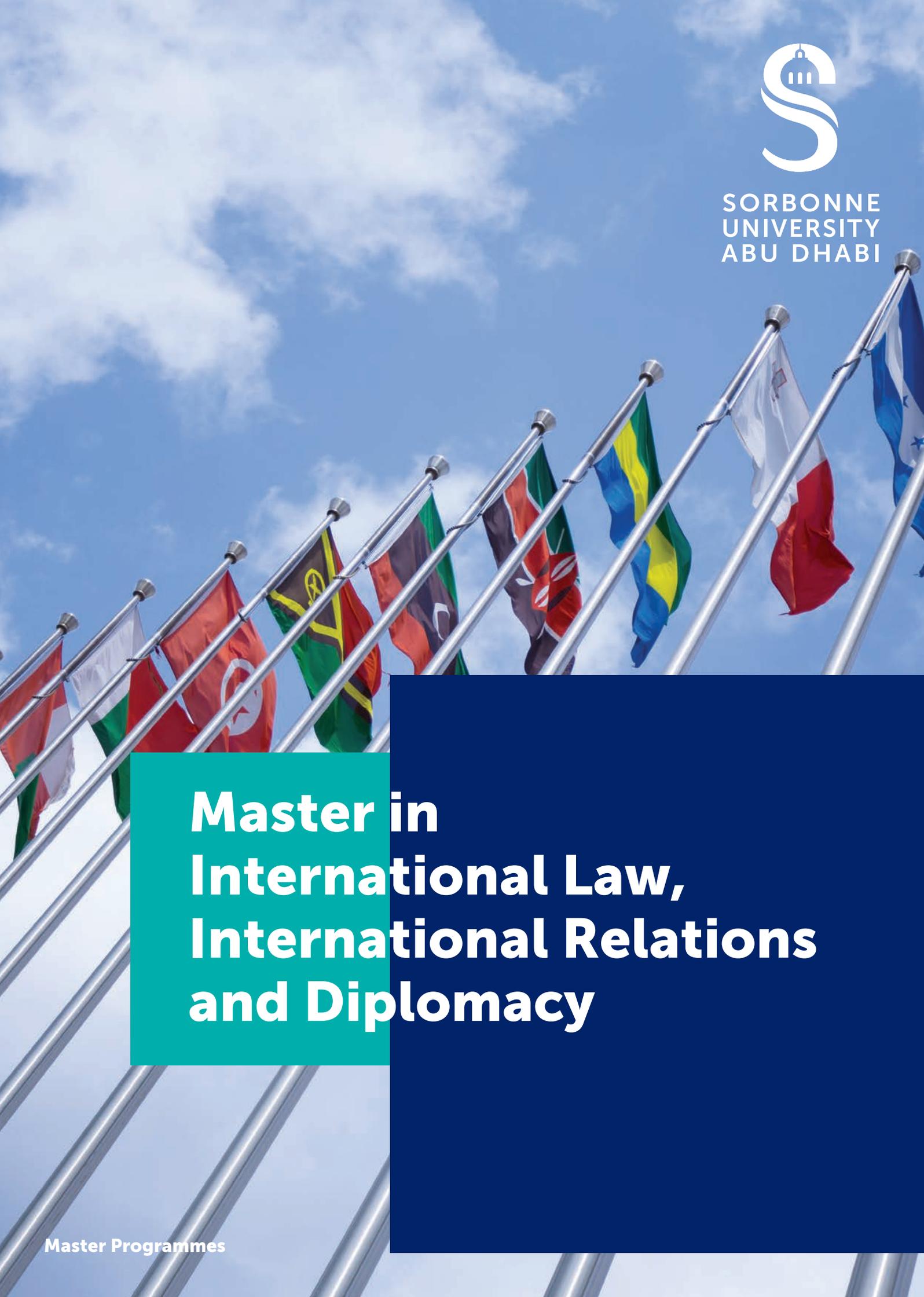




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# Master in International Law, International Relations and Diplomacy

**The Master in International Law, Diplomacy and International Relations has two specialisations: “International Law, International Relations and Diplomacy” and “Defence and International Security”, preparing students for global careers in international law, international relations, security and defence.**

In the current era of dynamic political forces and globalisation, cooperative measures in politics and international security are at the forefront of global policy. With increased trade and communication across different channels and platforms, individuals with diplomatic competence and an international outlook are in high demand to address the many constant political and legal challenges. Diplomacy is a key skill, imperative to mediate conflicts and to regulate the escalating matters between states and major international actors. The various cultural, economic, historical, legal and political factors at play make this field a compelling career choice for astute and ambitious leaders, keen on peacefully shaping our world.

This multidisciplinary programme has two directions: The programme of International Law, International Relations and Diplomacy introduces students to the frameworks and processes underlying international relations. You will learn the key intellectual tools that expose you to contemporary international relations. Specialist study modules focus on the forms of organisation, dispute settlement, the law of treaties, law of the sea and rules governing diplomatic relations. Additionally, you will study economic and financial relations, international trade, economic law in its institutional aspects followed by international criminal and human rights law, environment and sustainable development and nuclear law. Students also explore the historical and geopolitical contexts of international relations, providing a working knowledge of tried and tested diplomatic techniques.

Students that choose to follow the programme of Defence and International Security will be introduced to history of national and international security within a multidisciplinary framework. You will learn key tools about war mechanism, security policies and doctrines to better understand defense issues in the today's world. It allows students to acquire the theoretical and technical knowledge, along with an overall vision of the issues involved in defense, peace-keeping, intelligence services, international security and diplomacy. Starting from “History of defence and national security” and “History of war and peace” students will follow topics like “Law of armed conflict and security”, “Geopolitics of conflicts”, to the modern question of “Cybersecurity”. These major themes are taught to a very high level of expertise by academics and practitioners in link with international military institutions.

Our faculty is composed of professors and law professionals from Paris Descartes University, Sorbonne University (Sorbonne Paris Cite) and from other prestigious European universities and academic institutions who have achieved worldwide acclaim. Highly specialised experts, diplomats and military experts will contribute to our students strategic thinking and planning.

With the participation of:  
Amiral Alain Oudot de Dainville, Former Chief of Staff of the French Navy  
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Pierre Le Goff, Chief analyst of General Secretariat of Defence and National Security, Assistant Professor “Sciences Po.-Saint Cyr”  
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## Overview



## Programme highlights

### International recognition

Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi provides the combined experience of Sorbonne University and Paris Descartes University. This rich heritage of joint excellence is now available in Abu Dhabi under the Ministry of Education and is recognised worldwide.

### Enhancing individual & national development

Within the next decade, the UAE is poised to dedicate its focus towards socio-economic sustainability. The curriculum at Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi will be crucial in creating and encouraging a new generation passionate about national and international political stability and to refine their skills and career potential to complement the country's rapid and ambitious progress.

### Networking

Each class will have a reduced number of students from different countries. A strict entry selection procedure will guarantee the quality of the degree and will allow you to expand your personal network with high potential peers.

*This course exceptionally prepares students for careers in international diplomacy, governmental and non-governmental organisations, public administration, think tanks, NGOs, risk analysis and research agencies, future security and defence policy*

The degree in International Law, International Relations and Diplomacy and Defence and International Security are taught in English and covers a total of four semesters across two years. The exclusively designed course schedule includes evening and weekend classes in consideration of students who intend to combine their studies with work.

## Structure

The first year of the programme is common for students aiming to study the Master in International Law, International Relations and Diplomacy and the Master in Defense and International Security.

Year 1	
Public Law	
Semester 1	
UE 1	ECUE Law of the Internal European Market ECUE International and European Taxation Law
UE 2	ECUE International Economics ECUE Comparative Approach of Public Law
UE 3	ECUE Environment Law ECUE Reflections on the History of Politics and International Relations
UE 4	ECUE Languages
Semester 2	
UE 5	ECUE Private International Law ECUE Public International Trade Law
UE 6	ECUE Introduction to Public Law ECUE European Business Law
UE 7	ECUE Law of Public Contracts and Procurements ECUE Public Business Law
UE 8	Languages

Year 2	
Concentration: International Law, International Relations and Diplomacy	
Semester 3	
UE 1	ECUE Advanced International Law ECUE Evolution of Diplomatic Structures
UE 2	ECUE History of International Relations ECUE Law of Armed Conflicts and Security
UE 3	ECUE Geopolitics of Conflicts ECUE Contemporary Diplomatic Problems
UE 4	Languages and Research Methodology
Semester 4	
UE 5	Peaceful Settlement of International Conflicts
UE 6	International Criminal Law - International Protection of Human Rights
UE 7 (One optional subject)	ECUE International Organisations ECUE Cybersecurity
UE 8	Languages
Concentration: Defence and International Security	
Semester 3	
UE 1	ECUE Advanced International Law ECUE Evolution of Diplomatic Structures
UE 2	ECUE History of International Relations ECUE Law of Armed Conflict and Security
UE 3	ECUE History of Defence and National Security ECUE History of War and Peace from Antiquity to the Today's World
UE 4	Languages
Semester 4	
UE 5	History of Intelligence and International Security (1989-2017)
UE 6	Maritimes Issues in International Relations
UE 7 (One optional subject)	ECUE International Organisations ECUE Cybersecurity
UE 8	Languages and Research Methodology

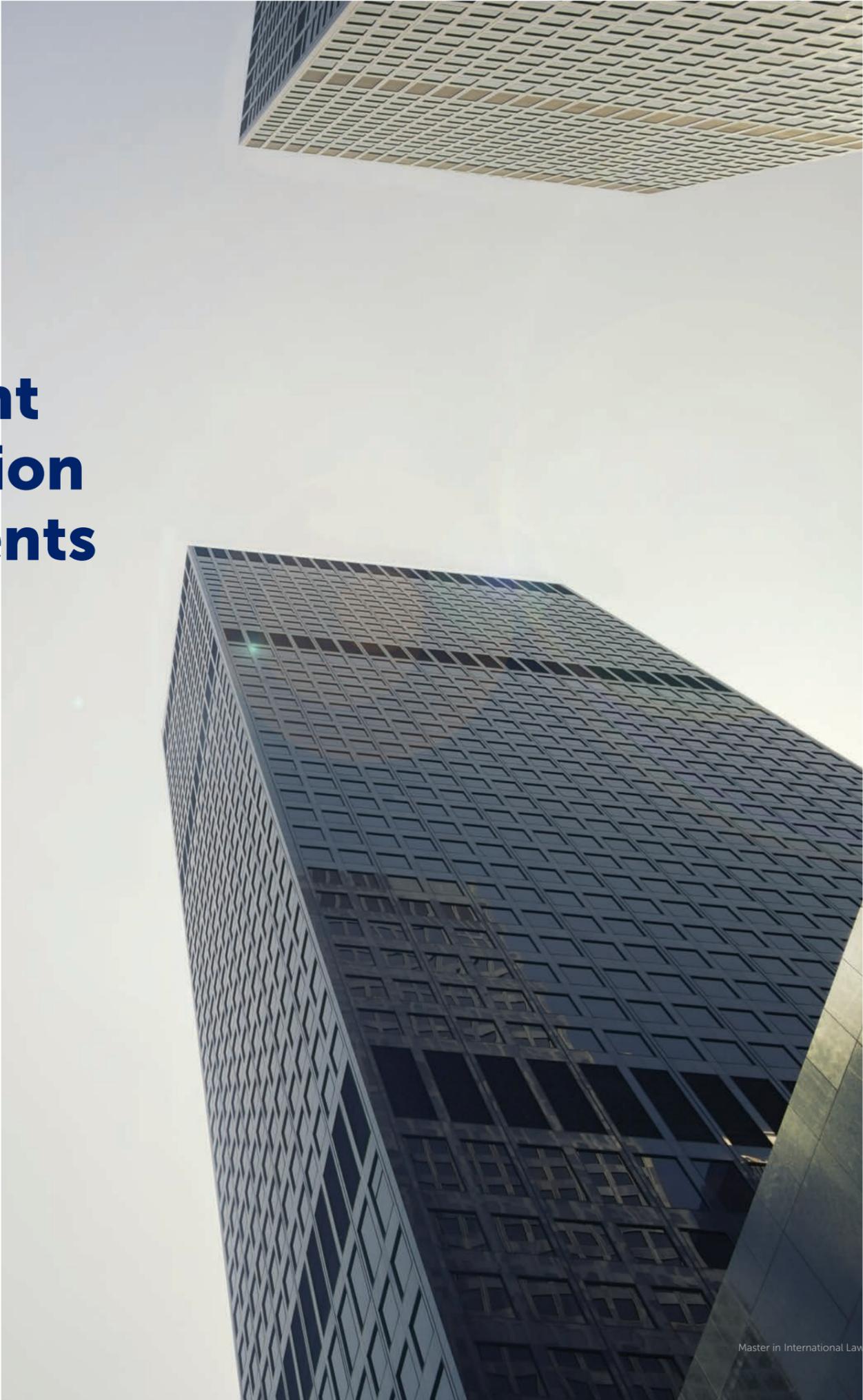
## Master's thesis

Students have a choice to submit an essay based on their internship or a research-based thesis.

## Internship

For nonworking students, Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi recommends to complete an internship in the second year. The internship will encourage critical thinking and improve students' reasoning abilities by blending academic theory with real life work experience. Students will benefit from a greater depth of experience working in a professional environment.

The internship also provides an excellent opportunity to gain crucial insights and improve access to various career opportunities in the region and beyond. Students will discover that this collaborative learning process can lead to enduring professional relationships, which will open doors and forge new career paths.



## Assessment & graduation requirements

Throughout the year, there will be frequent assessment and evaluations. Students will be evaluated on individual assignments, internships presentations, reports and examinations, which usually take place towards the end of every semester. Attendance to all classes is mandatory and it is important that students are punctual and observe university regulations at all times.

## Career prospects

There are abundant and rewarding opportunities at a regional and global level for our graduates. This programme exceptionally prepares students for careers in international diplomacy, governmental and non-governmental organisations, public administration, think tanks, NGOs, risk analysis and research agencies as well as media consultants. There are several further enriching career opportunities in political spheres and foreign affairs departments from public figures, diplomats, legal advisors and consultants to research consultants. Graduates can secure prominent positions in embassies and governmental institutions and agencies all over the world.

Moreover, our degree in Defence and International Security is designed for students planning careers in the fields of national security policy, international security affairs, defense analysis, arms control, and education. With this degree, students also have the option of pursuing a Ph.D. in Paris.

**Admission to our master's programmes is selective and competitive and each applicant will be considered on his/her own merit. Our admissions process ensures that every course has an ideal mix of people with talent, impressive interpersonal skills and a positive attitude.**

# Admission requirements

## **General Entry requirements:**

Candidates must complete an online application and upload the following items:

- A copy of the bachelor degree earned in a discipline appropriate for the programme
- A copy of the high school diploma
- A detailed curriculum vitae\*
- A personal statement (not exceeding one page)
- For non-native English speakers a minimum EmSAT – English score of 1400 or TOEFL score of 550, 213 CBT, 79-80 iBT or an IELTS score of 6.0, valid for at least two years
- Official academic transcripts, official test scores

Shortlisted candidates might be asked to attend an interview to assess the candidate's motivations, careers expectations and relevant professional experience in the degree area.

International applicants are required to present an equivalency of their degree from the UAE Ministry of Education located in Abu Dhabi. For details on the requirements, visit the website: <https://www.moe.gov.ae>

# Why Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi?

In today's fast-paced and globalised economies, knowledge and languages both serve an important role in creating progressive and vibrant societies. The French education system is known for its high level of rigorous critical thinking and debating skills, which play a significant role in developing future pioneers and leaders.

Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi is a globally recognised education institution that serves as a bridge between civilisations by offering a multicultural environment, which promotes and develops a strong culture of tolerance, curiosity, harmony and cultural awareness for today's modern economy. Students have access to internationally acclaimed faculty, world-class facilities and internationally certified degrees, which places them firmly on the right path in preparation for a successful career.

This degree is officially accredited by the UAE Commission for Academic Accreditation ([www.caa.ae](http://www.caa.ae)).

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