*** *BiSM\_WG07)*.

1. **Shaping ethical and professional attitudes**

Students will have the opportunity to learn the professional ethics standards applicable in the fields of international security and diplomacy, including adherence to ethical standards in international contacts with respect for human rights and cultural and religious diversity. Understanding and adhering to these principles are crucial in professional activities, especially in areas related to defense, diplomacy, and international politics ***(****BiSM\_KR03****,*** *BiSM\_KO02)*.

**2. Learning Outcomes**

***Knowledge:***

1. Understands complex interdependencies between political science, administration, security, law, and management disciplines in depth *(****BiSM\_WG****01)*.
2. Possesses advanced knowledge of the economic, social, and cultural aspects of international relations ***(****BiSM\_WG02)*.
3. Understands issues related to international security, including contemporary challenges and forms of international cooperation ***(****BiSM\_WG10)*.

***Skills:***

1. Can apply knowledge of economic development to analyze Third World countries and predict their future ***(****BiSM\_UW01)*.
2. Has the ability to use diplomatic principles in professional work and in contacts with international institutions ***(****BiSM\_UW05)*.
3. Can analyze terrorist threats and estimate the likelihood of their occurrence, taking countermeasures into account ***(****BiSM\_UW13)*.

***Social Competences:***

1. Is prepared to critically assess one's own knowledge and skills and is capable of seeking expert help in professional situations ***(****BiSM\_KK01)*.
2. Demonstrates social responsibility and is committed to peaceful conflict resolution, promoting respect for human rights ***(****BiSM\_KO01)*.
3. Upholds the principles of professional ethics and acts in accordance with high ethical standards ***(****BiSM\_KR03)*.

**3. Program Content**

During the internship, students of the Security and International Relations program will engage in various tasks that enable them to practically apply the knowledge and skills acquired during their studies. Below are detailed descriptions of these tasks:

**A. International Situation Analysis**

Students will be responsible for monitoring current international events, especially those related to threats to international security, such as armed conflicts, terrorism, cyberattacks, or humanitarian crises. These tasks should include:

* **Threat Verification**

Students will analyze various sources of information, such as intelligence reports, political analyses, and data from governmental and international institutions, to assess the level of threat and its potential consequences.

* **Report Preparation**

Based on the collected data, students will prepare detailed reports on international security challenges. These reports may include:

* + Forecasts regarding the escalation of regional conflicts,
	+ Risk analyses of destabilization in specific regions,
	+ Assessments of the capacity of states or organizations to counteract threats.

Through these activities, students will develop data analysis skills and refine their ability to identify key threats in a dynamic international environment ***(****BiSM\_WG10****,*** *BiSM\_UW13)****.***

**B. Forecasting and Simulations**

A key element of the internships may involve participating in forecasting and simulations related to international security. As part of these tasks, students will:

* **Conduct Simulations**

Students will participate in simulations of possible international threat scenarios, such as the outbreak of armed conflict, migration crises, pandemics, or cyberattacks. These simulations will help students understand decision-making processes and institutional mechanisms in response to crises.

* **Scenario Analysis**

After the simulations, students will analyze various possible development scenarios, taking into account political, social, economic, and military factors. Example tasks include:

* + Assessing the impact of international sanctions on states pursuing aggressive policies,
	+ Analyzing the potential for swift intervention in conflict,
	+ Forecasting the long-term consequences of humanitarian crises.
	Students will also learn to apply statistical methods and computer modeling techniques to develop accurate forecasts regarding international security ***(****BiSM\_WG15****,*** *BiSM\_UW16)*.

**C. Work in International Institutions**

Internships will enable students to collaborate directly with international institutions and organizations involved in international security, diplomacy, and crisis management. The tasks should include:

* **Participation in Projects Related to Diplomacy and International Security**

Students may be involved in initiatives aimed at building dialogue between states, developing conflict prevention policies, and supporting humanitarian and development programs. They may collaborate with embassies, consulates, non-governmental organizations, and UN units.

* **Collaboration with International Organizations**

Students will have the opportunity to work with institutions such as NATO, the UN, the OSCE, the European Union, the International Red Cross, and other agencies and foundations dealing with global challenges. In this capacity, they will assist in organizing conferences, preparing informational materials, analyzing international relations and strategies, and enhancing their negotiation skills.

* **Participation in Research Projects at Think Tanks**

Students will have the opportunity to take part in research projects conducted by think tanks specializing in international analyses, such as the European Council on Foreign Relations, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, or the Foundation for the Development of Local Democracy. As part of these projects, they may conduct research, analyze reports, and contribute to the development of public policies related to security and international relations.

* **Organization and Participation in International Conferences**

Students will have the opportunity to participate in international symposiums, panel discussions, and workshops related to international security, diplomacy, and global politics. They will gain valuable experience in preparing conference materials and delivering public presentations ***(****BiSM\_WG07****,*** *BiSM\_UW05)*.

**D. Collaboration with Embassies and Diplomatic Missions**

Students involved in internships at embassies and consulates will participate in various activities related to public diplomacy, the promotion of foreign policy, and international cooperation. Example tasks include:

* **Preparation of Political Reports and Analyses**

Analysis of foreign policies of states and preparation of recommendations for Polish diplomatic missions. Students may also participate in monitoring and analyzing bilateral relations between Poland and other countries.

* **Assistance in Organizing Diplomatic Events**

Students will assist in preparing high-level meetings, press conferences, and diplomatic events aimed at strengthening international relations and promoting cooperation between states.

**4. Duration of the Internship**

The internship consists of 360 hours, which can be completed in international institutions, government agencies, non-governmental organizations, foundations, academic research centers, diplomatic missions, or think tanks.

**5. Evaluation Methods**

The evaluation of learning outcomes is conducted by the internship supervisor based on the internship journal and the opinion of the institutional internship supervisor.

**6. Documentation**

The required documentation includes:

1. *Internship referral,*
2. *Internship agreement,*
3. *Internship journal describing tasks and learning outcomes,*
4. *Internship completion protocol.*

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