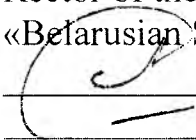


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MODERN INTERGATION PROCESSES

Curriculum of the Educational Institution
in the Academic Discipline for the Specialty
7-06-0312-01 Political Science

The curriculum is based on the In-depth Higher Education Standard ESHE 7-06-0312-01-2023 and model curriculum for the specialty 7-06-0312-01 «Political Science», Profilization «Economic Political Science: analysis and forecasting of political processes»

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The academic program for the discipline "Modern Integration Processes" is aimed at developing in students a comprehensive systematic understanding of the patterns, mechanisms, and contradictions in the development of international economic and political integration in the context of globalization.

The study of this discipline enables students to acquire theoretical knowledge in a number of related fields: comparative political science, regional studies, and geopolitics.

The relevance of the course "Modern Integration Processes" stems from fundamental shifts in global politics and the need to train professionals who will work in a multipolar and interdependent world. The modern world is experiencing a crisis of liberal globalism and a transition to a new configuration of power. Integration is no longer an exclusively "European project": today, different approaches to integration collide, becoming an instrument of geopolitical competition. Without an understanding of the mechanisms of integration, it is impossible to analyze contemporary conflicts. The course "Modern Integration Processes" gives master's students a competitive advantage—the ability to see the world not as a collection of 193 countries, but as a complex system of interconnected regional regimes, alliances, and associations, where every decision has systemic consequences.

The curriculum is developed with the following principles in mind: a competency-based approach, which allows for the identification of a system of requirements for the organization of the educational process and is aimed at strengthening the role of students' independent work; interdisciplinarity, which considers the holistic acquisition of knowledge from various disciplines and their relationship with the context of students' future professional activities; and humanization as a priority principle of education, ensuring a student-centered educational process and the creative fulfillment of master's students.

The **goal** of this course is to develop in master's students a holistic scientific understanding of modern integration processes as a key factor in the transformation of the international relations system, the ability to independently analyze and forecast the development of integration associations in various regions of the world, and assess the place and role of the Republic of Belarus and key international actors in these processes.

Achieving this goal requires solving the following **tasks**:

- Mastering the basic theoretical and methodological approaches to studying integration processes in political science.
- Developing the ability to critically analyze the political, economic, and legal aspects of regional integration.
- Developing skills in comparative analysis of integration projects in various regions of the world.
- Studying current trends in the development of integration processes in the Eurasian space and the role of the EAEU in world politics.
- Analyzing the relationship between globalization, regionalization, and integration processes in the context of modern world political transformations.

As a result of studying the academic discipline "Modern Integration Processes", the following competencies are formed:

Universal Professional:

Ability to apply advanced theoretical, methodological, and practical expertise to address complex professional challenges in public governance and policy, and to conduct scholarly research on political institutions and processes, while proficiently utilizing policy formulation and implementation instruments.

Specialized:

Ability to analyze and predict decision-making processes through political and economic analytical tools, and to identify emerging trends in socio-political and socio-economic developments in Belarus and abroad.

After studying this course, the student should:

know:

- Basic theories of international integration;
- Stages and mechanisms for the development of integration associations (EU, EAEU, ASEAN, MERCOSUR, etc.);
- The regulatory framework for integration processes;
- Current challenges and contradictions in integration construction;

be able to:

- Apply theoretical approaches to the analysis of specific integration projects;
- Identify political, economic, and sociocultural factors influencing the development of integration;
- Evaluate the effectiveness of regional organizations;

possess a skills in:

- comparative political analysis of integration associations;
- methods for forecasting the development of integration processes;
- preparing analytical materials on integration issues.

As part of the educational process in this academic discipline, the student must acquire not only theoretical and practical knowledge, skills and abilities in the specialty, but also develop his or her value-personal, spiritual potential, and develop the qualities of a patriot and citizen, ready for active participation in the economic, industrial, socio-cultural and public life of the country.

The academic discipline "Modern Integration Processes" is part of the "Regional and integration processes" module from the optional educational models.

The academic discipline "Modern Integration Processes" is connected with a number of academic disciplines, such as: "Methods of political analysis and modern digital technologies", "Tools for the formation, implementation and evaluation of public policy".

Form of higher education: full-time.

According to the university curriculum, the following is allocated for the course:

Total class hours – 126, with 42 classroom hours, including 18 hours of lectures and 24 hours of seminars.

Classroom time distribution by course and semester:

Semester 2 – 126 total class hours, with 42 classroom hours, including 18 hours of lectures and 24 hours of seminars.

Workload – 3 credit unit.

Midterm assessment – exam.

THE CONTENT OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL

Topic 1. Integration processes as an object of political analysis

The concept and essence of integration in international relations. Typology of integration processes: economic, political, military-political, and sociocultural integration. The relationship between the concepts of "globalization," "regionalization," and "integration."

Topic 2. Main theoretical approaches to the study of integration

Classical theories of integration: federalism, functionalism (D. Mitrani), neofunctionalism (E. Haas). International relations theories on integration: (neo)realism, (neo)liberalism, constructivism. Modern concepts: multilevel governance, governance approach.

Topic 3. Methodology for Comparative Analysis of Integration Processes

Criteria and indicators for assessing the depth of integration. Comparative method in studying regional integration associations. Integration indices and rankings.

Topic 4. European Integration

The history and stages of European integration. The EU's institutional structure. Decision-making mechanisms. Problems and challenges of the current stage of EU development: Brexit, the migration crisis, economic imbalances.

Topic 5. Integration processes in the post-Soviet space

CIS: history and evolution. The Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU): stages of formation, institutional structure, achievements, and challenges. The Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) as an example of military-political integration. The Union State of Russia and Belarus

Topic 6. Integration processes in the Asia-Pacific region and on other continents

ASEAN: principles and mechanisms of integration. Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO). APEC. Mercosur in Latin America. African Union. Comparative analysis of integration models in different regions.

Topic 7. Integration Law and Supranational Regulation

The concept and sources of integration law. The relationship between supranational and national law. The legal systems of the EU and the EAEU: a comparative analysis. The role of supranational judicial bodies.

Topic 8. Political and military-political integration

Forms and mechanisms of political integration. Issues of sovereignty and supranationality. Military-political alliances: NATO, CSTO. The issue of collective security and joint defense policy.

Topic 9. Integration vs. Disintegration: Current Trends

Factors of disintegration processes in the modern world. Regional separatist movements. Brexit as a precedent for leaving an integration association. Prospects and scenarios for the development of integration processes in the context of the transformation of the world order.

EDUCATIONAL AND METHODOICAL TABLE OF THE ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE "MODERN INREGRATION PROCESSES"

Full-time form of deep higher education

Section number, topics	Title of the section, topic	Number of classroom hours						References	Forms of knowledge control
		lectures	Practical classes	Seminar classes	Lab. classes	Number of hours of guided independent work			
						lectures	Seminars		
Theme 1	Integration processes as an object of political analysis	2						[1-15]	Express survey
	Integration processes as an object of political analysis»			2				[1-15]	Abstracts
Theme 2	Main theoretical approaches to the study of integration	2						[1-15]	Express survey
	Main theoretical approaches to the study of integration			4				[1-15]	Survey
Theme 3	Methodology for Comparative Analysis of Integration Processes	2						[1-15]	Abstracts
	Methodology for Comparative Analysis of Integration Processes			4				[1-15]	Survey
Theme 4	European Integration	2						[1-15]	Express survey
	European Integration			2				[1-15]	Survey
Theme 5	Integration processes in the post-Soviet space	2						[1-15]	Express survey
	Integration processes in the post-Soviet space			2				[1-15]	Survey
Theme 6	Integration processes in the Asia-Pacific region and on other continents	2						[1-15]	Express survey
	Integration processes in the Asia-Pacific region and on other continents			2				[1-15]	Express survey
Theme 7	Integration Law and Supranational Regulation	2						[1-15]	Express survey
	Integration Law and Supranational Regulation			2				[1-15]	Express survey
Theme 8	Political and military-political integration	2						[1-15]	Express survey
	Political and military-political integration			2				[1-15]	Survey
Theme 9	Integration vs. Disintegration: Current Trends	2						[1-15]	Express survey
	Integration vs. Disintegration: Current Trends			4				[1-15]	Presentation of research
	TOTAL	18		24					exam

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List of questions for the exam

1. Integration processes as an object of political analysis: concept, essence, and typology.
2. Federalism as a theory of international integration.
3. Functionalism and neofunctionalism as theories of international integration.
4. International relations theories on integration processes: realism, liberalism, and constructivism.
5. History and stages of European integration.
6. Institutional structure and decision-making mechanisms in the EU.
7. Current problems and challenges for the EU's development.
8. Integration processes in the post-Soviet space: the CIS and the EAEU.
9. The Eurasian Economic Union: stages of formation, institutions, achievements, and problems.
10. The Union State: stages of formation, institutions, achievements, and problems.
11. Comparative analysis of integration models in the EU and the EAEU.
12. ASEAN and APEC as integration projects: formation, institutions, achievements, and problems.
13. The ShCO as an integration project: formation, institutions, achievements, and challenges.
14. Political and military-political integration: NATO and the CSTO.
15. Integration law: concept, sources, and relationship with national law.
16. Integration vs. disintegration: factors and examples of disintegration processes (Brexit, etc.).
17. Integration policy of the Republic of Belarus.
18. Prospects for the development of integration processes in the context of the transformation of the world order.

List of Abstract Topics

1. 1. The Evolution of International Integration Theories: From Federalism to Neofunctionalism.
2. A Constructivist Approach to the Analysis of Integration Processes: The Role of Ideas, Identity, and Norms.
3. Realism and Liberalism in Explaining Regional Integration: A Comparative Analysis.
4. The Concept of "Supranationality" in Political Science: Criteria, Levels, and Limits.
5. Integration and Sovereignty: Theoretical Models of the Relationship.
6. Methodology for Comparative Analysis of Regional Integration Associations.
7. Integration Indices and Rankings: Potential and Limitations of Application.
8. Stages of European Integration: From the Treaty of Paris to the Treaty of Lisbon.
9. Institutional Design of the European Union: The Balance between Supranational and Intergovernmental.
10. The European Parliament: Evolution of Powers and Political Role.
11. The Principle of Subsidiarity in EU Law: Theory and Practice.
12. The European debt crisis as a stress test of the integration model.
13. The EU migration crisis: impact on solidarity and common policy.
14. Brexit: causes, exit procedure, and consequences for the EU and the UK.
15. EU enlargement policy: criteria, problems, and prospects (Western Balkans, Ukraine, Turkey).
16. The European Neighborhood Policy: instruments and effectiveness.
17. The CIS: reasons for its creation, stages of evolution, and reasons for low effectiveness.
18. The Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU): history of formation and institutional structure.
19. Comparative analysis of the legal systems of the EU and the EAEU: supranational powers and decision-making mechanisms.
20. The role of the Eurasian Economic Commission as a supranational regulator.
21. Economic effects of Eurasian integration: achievements and unmet expectations.
22. Political factors hindering the deepening of integration in the EAEU.
23. The Union State of Russia and Belarus: The Integration Model and Current State.
24. The Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO): Military-Political Integration in the Post-Soviet Space.
25. Integration vs. Disintegration in the Post-Soviet Space: The Examples of Georgia, Ukraine, and Moldova.
26. ASEAN: The "Asian Way" of Integration (Consensus, Non-Interference, Soft Institutionalization).
27. The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (ShCO): From Border Issues to Multilateral Integration.

28. APEC as a Forum for Economic Integration: Achievements and Limitations.
29. MERCOSUR: The Integration Experience of Latin America (Successes and Crises).
30. The Pacific Alliance: An Alternative Model of Latin American Integration.
31. The African Union and the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA): A New Stage of Integration.
32. Integration Processes in South Asia: SAARC and the Problems of Regionalism.
33. Comparative Analysis of Integration Models in Asia and Europe.
34. Disintegration as a Political Process: Concept, Causes, and Manifestations.
35. Brexit as a Precedent for Leaving an Integration Association: Legal and Political Consequences.
36. Separatism in European Regions (Catalonia, Scotland, Flanders) as a Challenge to Integration.
37. The Collapse of the USSR as a Case of Total Disintegration: A Political Analysis.
38. Factors Affecting the Sustainability of Integration Associations in the Context of a Global Crisis.
39. Sources and System of European Union Law: Regulations, Directives, and Decisions.
40. The Court of Justice of the European Union and its Role in Deepening Integration.
41. The Court of Justice of the Eurasian Economic Union: Competence, Practice, and Comparison with the Court of Justice of the EU.
42. Direct application of supranational law: the EU experience and prospects for the EAEU.
43. Legislative harmonization as a tool for integration: challenges and limits.
44. The impact of sanctions policy on integration processes worldwide.
45. Digital integration: creating common digital markets (the example of the EU and the EAEU).
46. The climate agenda and the "green transition" as a new driver of integration.

Organizing Student Independent Work

Independent work is an important step in acquiring competencies in the academic discipline. Full-time students are allocated 84 hours for independent work. The content of independent work includes all topics of the academic discipline from the "Content of the Academic Material" section.

The following forms of independent work are used in studying the academic discipline:

- in-depth study of sections, topics, individual questions, and concepts;
- preparation for seminars, including the preparation of reports, thematic reports, essays, and presentations;
- work with educational, reference, analytical, and other literature and materials;
- preparation for midterm assessment.

Quality Assurance Monitoring

Assessment of the quality of knowledge acquisition is carried out as part of ongoing monitoring and midterm assessment. Current assessment activities are conducted throughout the semester and include the following assessment methods: quick surveys during classes; surveys; abstracts.

The result of the current assessment for the semester is assessed as a grade on a ten-point scale and is calculated based on the grades assigned during the current assessment activities conducted during the semester.

Students' Requirements for Midterm Assessment.

Students are admitted to the midterm assessment for an academic discipline subject to successful completion of the current assessment (current assessment activities) for the academic discipline covered by the current semester's curriculum.

The midterm assessment is conducted in the form of an exam.

Methodology for Calculating a Grade for an Academic Discipline

In accordance with the Regulation on the Rating System for Assessing the Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities of BSEU Students.

**PROTOCOL FOR APPROVING THE CURRICULUM
WITH OTHER ACADEMIC DISCIPLINES OF THE SPECIALTY**

The name of the academic discipline with which approval is required	Department name	Proposals for changes in the content of the curriculum of an institution of higher education in an academic discipline	The decision made by the department that developed the curriculum (indicating the date and number of the protocol)
Institutional Economics	Economic Policy	No comments or suggestions 	Recommend the curriculum for the course «Modern Integration Processes» for approval. (Minutes No. 10 dated May 29, 2026)

ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO THE CURRICULUM
IN THE ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE
« Modern Integration Processes »
Registration № _____ /
for the _____ / _____ academic year

No.	Amendments and Additions	Basis

The curriculum has been reviewed and approved at the meeting of the Department of Political Science (Protocol No. _____ dated __._____.20__)

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