

Máster

# *International Affairs and Diplomacy* **(UOC, UNITAR)**

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# International Affairs and Diplomacy (UOC, UNITAR)

The Universitat Oberta de Catalunya is delighted to offer the Master's Degree in International Affairs and Diplomacy in collaboration with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR). The online course's academic programme has been designed for diplomats and government officials involved in international affairs as well as others involved in international relations and seeking a future career in this field. With over 20 years' experience as an online university, the UOC's excellent reputation has been earned through the quality of its ICT-based teaching. The University's over 60,000 graduate and postgraduate students from 87 countries have been a key contributor to the global impact and value of our academic work. The programme of studies outlined in this brochure aims to provide students with a general introduction to international affairs and specific geopolitical issues, while developing and strengthening the diplomacy skills required for both effectiveness and efficiency in supporting governments, universal and regional organizations, non-governmental actors and the private sector. The goal of this master's degree is to help mould the next generation of leaders within international public service, business and non-governmental organizations. Upon successful completion of the UOC-UNITAR master's degree programme, you will be able to tackle issues related to foreign engagement across a variety of geographical locations and through multiple academic disciplines, enabling you to advance your professional career.

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## Objectives

- Develop a critical understanding of key issues and concepts in world politics.
- Demonstrate a comprehensive, substantive and practical knowledge of international relations and diplomacy.
- Develop analytical skills and critical thinking.
- Perform efficiently and effectively in both bilateral and multilateral working environments with increased confidence.

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## Skills

- Understanding of contemporary world politics and foreign policy.
- Capacity to engage critically with the literature in the field of international relations and the ways in which this literature interprets the empirical world of global politics.
- Ability to analyse arguments and evidence in the international arena.
- Ability to present a persuasive argument on topics related to international affairs and public diplomacy.
- Understanding of the main governance structure, history and development of the world from a variety of theoretical, regional and disciplinary perspectives.
- Development of research and analysis skills.

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## Who it is intended for

- Public international organizations
- International development (public institutions and corporations)
- International communications media
- Intelligence & security
- Higher education

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## Career opportunities

- National bodies (such as government ministries and departments, civil services, think-tanks and policy advisory groups)
- Embassies and consulates
- International organizations (such as the UN, UN agencies, EU departments)
- Campaign groups, aid agencies and other non-governmental organizations (NGOs)
- Companies operating on an international level
- Journalists and other media professionals
- Banking, financial services and corporate consultancy
- University teachers

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## Academic admission requirements

In order to be considered for the Master's Degree in International Affairs and Diplomacy, candidates must be fluent in English, possess a valid passport or national identity card and hold an undergraduate degree.

## Academic director

### Mr. Nikhil Seth

Masters degree in Economics (Delhi University)

Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research since 2015. Before assuming this post he was the Director of the Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) at the United Nations Secretariat in New York. Mr. Seth's Division was also responsible for supporting the intergovernmental negotiations for the post-2015 development agenda, which was adopted at the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit 2015 in September 2015.

Before joining the UN Secretariat, he was a delegate to the UN in the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations (1990 – 1993) and involved with various UN conferences and summits including the Rio Summit on Environment and Development and the climate change related process.

### Lluc López Vidal

Director del máster International Affairs and Diplomacy. Licenciado en Ciencias Políticas y de la Administración por la Universidad Pompeu Fabra, Máster en estudios internacionales e interculturales y doctor en Relaciones Internacionales e Integración Europea por la Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona.

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## Academic programme Credits ECTS

### Subjects

International Law and Institutions	4
International Relations System and Theories	4
Introduction to the UN System	4
Public Diplomacy in a Multipolar World	4
European Union in World Politics	4
Latin America in World Politics	4
International Diplomacy - Theory and Practice	4
Research Methods Course	3
International Political Economy	4
Conflict Resolution and Crisis Management	3
East Asia in World Politics	4
Overcoming Negotiation Deadlocks	4
Africa in World Politics	4
Middle East in World Politics	4

### Final master's degree project

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### Optional courses

Internship	4
Field visit	

## UOC-certified qualification pathways

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