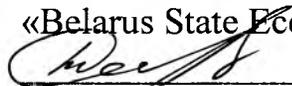


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**MULTILEVEL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION DESIGN**

Syllabus of educational establishment on training discipline  
for the specialty 7-06-0311-02 «World economy»

2024

The syllabus of educational establishment on training discipline is based on the Educational Standard in the specialty 7-06-0311-02 World Economy and the Curriculum in the specialty 7-06-0311-02 World Economy №27МП-23 of 29.05.2023.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

The training discipline «Multilevel Economic Integration Design» is an independent discipline studied at the choice of the for master students on specialty 7-06-0311-02 «World Economy», enrolled in the profilization «International Economics and Commercial Diplomacy». In it master students are receive a systemic view of international economic integration, the peculiarities of its design and regulation on different levels.

The objective of the discipline teaching: formation of master's theoretical and practical knowledge about the peculiarities of designing of effective multilevel systems of international economic integration and developing of appropriate integration policies.

The tasks of the study of the discipline:

to generate a systemic knowledge on international economic integration and integration policies, as well as abilities and skills of analysis of levels and trends of its development, application of methods and tools of integration policy to regulate integration systems;

to generate a systemic knowledge about design of integration systems at different levels, as well as abilities and skills of application of methods and tools of system engineering for the design of effective systems of international economic integration and their life cycle processes that meet the goals and objectives of the integration policies of the State, the rules of the multilateral trading system of the WTO, the current trends;

to generate a knowledge about the effectiveness and static and dynamic economic and political effects of the international economic integration for participating countries, third countries and the world economy as a whole, as well as the abilities and skills of their evaluation and monitoring;

to generate a knowledge about the peculiarities of designing of multilevel integration systems with the participation of countries at different levels of development and in different regions of the world, develop abilities and skills of adaptation of this practical experience for designing of integration system with the participation of the Republic of Belarus and EAEU, as well as the use of generated knowledge for access to markets of this countries.

As a result of studying discipline master students must:

***to know:***

the essence, levels, stages, effects and modern trends of development of the system of international economic integration, the different approaches to its assessment and monitoring;

the essence, objectives, multilevel tasks, structure, methods and tools of integration policy of State and the WTO rules in relation to integration agreements;

the essence, objectives, multilevel tasks, principles, stages, methods and tools for design of effective multilevel integration systems and their life cycle processes;

features of design of multilevel integration systems with the participation of countries at different levels of development and in different regions of the world.

***be able to:***

analyze trends and identify problems, constraints, conflicts in the functioning and development of international economic integration at various levels;

design integration systems at various levels, taking into account the goals and objectives of the integration policies of the State, the rules of the multilateral trading system, the WTO, the current trends of development of the world economy;

justify the effectiveness and effects of implementing the selected integration projects, develop concepts, strategies, methods and measures for appropriate integration policies;

take advantage of international economic integration and integration policy for the development of foreign economic relations of the Republic of Belarus and accessing new markets;

***have:***

skills in assessing and monitoring the effectiveness and effects of international economic integration, the breadth and depth of the integration process;

methods and tools of system engineering for the design of effective systems of international economic integration and the processes of their life cycle;

- methods and instruments of integration policy to improve the efficiency of the system of international economic integration with the participation of the Republic of Belarus, the development of foreign economic relations of the Republic of Belarus and its economic entities.

As a result of studying the training discipline, ***specialized competence*** is formed (SC-8) - to identify trends and problems in the development of international economic integration, design multi-level integration systems, evaluate the results of the implementation of integration projects and integration policies, conclude and apply integration agreements.

Links with other training disciplines: training discipline «Multilevel Economic Integration Design» is based on the training disciplines «Macroeconomic analyses and policy», «Microeconomic analyses and policy», «World Economy and Foreign Economic Policy», «International Trade and Trade Policy».

In accordance with the training plan of higher educational establishment on speciality 7-06-0311-02 «World Economy» (profilization «International Economics and Commercial Diplomacy») training discipline is studying during 108 hours, including for full-time form of education 48 auditory study hours (28 hours of lectures, 20 hours of seminar classes), for part-time form of education 12 auditory study hours (8 hours of lectures, 4 hours of seminar classes).

The form of higher education is full-time, part-time.

The form of intermediate control is an exam (3 sem., 5 sem.).

## TRAINING MATERIAL CONTENT

### **Topic 1. International economic integration as a developing multilevel system**

Subject, purpose and structure of the teaching module «Multilevel Economic Integration design».

International economic integration (IEI) as developing multilevel system: essence, signs, prerequisites, peculiarities and place in national and world economic system (geoeconomy). Development and regulation of IEI as a system of economic relations: emergence, formation, maturity, regression and disappearance. Integration and disintegration. Integration and adaptation. Internationalization, transnationalization, integration and globalization.

Levels in the system of IEI. Integration on a micro-, mezo-, macro-, mega-economic and institutional (interstate and supranational) levels. Levels of institutionalization of IEI. Integration institutions: formal and informal. Real and formal integration (quasi-integration). Top and bottom integration (institutional and private corporate integration). Changes on a microeconomic level of integration.

Integration agreement: definition, types. Regional, subregional, interregional and megaregional integration agreements. Bilateral and multilateral integration agreements.

Stages of development of the system of IEI in the context of globalization: theory and practice. Classification of Henderson P.: economic and full integration. Classification by Tinbergen J.: positive and negative integration. Classification by Kremer H. Directions of evolution of integration: widening and deepening. Classification by Balassa B. and its modifications. Preferential trade agreement, free trade area, customs union, common market, economic, monetary and political union. The rules of the World Trade Organization in respect of integration agreements. Sectoral and general integration. Functional forms of integration. Classification by Lawrence R. and Litan R.: deep and shallow integration.

Symmetric and asymmetric economic integration. Structure of the IEI by the level of socio-economic development. «Hub and Spoke» integration. Structural imbalances of economic integration. Convergence, divergence and transfer mechanism.

### **Topic 2. Multilevel economic integration design and integration policy in modern conditions**

Integration economic policy in the system of IEI: definition, necessity, objectives and multilevel tasks.

Directions for integration economic policy. National, regional and international directions of integration policy of the State. Domestic and external direction of integration economic policy of the State.

Types of the integration economic policy. Integration policy of closed and open regionalism. Integration policy of old and new regionalism. Interstate and supranational integration policy. Structural (sectoral, regional, reproduction, technological) and stabilization integration policy. Policy of integration block formation (creation), policy of integration block enlargement, policy on market access, policy on market entry.

Multilevel economic integration design of the system of IEI: definition, the necessity, interrelation with integration economic policy.

Methodology of multilevel integrative design. Systemology of system engineering. Theory of life cycle of systems. Basic standards of system engineering. Project principle. System of IEI as a integration project. Theory of decision-making. Design of public administrative decisions.

Objectives, tasks and stages of multilevel economic integration design.

### **Topic 3. Efficacy and effects, assessment and monitoring of international economic integration**

Efficacy and effects in the system of IEI: definitions, approaches to assessment and monitoring. Integration, economic growth and development.

Static economic effects of IEI. Positive static effects in the conditions of perfect competition: trade creation and trade diversion, consumption, production, redistribution of welfare from state to consumers and producers and revenue reduction effects, terms of trade improvement effects, trade costs reduction, investment creation, transport costs, spillover, feedback. Positive static effects in the conditions of imperfect competition: shift in production effect, pro-competitive effect. Negative static effects: negative effects of international investment, investment diversion.

Dynamic economic effects of integration. Positive dynamic effects of integration: spatial distribution and structural changes (localization), economy on scale, accumulation, economic growth, convergence, domino. Negative dynamic effects of integration: negative interdependency, loss of economic sovereignty, rise of costs of economic decision-making, divergence, structural changes, negative social effects. Integration and externalities. Effects of currency union and optimal currency area.

Political effects of integration: effect of rise a political and economic security, demonstration, bargaining power increase, stabilization of domestic economic policy, coordination of action of member-countries.

Methods of assessment and monitoring of microeconomic and meso-economic level of integration. Evaluation of the level and dynamics of integration of markets of goods, services, labour resources, capital.

Methods of assessment and monitoring for macroeconomic and mega-economic level of integration. Evaluation of the level and dynamics of economic convergence. Indicators of integration in macroeconomic policy.

Methods of assessment for institutional level of integration. Evaluation of institutional cooperation based on expert poll and data from integration organisations.

#### **Topic 4. Multilevel economic integration design in developed economies**

Design of integration system of the European Union (EU). Sub-regional integration projects of the EU: the Baltic Assembly, the Benelux, Visegrad Group, the Nordic Council, Craiova Group. Interregional integration agreements of the EU with third countries. Euro-Mediterranean Free Trade Area (EMFTA).

Design of integration system of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA). European economic area (EEA). Inter-regional integration projects of EFTA with third countries.

Design of integration systems of United States and Canada. North American Free Trade Area (NAFTA and NAFTA 2.0). Interregional integration projects of United States and Canada. Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA). The Trans-Pacific Strategic Economic Partnership (TPP). Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP). Middle East Free Trade Area (MEFTA).

Design of integration system of Israel.

Design of integration systems of Australia and New Zealand. Closer Trade Relations Trade Agreement Australia and New Zealand f (ANZCERTA). Bilateral and multilateral regional and interregional integration projects of Australia and New Zealand. Pacific Islands Forum (PIF). South Pacific Regional Trade and Economic Cooperation Agreement (SPARTECA). Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations (PACER and PACER +).

Design of integration system of Japan.

#### **Topic 5. Multilevel economic integration design in developing and transition economies**

Design of integration systems of Latin American and the Caribbean countries. Regional, sub-regional and interregional integration projects of the countries of the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR), Andean Community (ANCOM), Caribbean Community and Common Market (CARICOM), Pacific Alliance (PA), Central American Integration System (SICA / CAIS). Integration agreements of Chile, Peru, Mexico, Colombia, Costa Rica, Panama, Honduras, Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Brazil, etc.

Design of integration systems of Southeast and South Asia. Regional, sub-regional and interregional integration agreements of countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement (APTA), South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation (SAARC). Integration agreements of R. of Korea, Singapore, India, China, Malaysia, Pakistan, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam, Laos, Philippines, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Brunei, Myanmar, Cambodia, etc.

Design of integration systems of North African and Western Asian countries. Regional, sub-regional and interregional integration projects of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), Arab Maghreb Union (AMU). Integration agreements of Turkey,

Jordan, Egypt, Morocco, Bahrain, Libya, Iran, etc. Pan-Arab (Grater) Free Trade Area (PAFTA / GAFTA).

Design of integration system of the Central European Free Trade Agreement (CEFTA).

Design of integration system of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS). Regional, sub-regional and interregional projects of countries of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU), Organization for Democracy and Economic Development (GUAM), Central Asia.

Design of integration systems in Africa. Regional, sub-regional and interregional integration projects of the countries of the Southern African Development Community (SADC), East African Community (EAC), Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS). African Union (AU) and the Tripartite Free Trade Area COMESA-EAC-SADC.

**ACADEMIC MAP OF THE TRAINING DISCIPLINE  
for full-time form of education**

Number of topic, section	Topic, section	Number of auditory hours					Another	Forms of knowledge control
		Lections	Practical studies	Seminar studies	Laboratory studies	Number of hours of managed independent work (lections)		
1.	International economic integration as a developing multilevel system	6		4			Literature [1-3, 5, 6-7, 10-11, 14, 16-18]	Survey, test
2.	Multilevel economic integration design and integration policy in modern conditions	6		4			Literature [2, 3, 5, 10-14, 16-17, 19-20]	Survey, test
3.	Efficacy and effects, assessment and monitoring of international economic integration	4		4			Literature [1-2, 5-7, 10-11, 14, 18-20]	Survey, test
4.	Multilevel economic integration design in developed economies	6		4			Literature [2, 7, 8-9, 11, 15, 18]	Survey, test
5.	Multilevel economic integration design in developing and transition economies	6		4			Literature [1, 2, 5, 7, 8-9, 11, 13, 15, 18]	Survey, test
Total		28		20				Exam

**ACADEMIC MAP OF THE TRAINING DISCIPLINE  
for part-time form of education**

Number of topic, section	Topic, section	Number of auditory hours					Another	Forms of knowledge control
		Lectures	Practical studies	Seminar studies	Laboratory studies	Number of hours of managed independent work (lectures)		
1.	International economic integration as a developing multilevel system	2		1			Literature [1-3, 5, 6-7, 10-11, 14, 16-18]	Survey, test
2.	Multilevel economic integration design and integration policy in modern conditions	2		1			Literature [2, 3, 5, 10-14, 16-17, 19-20]	Survey, test
3.	Efficacy and effects, assessment and monitoring of international economic integration	2		1			Literature [1-2, 5-7, 10-11, 14, 18-20]	Survey, test
4.	Multilevel economic integration design in developed economies	1		1			Literature [2, 7, 8-9, 11, 15, 18]	Survey, test
5.	Multilevel economic integration design in developing and transition economies	1		0			Literature [1, 2, 5, 7, 8-9, 11, 13, 15, 18]	Survey, test
Total		8		4				Exam

## INFORMATION AND METODIC PART

### *Methodological recommendations on organization of independent work*

In receiving knowledge on training discipline an important stage is the independent work of master students. We recommend that the budget time for independent work on average from 1.5 to 2 hours for 2-hour auditorium lesson.

The main directions of the independent work of master students are:

- initial familiarization with the syllabus of training discipline;
- acquaintance with a list of recommended literature, its study and selection of additional literature;
- work with the political map of the world, maps of integration groups, figures, diagrams and tables;
- studying of materials of different databases of international economic organizations on integration agreements and official sites of integration associations, ministries of foreign affairs of individual countries;
- studying and expansion of the material of lectures given by lector, on the basis of information from the additional literature, consultations;
- preparation for seminary studies on specially designed plans to study primary and secondary literature;
- preparation of the main forms of control (survey, test);
- preparation for the exam.

### *Recommended Diagnostic Tools*

1) Oral form: interviews, reports at seminars and conferences, oral examinations, assessment based on business games, action tests.

2) Written form: tests, quizzes, essays, abstracts, term papers, research reports, publications of articles, reports, written tests and exams, assessment based on a modular rating system, case study -method or business game.

3) Oral and written form: reports on classroom and home practical exercises with their oral defense, coursework with their oral defense, tests, exams, assessment based on a modular rating system and a business game.

4) Technical form: electronic tests.

### *Normative and legal acts*

Interim agreement leading to the formation of a free trade area between the Eurasian Economic Union and its member states, on the one hand, and the Islamic Republic of Iran, on the other hand, 2018.

General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), 1994

General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS), 1994

Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Commission, 2011

Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union, 2014

Free Trade Area Agreement, 2011

Treaty on the Establishment of the Union State, 1999

Treaty establishing the Economic Union, 1993

Treaty on the Customs Union and the Common Economic Space, 1999

Agreement on the interpretation of Art. XXIV GATT, 1994

GATT Enabling clause, 1979 L/4903.

Joint Declaration of the Eastern Partnership Summit 2015

Free Trade Agreement between the Eurasian Economic Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and the Republic of Serbia, on the other hand, 2019

Free Trade Agreement between the Eurasian Economic Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and the Republic of Singapore, on the other hand, 2019

Free Trade Agreement between the Eurasian Economic Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and the Republic of Vietnam, on the other hand, 2015

Agreement on Free Trade in Services, Establishment, Operation and Investment in the CIS, 2023

Free Trade Area Agreement, 1994

Agreement Establishing the Commonwealth of Independent States, 1991

Agreement on the Customs Union between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus, 1995

Agreement on trade and economic cooperation between the Eurasian Economic Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and the People's Republic of China, on the other hand, 2018

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## SYLLABUS NEGOTIATION PROTOCOL

Name of the discipline with which to negotiate	Name of the department	Proposals for changes in the content of the training syllabus of higher educational establishment	Action taken by the department that developed the syllabus (with date and non-Protocol)
1	2	3	4
International Business and Business Cultures	Department of international business	The content of the training syllabus of higher educational establishment is agreed. No changes are required.	No changes are required. Protocol № 5 of <u>19.12.2023</u>

**ADDITIONS AND CHANGES OF TRAINING SYLLABUS  
ON THE STUDYED TRAINING DISCIPLINE  
for 2024 / 2025 academic year**

№	Additions and changes	Reason for Change
1	Changes in the list of recommended literature	Outdated
2	Changes to the academic map of the training discipline have been made	Changed references to literature

Training syllabus revised and approved at the department meeting

(protocol № \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024)

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