



CENTRE D'ÉTUDES DIPLOMATIQUES ET STRATÉGIQUES

Organisme doté du Statut Consultatif auprès du Conseil Economique et Social des Nations Unies

**MAP OF PROGRAM AND CREDITS :
PhD IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND DIPLOMACY**

TOTAL LENGTH OF STUDY PROGRAM: one year of intensive courses followed by 2 or 3 years of research in order to achieve the redaction of a 300 pages Ph. D dissertation.

PROGRAM :

The program is fulfilled at the end of an average of 3 or 4 years

The program of the 1st year is constituted of courses and conferences . It is ended by exams specific to some main courses (as international economy and public international law), in addition to the main oral exam that is the Grand Oral.

The two or three next years are dedicated to research : they are ended by the redaction and by the defense of a Ph. D dissertation of about 300 pages. The whole work is monitored by a dissertation supervisor, chosen among the professors of the Center, akin to the defined area and subject, if not specialist.

The auditors are entitled to get their graduation only after they have fulfilled all those conditions and passed the exams and the thesis defense.

Nevertheless, at the end of the first year, a diploma (certificate) of achievement is delivered, in order to certify that the auditors have succeeded in their first year's exams.

Hours per week: 9 hours a week

Program length in weeks: about 32 weeks

- from the 3rd week of April to 2nd week of February

General Features of the program

The Ph. D program is open to auditors who may fulfill two main requirements : an experience as an executive (in diplomacy, companies, army, government etc.) and a post-graduated level. Specific situations may be examined, in accordance with the new French regulation allowing the partial validation of professional experience (Validation des Acquis de l'Expérience), for a limited number of auditors.

The courses are provided in English

The first year's program is a four phases one

In each phase the program emphasizes one or two fundamental courses (for instance the overwhelming position of Public International Law in the first phase)

The courses of diplomacy, strategy and geopolitics are, nevertheless, the mainstream of the program. The other disciplines and approaches (legal, economic) are defined as complementary to the former.

All the courses have an "international relations" dimension

The aim of the program is to enhance and to deepen the conceptual and theoretical knowledge in relation to the latter dimension.

They are seen as required tools for the further Ph. D dissertation research

MAIN CREDITS OF THE PHD PROGRAM

1st Year

Title	Syllabus	Amount of hours	assessment	ECTS Credits
Core Credits : diplomacy And geopolitics		75	Subject to grand oral exam	16 ECTS
International Politics and Diplomacy	<p>This course is divided in many conferences on the following topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - United Nations System analysis and reforms - Crisis analysis and diplomatic outcomes - Peace Keeping operations - diplomacy and human rights - diplomacy and protocol 	30	<p>Subject to the grand oral exam</p> <p>Additional researches required</p>	8 ECTS
Geopolitics	<p>The course of geopolitics involves most of the geopolitical areas, their structure, the conflicts they hosted, their place on the global international chessboard. Among these courses provided by many professors each of them being specialized in a specific area, we display hereof the following list :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Geopolitics of eastern and southeast Asia, emphasizing on Chinese expansion and on geopolitics of Indochina - Geopolitics of Pacific Area, the strategic issues at stakes, especially for great powers - Geopolitics of Russia, with a specific analysis of the transition of post-soviet state, its institutions, its relationship with other states - Geopolitics of Middle East, emphasizing on its position for the great powers, as well as on the crisis and conflict that occurred 	45	<p>Subject to the grand oral exam</p> <p>Additional researches required</p>	8 ECTS

	- Geopolitics of United States, focused on US global strategy			
Fundamental courses		93	Subject to specific exams	30 ECTS
Public international law	<p>The main academic objective of this course is to give the participants of the program a general overview on the main notions, branches and problems of contemporary international law, to present a legal point of view on today's international system and key international issues, help them work out a methodological framework for their PhD research and the preparation of their doctoral dissertation.</p> <p>The course is a brief introduction to contemporary international law. It consists of six three-hour lectures on the basics of public international law: 1) history and theory, sources of international law, 2) states, state responsibility, 3) international legal personality, international organizations, the structure and organs of the UN, 4) human rights, 5) the law of the sea, airspace, polar regions, outer space, 6) the law of war and warfare.</p>	21	Specific oral exam Additional researches required	7 ECTS
International economics and finance	<p>International economics is the study of transactions when they cross a national border. Nations interact in many ways, not all of which are obviously "economic" in nature, but that have some economic aspect or consequence. In this class we will try to understand the most important theories, policies, and events of international economics, while also trying to keep in mind their real-world context.</p> <p><u>About the Course: Organization..</u></p>	21	Specific work in economic policy case study according to taught methodology Additional researches required	7 ECTS

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Key definitions.</u> In the first section of the course we will define gross domestic product, and key economic aggregates. 2. Theory of International Trade: trace the historical development of international trade theory from Adam Smith to today in an attempt to understand why nations trade, how they trade, how and why trade patterns shift, and what macroeconomic and microeconomic effects trade has on an economy. 3. <u>International Trade Policy.</u> examines issues relating to policies that nations adopt to regulate international trade. We will examine the arguments for and against the regulation of trade and the tools and institutions of trade policy. Special emphasis will be placed on current trade issues and the problems of economic integration. 4. <u>The Theory of International Finance.</u> This section of the course presents the theoretical framework necessary to understand international financial flows. The key concepts here are the Balance of Payments (BoP) and the foreign exchange (FX) rate. The relationship between the BoP and FX markets is explored in the context of recent economic history. 5. <u>Open Economy Policy Analysis.</u> The course concludes with a survey of how international economics and traditional domestic economics interact. The specific focus of our discussions will be Paul Krugman's recent book <i>The Return of Depression Economics</i>. A final paper (in place of a 			
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	<p>final exam) gives students the opportunity to address a major issue raised by Krugman's book</p> <p>6- Methodology of Economic case study : the course provides the conceptual and methodological tools for a case study of a development economic policy of a determined state in a determined period</p>			
International Business and trade	<p>The following course provides main economic, legal and technical concepts linked to international trade and to the area of international business, thus providing auditors a better knowledge about the very assets on which economic diplomacy can rely, as well as on the place of the business relations in international politics.</p>	21 hours	Case study on a business policy of a MNC	7 ECTS
Strategy and international relations	<p>The purpose of the seminar "Strategy and International Security" is to catch the true nature of violent competition in international relations. The development of interstate wars and intrastate conflicts in the Post-Cold war era stresses the crucial role plaid by the use of collective violence in political and social arenas. Logics of war are not well known. Indeed, policy makers, as well as diplomats, who sometimes performed their tasks under great pressure are rarely educated and trained to tackle with true war phenomena. Nowadays, the peace support operations undertaken under the auspices of the U.N., as well as unilateral military interventions imply a clear vision of the use of force in a constrained international environment. Conflict prevention activities and crisis management initiatives require a good understanding of military operations and</p>	30 hours	Final written exam Additional researches required	7 ECTS

	a close look at the dynamics of armed conflict. Strategy, as a method, provides an accurate instrument of analysis of international violence, behaviors of belligerents (regular or irregular) and a relevant framework for decision-making process including military and civilian expertise alike.			
International criminal law	The war crimes as the crimes against humanity integrate more and more the modern internal conflicts on several continents where are perpetrated with impunity many violations of the humanitarian international rights against civilians. The international community calls upon the international criminal law (IPL) and through its structures (ad hoc, permanent, mixed or hybrids courts) to solve them in order to put an end to the crimes and to punish their perpetrators and their authors. From the example of the International Criminal Tribunal for former-Yugoslavia (ICTY), the knowledge of the evolution of the IPL notions (Nature, Sources...) and of its history allows to better apprehend the today international criminal justice actuality, its stakes on the geopolitics and legal levels in order to develop an effective and adapted international cooperation likely to bring peace and reconciliation between the ethnic groups and the people.	6 hours	Included in program of the grand oral exam	2 ECTS
Workshops and methodology		30	Specific exams	14 ECTS
Workshops in diplomacy	Provides practical training in negotiation and crisis resolution within multiple frames	15 hours	Specific exercises	7 ECTS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - within the frame of bilateral relations - within the frame of international organizations and multilateral diplomacy - simulating crisis and crisis actors - considering the issues of protocol 			
Methodology of research and dissertation	<p style="text-align: center;">This course provides</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The methodological knowledge, that is required for the redaction of the Ph D thesis , as well as for the scientific research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The compulsory rules of Ph D presentation - The knowledge on the process and steps of a research 	15 hours	Used for the PhD main research – no assessment Only participation	7 ECTS

Up to 3 Remaining years

- **PhD research in order to**

- o write and submit a min. 300 pages PhD dissertation
- o under the supervision of a professor of the CEDS
- o leading to a defense session in front of a jury of 3to 4 members

credits = 120 ECTS