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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.

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.

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.

Who it is intended for

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

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

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.

Dr. Víctor M. Sánchez Sánchez  
Doctoral degree in Law from the University of Barcelona (2003).

Lecturer at the UOC’s Faculty of Law and Political Science (2004-present).

Associate professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Barcelona (2001-2004). Associate professor at the Faculty of Law, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (2000-2001). Assistant professor at the Faculty of Law, National Distance Education University (UNED) (1996-2004). Research and teaching assistant at the Faculty of Law, University of Barcelona (1994-2000).

Director of a research group on human rights, law pluralism and globalisation.

He authored the book La potestad coercitiva de las organizaciones regionales para el mantenimiento de la paz (J. M. Bosch, ed., 2005) and collaborated on the books Derecho internacional público (Huygens Editorial, 2012) and Los derechos humanos en el siglo XXI: continuidad y cambios (Huygens Editorial, 2008).

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UOC-certified qualification pathways

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Premios y reconocimientos UOC

- Human Resources Excellence in Research (2018)
- Premio de excelencia institucional (2016)
- Premio a la Inclusión por las Enfermedades Raras (2016)
- Premio Mujer TIC (2016)
- Mención de honor en los Premios al Impacto en el Aprendizaje (2016)
- Golden Orange Awards (2016)
- Premio al impacto en el Aprendizaje (Oro) (2015)
- Medalla de Oro de la Cruz Roja (2015)
- Premio al impacto en el Aprendizaje (Plata) (2014)
- Premio LTI App Bounty (2013)
- Telefónica Ability Awards (2012)

- Premio al Impacto en el Aprendizaje (Bronce) (2011)
- Premio IGC a la Innovación Digital (2010)
- Premio al Impacto en el Aprendizaje (Leadership) (2009)
- Center of Excellence del New Media Consortium (NMC) (2009)
- Premios al Impacto en el Aprendizaje (Oro) (2008)
- Premio Nacional de Telecomunicaciones de la Generalitat de Cataluña (2005)
- Centro de Excelencia de SUN (2003)
- Premio ICDE de Excelencia (2001)
- Premio WITSA (2000)
- Premio Bangemann Challenge (1997)