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## A. Organization & Management

### 1. Introduction

EPOKA University's Department for Political Science and International Relations (PIR) was founded in 2008, being one of the first departments of EPOKA University accredited by the Albanian national higher education authorities. The PIR offers degrees in three study cycles, including Bachelor, Master, and PhD. The language of all study programs is in English. The studies are fully compliant programs with the requirements of the higher education in Albania as well as with the Bologna process and European Credit Transfer System.

The PIR's mission is to train a new kind and highly skilled leader by setting standards in academic content and quality of teaching. Only a short period of time is required to effect great change. In this light, the PIR's faculty and staff are committed to:

- Equip students with the skills they need to deal with contemporary issues,
- Provide advanced academic training to students, and
- Promote research at the highest level.

Today's societies face great structural changes. One development, among others, is of central importance: the emergence of new forms of governance within state and society. There is an increased demand for innovative problem solving across all sectors. Facing these challenges, future leaders from all countries and societies dealing with public affairs in state administration, in business and in civil society need to be better educated and trained. PIR devotes itself to this task. In Tirana, Albania, students are only a short distance away from an extraordinary range of opportunities, many of them tailored to suit the interests of the students and professionals.

PIR aims to significantly advance its student numbers and teaching, learning environment, research, and management of the department. In doing so, PIR imagines itself to be the venue for the study of political science and international relations in Albania. To achieve this vision, PIR commits to increase student numbers, maintain, and increase the quality of enrolled students, internationalist student body further, strengthen the quality of teaching, learning and research, and increase the satisfaction of our students and staff. This will enable PIR to move to a position where we can differentiate ourselves uniquely and convincingly.

Achievements have been made in the students, staff, networks, teaching, research, and brand/market standing. The PIR graduates and alumni have had high employability rates. Number of them has continued their master studies with scholarships awarded by some west European or North American universities. PIR's Staff members have grown in number and quality. New faculty members have been hired and existing lecturers with master's have obtained their doctorate degrees and a professor with doctorate degree has obtained his associate professorship. In terms of networks, PIR has expanded its partnerships with other universities. Its sound teaching quality is one of the academic strengths of the PIR and its relevance relies on its ability to continue to deliver outstanding education and teaching. The professors completed their PhD studies in Albania, France, Germany, and UK. Substantial majority of academic staff is consisted of members who are fluent in English and proficient in Albanian. The professors specialize in Political Science, International Relations and security studies, Conflict

Resolution, Democratization, and Diplomacy. They have managed research projects and published papers in peer reviewed journals with impact factors. Nevertheless, it remains more to be done as regards improvement of research reputation of PIR. The PIR's brand/market standing, or image has been reinforced and enhanced as there has been general improvement of the EPOKA University's and of Albania's image as the venue for obtaining a quality higher education. The PIR takes pride in these achievements, and it gives confidence that the department will continue to grow and prosper over the next years.

## **2. Study programs offered by the Department.**

The Department of Political Science and International Relations offers programs in Bachelor, Master and PhD level.

Bachelor program in Political Science and International Relations is a three-year English taught program. The educational workload for these three years is 180 ECTS. Each semester, students are expected to cover at least 30 ECTS credits. The students that have successfully completed a total of 180 ECTS shall be entitled to graduate from the program and shall be conferred the diploma of Bachelor in Political Science and International Relations.

Bachelor program covers the four major sub-fields in the discipline: comparative politics, international relations, political theory and Albanian politics. The program's main objective is to provide a balanced education. In addition to courses that orient them to the field, students are given the opportunity to conduct extensive research on such contemporary issues as the European Union, political economy, democratization, human rights, gender, and identity politics. The program offers a wide range of elective courses to allow students to specialize in various areas. Faculty members, all of whom have obtained their degrees from distinguished American or European universities, are in constant interaction with colleagues and institutions in many countries of the world. In addition, the program ties serve as a bridge for students interested in enrolling in master or PhD programs in universities abroad. Each year several students receive scholarships from U.S. and European universities for graduate studies.

EPOKA University's Department of Political Science and International Relations awards Master of Science degrees by providing advanced academic training to students and by promoting research at the highest level. It welcomes students who wish to study for the fully compliant program with the requirements of the higher education in Albania as well as with the Europe's Bologna process and European Credit Transfer System. The programs are approved and accredited by the Ministry of Education and Sports of the Republic of Albania. EPOKA University's Master of Science in Political Science and International Relations offers two-year advanced academic training at the master's level. The language of the program is in English. Master of Science in Political Science and International Relations consists of 90 ECTS courses taken, a 12 ECTS Professional Internship and a 18 ECTS Master Thesis. The students that have successfully completed a total of 120 ECTS shall be entitled to graduate from the program and shall be conferred the diploma of Master of Science in Political Science and International Relations.

The academic program covers major subfields in the discipline: comparative politics, international relations, public administration, and political theory. The program's main objective is to provide a balanced education committed to diversity. In addition to courses that orient them to the field, students are given the opportunity to conduct extensive research on contemporary issues such as the European Union, political economy, democratization, human rights, gender and identity politics. Some of the main modules are Academic Reading and Writing, Economic and Political Integration and EU, Nationalism and Ethnic Studies, Issues in Political Theory, Human Rights and Humanitarian Interventions, Political

Theories, and several other subjects included in a pool of elective courses. The last semester is devoted to thesis preparation. Beside English being the language of instruction, international academic staff also brings further quality to the master program. EPOKA University's platforms, such as mobility and exchange to other Universities, forums, talks, mobility, lectures and symposia offer ample space for scientific exchange and the transfer of knowledge into politics and to the broader public. Using a multidisciplinary curriculum that emphasizes research methods drawn from economics and the social sciences, students and faculty examine a wide range of international and national policy issues.

EPOKA University's Professional Master in Political Science and International Relations offers one-year academic training at Master's level. The language of the program is in English. The Professional Master's degree program is an interdisciplinary program of study with a concentrated time for completion in a year's time. The academic program in the first and second semester includes courses on comparative politics, international relations, public administration and political theory. The second semester is also devoted to master thesis preparation.

Professional Master program includes 60 credits. It includes two semesters, and the thesis is written in the second semester. With the graduation, students earn Level 7 of Vocational Qualification in accordance with the European and Albanian Qualifications Framework. The Professional Master program aims to train professionals in the field of political science and international relations. The program equips people with the skills they need to deal with contemporary issues. The program provides its students with qualifications needed in the increasingly interlinked world. Department graduates find career opportunities at home and abroad in the private as well as the public sector.

The PhD Program in Political Science and International Relations aims at following the universal approaches in the disciplines of both Political Science and International Relations and handling academically the conditions and problems peculiar to Albania, Balkans, and European Union and wider. The aim of the PhD program in Political Science and International Relations is to prepare academicians and experts with specialized knowledge in their fields of interest. The subfields include International Relations, Political Science, European Studies, Balkan Studies and Albanian Politics.

The PhD Program on Political Science and International Relations at EPOKA University provides profitable courses, which are expected to increase the choices of students and to lead them to specialize in the areas selected by them. While the students are taking courses in areas like Democratization Process in the Balkan Countries, Debates on Current International Issues, Politics of European Integration, Political Economy of Western Europe, European Union Law etc., the Program will urge them to develop critical thinking towards their expected works in these areas.

PhD program includes 180 credits and runs for at least three years. It includes at least 6 semesters with two semesters of study and four semesters for writing the PhD thesis. During the first year of Ph.D., it is required to complete 6 courses (60 ECTS) and during the next two years, thesis work or final dissertation (120 ECTS) should be submitted, and this will result in the completion of a total of 180 ECTS. The Ph.D. study program for full-time students lasts for a minimum of six semesters (three academic years), up to a maximum of eight semesters 8 (four academic years) and for part-time students, it lasts for a minimum of six semesters (three academic years), up to a maximum of twelve semesters (six academic years). Candidates must submit the dissertation within that time frame, unless they can invoke truly exceptional grounds (for instance a medical emergency) to justify deferring submission. Under certain circumstances, it is possible to spend time away from Tirana to pursue research. With the graduation, students earn Level 8 of General Qualification in accordance with the European and Albanian Qualifications Framework.

## **B. Resources**

### **1. Department Staff**

#### Full-time Academic Staff



Dr. Reina Shehi

**Head of the Department**

**Lecturer**

Dr. Reina Zenelaj (Shehi) teaches Conflict Resolution and Diplomatic Language at EPOKA University, Tirane, Albania. She is currently the head of the Department of Political Science and International Relations at EPOKA University where she has been a faculty member since 2011. Before that, she was the Director of the Center for European Studies at EPOKA University from 2016-to 2019. She has an interdisciplinary research orientation, and her academic works cover topics of international mediation, foreign policy, conflict resolution, and peace studies. In addition to her research and teaching activities, she is involved in several EU projects. She is a frequent speaker/lecturer at the Neighborhood Enlargement and Regionalism in Europe Jean Monnet Module led by the University of Tartu, Estonia. In July 2012 Kellogg School of Management granted her the Dispute Resolution Research Centre Scholar Award.



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lisen Bashkurti

**Dean of Faculty**

**Lecturer**

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lisen Bashkurti is the President of Albanian Diplomatic Academy in Albania. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bashkurti has been the Chancellor of several Universities in the Balkan Peninsula. He is also the Global Vice President of Sun Moon University in South Korea. As a distinguished scholar of international relations, he has received many international awards including a “Gold Medal” for his research on US-Albanian Partnership,” “Four Silver Medals” for his great contribution during his service as Albania’s Ambassador to Hungary (1992-1993); appointed as “Peace Ambassador” from the International Peace Foundation, United Nations (2009). He is the author of more than 18 books that cover a range of issues including: International Affairs, Negotiations and Conflict Resolution, International Diplomacy, Multilateral Diplomacy and Diplomatic History. He is an honorary professor in many prestigious European Universities and an honorary fellow to a number of prominent International Institutions.



Dr. Niuton Mulleti  
**Vice-Rector of EPOKA University**  
**Lecturer**

Niuton Mulleti was born in Shkodër, Albania, in 1981. With a Bachelor and Master's degree in International Relations awarded respectively by Gazi University in Ankara, Turkey, and Central European University in Budapest, Hungary, from 2004 to 2008, he worked at the (Central) Bank of Albania, firstly as a Specialist and then as Head of Division coordinating the process of the approximation of Bank of Albania's legislation and procedures with the *acquis communautaire*. In 2016 he completed his PhD degree in International Relations and Diplomacy at the HEIP-Centre d'Études Diplomatiques et Stratégiques (CEDS) in Paris, France.

Since 2008, Mr. Mulleti has been working at EPOKA University in Tirana, Albania, initially as a Lecturer at the Department of Political Science and International Relations, and since 2017, as Acting Head of the Department of Law. His research interest areas are EU Law, EU Foreign and Defence Policy and Theories of European Integration.



Dr. Sadullah YILMAZ  
**Dean of Students**  
**Lecturer**

Sadullah Yılmaz, born in Gökçebey, Turkey on 01 April 1969. He is married and has 3 kids. Sadullah gained Albanian citizenship in 2012.

During 1986-1990 he graduated from the Aegean University (Ege Üniversitesi) in Izmir, Turkey in the major of the department of Navy, Marine.

During 2001-2004 he earned the Bachelor's Degree (4 years) in Linguistic and Turkish Literature in the University of Prishtina.

In the same university he graduated in the Masters of second cycle on Linguistic and Turkish Literature during 2005-2018.

Meanwhile he got his PhD in the European University of Tirana on "Pedagogy-Psychology" During 2011-2018.

Since 1992 he has been working in the Mehmet Akif and Turgut Özal Colleges in Albania (1992-2000, 2002-2012) and in Kosovo (2000-2002).

His work experience is as following:

2012-2013 Lecturer and the Head of Admission Office at University College Bedër.

2013-2014 Director of the Yunus Emre Institution in Prishtina, Kosovo.

2014-2015 Director of the Yunus Emre Institution in Teheran, Iran.

2015-2016 Director of the Compassion Help Center.

2015-2019 Turkish language lecture and Dean of Students (2018-2019) at Epoka University, Tirana.  
2019-2020 Turkish language lecture and Vice Dean of Faculty of Humanities at the University College Bedër, Tirana. Also, he is a part-time lecturer at Epoka University.  
2020-2021 Turkish language lecture and Dean of Students at Epoka University, Tirana. Also, he is a part-time lecturer at the University College Bedër, Tirana.  
2021 – Ongoing. He is currently working at the Epoka University, Tirana as Dean of Students and a Turkish language lecturer.



MSc. Ada Cara  
**Assistant Lecturer**

Ada Cara has around 9 years of work experience in the field of language learning and educational projects, mainly focused on Albania. She graduated from University College London in the UK with a master's degree in Education and International Development under the prestigious Chevening scholarship funded by the FCDO. She holds a BA in English Language and a Master of Science in Language Teaching both from the University of Tirana, in Albania. Her research focuses on corruptive practices in higher education, quality of education, education and politics of migration and education in conflict-affected countries.

She joined Epoka University in 2019, as part of the Political Science and International Relations Department, and later on in October 2021, she participated in co-designing the first National Network on Youth, Peace and Security as part of a project funded by the USAID. In November 2021, she was invited to be a guest editor for Emerald Publishing Group, Journal of Higher Education, Skills and Work-Based Learning, for reviewing manuscripts and articles as need be.



MSc. Naida Ertekin  
**Assistant Lecturer**



**MSc. Taqi Stojani**  
**Assistant Lecturer**

Mr. Taqi Stojani is a MSc holder in English. From 2022 he is a full-time staff member at EPOKA University, Tirana, Albania.

Taqi graduated from the University of Tirana, Albania as an English teacher in 1990. Since 1990, for about 35 years, he has constantly been working in the field of education, teaching English at either the high school level or university level.

From 1996-2004 Taqi worked as an English teacher in Turkey, 2004-2022 he worked as an English teacher in Turkish Colleges in Tirana, Albania. Since 2022, he has been a full-time lecturer at Epoka University, Tirana, Albania.

Having participated in several educational programs, Taqi has good experience in guiding and teaching international students. He is guided by clear philosophies in education; describing learning objectives, concepts, ideas, or skills that students can grasp and apply. Throughout his teaching career, he has had the opportunity to interact with students at all stages of life, from high school through college and university, both in the classroom and one-on-one settings.

During the last 20 years, Taqi has participated in many international seminars and conferences, focusing especially on the field of education and scientific research.

Areas of expertise: worldwide cooperation in education, scientific English in engineering, expert in education at higher institutions, application of scientific English in different departments, leaders in departments for specific purposes.

Part time Academic Staff



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ardjana Braja



Dr. Endrit Shabani



MSc. Aldo Bumçi



M.Sc. Armand Plaka



M.Sc. Erjona Begani

M.A Hasim Braja

Teaching Assistant Staff

N/A

### Administrative Staff



**Morena Shima**  
**Faculty Administrator**



**Alma Pupli**  
**Coordinator**

### Academic Visitors (2024-2025)

Name Surname (Title)	Title	Sending University	Host Department at Epoka University	Cycle	Mobility Period
Magdalena Bożenko-Kęska	Ms.	Nicolaus Copernicus University of Torun	Political Science and International Relations	Erasmus+	20.01.2025-24.01.2025
Istvan Polgar	Prof. Dr.	University of Oradea - Romania	Political Science and International Relations	Erasmus+	16.01.2025-22.01.2025
Brie Mircea	Prof. Dr.	University of Oradea - Romania	Political Science and International Relations	Erasmus+	18.01.2025-22.01.2025
Magdalena Bozenko-Keska	Ms.	Nicolaus Copernicus University of Torun	Political Science and International Relations	Erasmus+	17.03.2025-21.03.2025
Viktoriiia Klavdich	Ms.	Nicolaus Copernicus University of Torun	Political Science and International Relations	Erasmus+	17.03.2025-21.03.2025
Ralf Wustenberg	Prof. Dr.	Europa Universitat Flensburg, Germany	Political Science and International Relations	Erasmus+	30.08.2025-09.09.2025
Zaineh Barakat	Dr.	Europa Universitat Flensburg, Germany	Political Science and International Relations	Erasmus+	30.08.2025-09.09.2025
Anna Stefanowicz-Kocol	Ms.	Akademia Tarnowska	Center of European Studies	Erasmus+	26.05.2025-30.05.2025

### Outgoing Staff (2024-2025)

Name Surname (Title)	Title	Sending Department at Epoka University	Host University	Cycle	Mobility Period
Reina Shehi	Dr.	Political Science and International Relations	University of Tuscia, Italy	Erasmus+	16.12.2024 - 20.12.2024
Niuton Mulleti	Dr.	Political Science and International Relations	University of International Studies of Rome	Erasmus+	05.05.2025-09.05.2025

Sadullah Yilmaz	Dr.	Political Science and International Relations	Nicolaus Copernicus University- Poland	Erasmus+	09.06.2025-13.06.2025
Ada Cara	Ms.	Political Science and International Relations	Europa Universitat Flensburg, Germany	Erasmus+	17.03.2025-21.03.2025
Taqo Stojani	Mr.	Political Science and International Relations	State Higher Vocational School in Tarnow	Erasmus+	19.05.2025-23.05.2025
Niuton Mulleti	Dr.	Political Science and International Relations	Goce Delcev University	Erasmus+	25.05.2025-30.05.2025
Lisen Bashkurti	Assoc. Prof. Dr	Political Science and International Relations	Ovidius University of Constanta	Erasmus+	05.05.2025-09.05.2025
Reina Shehi	Dr.	Political Science and International Relations	Europa Universitat Flensburg, Germany	Erasmus+	16.06.2025-20.06.2025
Jubjana Vila	Dr.	Center of European Studies	Europa Universitat Flensburg, Germany	Erasmus+	16.06.2025-20.06.2025
Dea Haxhiu	Dr.	Center of European Studies	Ovidius University of Constanta	Erasmus+	05.05.2025-09.05.2025
Mirela Alhasani	Dr.	Center of European Studies	Ovidius University of Constanta	Erasmus+	05.05.2025-09.05.2025

## 2. Finance

### Income and Expenditure Summary

- *Bachelor in Political Science and International Relations*

-Income and various financing for **BA in Political Science and International Relations** Study Program during the 2024-2025 academic year:

Income (in Euro)	2024 -2025
Tuition fees for and during studies	60,368.25 Euro
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60,368.25 Euro</b>

-Expenditures for **BA in Political Science and International Relations** Study Program during the 2023-2024 academic year:

	2024 -2025		
Expenditures (in EURO)	Salaries	Expenditures	Investments
Tuition and other student fees	293,928.11 Euro	19,795.38 Euro	11,627.62 Euro
<b>Total</b>	<b>293,928.11 Euro</b>	<b>19,795.38 Euro</b>	<b>11,627.62 Euro</b>

### 3. IT Resources, Physical Infrastructure and Library Resources

The Department of Political Science and International Relations is entitled to use all the resources and infrastructure of EPOKA University.

The Information and Communication Technologies Coordinating Office (ICTCO) provides informatics services needed in the University. It plans the informatics infrastructure of the University, provides its security and ensures the continuation of its functions. ICTCO works on the project for effective, legal and extensive usage of the informatics services for students and personnel and provides the following services:



#### Teaching Services:

- **Turnitin** software helps users to understand and avoid plagiarism and develop their understanding of how to cite sources as part of an academic argument. ICTC office manages the users and trains the staff about how to use Turnitin.
- **Learning Management System (LMS)** – A service based on Moodle offered for students and instructors in order to access, coordinate and organize course materials online. Students and instructors can login to LMS using the provided official email account.
- **Library Automation System (Koha)** - Koha is an open-source Integrated Library System in use today by hundreds of libraries worldwide. Koha is web based, so there is no software to install on desktop computers. Users can check the books online and reserve them via the web. Its features are more than enough to manage the Epoka Library effectively and efficiently.
- **DSpace**– The institutional repository of Epoka University: DSpace is an open-source repository software package typically used for creating open access repositories for scholarly and/or published digital content. The proceedings of the conferences which are

organized by Epoka University can be accessed from this repository. Epoka University is the only university who has digital repository in Albania (<http://repositories.webometrics.info/en/Europe/Albania>). We also give services to other international journals to publish their publications (<http://dspace.epoka.edu.al/handle/1/1378>) in our digital repository.

## Google Services:

- **Webmail (Google account)** –Epoka University is using Google Apps for Education services and all students and academic and administrative staff are provided with an email address under epoka.edu.al domain which is a Google account. Besides official communication, which is done through this email address, this account can be used for authentication to other online systems offered by university.
- **Google Classroom** – A more interactive service offered by Google as part of Google Apps for education in order to access, coordinate and organize course materials on cloud. By using Google Classroom, course materials can be integrated with other Google services where assigned users can collaborate. Students and instructors can access this service using the provided account.

**Education Information System (Curriculum)** – a website containing information related to study programs, curriculum and course syllabuses.

**Smart Card:** All students and staff are provided with Smart Card identification cards. The Smart Card is put as an e-ID application at three buildings, two PC labs, one Electronics Lab, and campus gate entry turnstiles and barriers. The e-wallet application is active for staff but has not started yet for students.

**Help Desk:** ICTCO is also responsible for the maintenance of personnel and PC Lab computers in respect to software and hardware. Its staff monitors the personal computers within the frame of distribution of duty and authority and brings the issues to a conclusion. At the same time, ICTCO plans servers and cabling services of the University. Staff can open tickets via [help.epoka.edu.al](http://help.epoka.edu.al) for their ICTCO related problems and follow the process from here. You can share your opinions on every subject related to information technologies and informatics with [help@epoka.edu.al](mailto:help@epoka.edu.al) and you can also write your complaints and suggestions for a better campus life.

## Software Opportunities

Epoka University has a subscription to the Microsoft Program which is called Dream Spark. It supports technical education by providing access to Microsoft software for learning, teaching and research purposes. Epoka University also provides Office 365 accounts to all staff and students, which includes all office applications for free.

## Network:

- **Wireless:** Epoka University provides wireless internet connection to all Epoka members on the campus. As ICTCO, we ensure that the wireless signal is strong and covers everywhere on campus.

- **Wired:** Besides wireless, there are three PC labs, one Civil Engineering lab, one Electronics lab, one PhD study room and a library where PCs serve students and staff with wired internet. In the Epoka Library and one of the classrooms, there are plug and use stations next to each table where students and staff can use wired internet and electricity for their laptops.
- **Digital Signage:** There are four TVs on campus, which are used to inform Epoka members about the latest news and announcements.

## Epoka Interactive Systems (EIS)



Recognizing the needs of campus community, Epoka has made a strategic decision to replace its aging, cumbersome, and vendor-supported student, instructors, and staff systems with a modern, nimble and effective internally built system that includes admissions, enrolment, registration, financial aid, student, instructor, and staff accounts, and advising in one platform.

EIS is developed by ICTCO at Epoka University. From the user interface, EIS is an online interactive system where users can log in using the provided official email account. It is a modular system organized by roles and respective units at the university and the information is stored in a centralized database. All users have access to their personal information, can update general details and CV and they can manage job related tasks and activities according to their role and job position.

- **Students:** Students in their profile can access their personal information and information related to their study program. Course registration is done through the system and after that, students can view the ongoing academic activity of the registered courses during the semester. They can check attendance, exam dates, interim grades and final grades. Also, in the system, they can access the program curriculum, transcript, grade calculation, weekly schedule, requests and notifications. The EIS prompts students when they are in the “warning

zone” for financial or academic issues. It empowers students to create course plans to ensure timely graduation.

- **Instructors:** Academic staff, including full-time and part-time lecturers, can have access to their courses assigned in the current semester and can also view previously assigned courses. Lecturers can update the syllabus, complete student attendance, assign and finalize grades. Advisor lecturers can have access to academic information of the students assigned for advisory and they can approve student course registration.
- **Coordinators:** The opening of courses according to course appointment in each semester is done by department coordinators and approved by faculty coordinators. Coordinators can monitor the academic activity of the lecturers under the respective department.
- **Admissions and Registrar’s Office:** Admissions Office enters all pre-registered student information and assigns scholarships. After the student has completed the registration, all the related information entered by the Admissions office is managed by the Registrar’s office.
- **Finance:** The Finance office can manage and follow up all student financial information related to tuition fees and scholarship.
- **Human Resources:** Human Resources office can manage all staff information data and assign roles and job position for each staff.
- **Curriculum:** a website containing information related to study programs, curriculum and course syllabus.

All users have access to their personalized reports according to their roles and respective units. Faculties and units are liberated from tedious manual tasks. EIS supplies them with new and most updated information that will empower them to make informed decisions based on data.

EIS can be continuously updated with new modules according to the university’s needs. EIS can be accessed via: <https://eis.epoka.edu.al> and users can log-in by their Epoka Mail account credentials.

## Physical Infrastructure

The campus extends over a total area of 67,000 m<sup>2</sup>. Through the year, students and lecturers have used different classes in D- Building. This building has a modern infrastructure and a central heating and cooling system. The classrooms are equipped with video projectors and smart boards that enable the normal conduct of the learning process. In addition to classes, there are plenty of recreational facilities for students such as cafeterias, libraries, internet cafés, facilities for the Student Council and student clubs, sports facilities, etc.

For departmental activities and events, the PIR Department extensively uses the meeting rooms as well as the Conference Hall, which has a capacity of 99 people. The conference Hall is used for the PIR Department’s social, cultural and various national and international forums and conferences.

## Premises of the Faculty

Premises for the Faculties	Quantity	Surface (m <sup>2</sup> )
Auditoria/Classrooms for lectures	3	210
Classrooms for seminars	5	284
Premises for promotional activities	1	128

Classrooms for course/professional practice	1	52
Laboratories for courses	1	52
Informatics laboratories	1	95
Internet Room	1	95
Library Hall	1	400
Premises for photocopying, bookshop etc.	1	33.6
Student information office	2	71
Corridors/halls	11	553
Sports premises	4	2100
Premises for service to third parties	1	56
Restrooms (WC) for students	19	94.7
Total Surface		3925.2
<b>Ratio m<sup>2</sup>/students</b>	<b>3925.2 m<sup>2</sup> / 121 std = 32.44</b>	
<b>Premises for personnel:</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Surface</b>
Offices for the Dean/Vice-Dean	1	27.5
Office for the Administrator	1	22.5
Office for Vice Rector	1	31.5
Offices for the Department Coordinators	1	22.5
Offices for departments/research centers	4	90
Offices for the academic personnel	5	112.5
Office for the Finance Office	2	37
Office for the Internal Quality Assurance Unit	1	13
Meeting rooms	1	27.5
Premises for service personnel	4	10
Premises for the activities of the Student Council	1	30
Recreation premises such as cafeteria/fast food/ restaurant	2	537
Restrooms (WC) for academic personnel	4	32
Total Surface		1231.5
<b>Ratio m<sup>2</sup> per person</b>	<b>1231.5 m<sup>2</sup> / 26 pers = 47.37</b>	

Nr of Student for FLSS = 121 students

Administrative and FLSS-Academic Personnel = 26 full-time staff

## Library

The EPOKA University Library, which is located on the first floor of A- Building in the EPOKA University Campus, was founded to support the education and research activities of the university by providing and organizing the needed documents. With its 100-seating capacity, our library has a 400 square meters area of use. Our University Library is composed of entrance, book and reading hall. In the entrance, there is a check out desk. The periodicals, including the exhibition of new arrivals, are also shelved in this section. The reading hall is equipped for students to study and to do research. EPOKA University is a member of the Balkan Libraries Union which was founded on 29 July 2009 with the participation of 10 institutions from 6 Balkan countries. Our library collection is enriched by purchases and donations. The books to buy are chosen in accordance with the needs and requests of the students, administrative and academic staff. Under the Department of Library and Documentation, the library has a total of about 7500 printed books.

## Digital Databases

EPOKA University has full membership in JSTOR, a shared digital library created in 1995 that includes more than 2,000 academic journals. JSTOR was founded to help libraries and academic publishers transition their activities from print to digital operations, to expand access to scholarly content around the world and to preserve it for future generations. Every member of EPOKA staff can access JSTOR’s collections by going to <http://www.jstor.org/> and searching or browsing for content.

## Using the Library

Our library works on an open shelf system enabling you to reach the books directly. The books on the open shelves are topically sorted in the book hall according to LC classification method. To find the book you are looking for, you should follow these steps:

1. Through the catalog search computers in the library; you can search for the author name, book name, and publisher, topic, or keyword areas.
2. To get the book, you can go to the shelves with the classification and location numbers of the books appearing on the screen as a result of your search.

## Regulations

Students of Associate Degree, Bachelor’s Degree and Master Students and academic and administrative personnel are the members of the library. They can borrow library materials in accordance with the rules. Researchers coming from outside the university are not lent books, they are only allowed to use and copy the materials in the library. Readers in this group are requested to fill in the related form of Lending Service.

## Circulation Rules

Resource	Patron	Loan period(days)	Maximum number of check-outs(items)
<b>Book</b>	Pre-undergraduate/Undergraduate students	15	3
	Graduate students	15	5
	Staff	20	5
<b>Bound Journal</b>	Graduate students Staff	5	2
<b>Visual/Audio Resources</b>	Pre-undergraduate/Undergraduate students Graduate students Staff	3	3

## C. The Curriculum

### 1. Undergraduate Teaching

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (BA in PIR program)																
First YEAR																
First Semester																
COURSES		Course Type	Compulsory /Elective	Weekly Course Distribution				Epoka Credits	Semestral Lecture and studying hours						ECTS	
Code	Course Name			Theory	Pract.	Lab.	Total		Lect.	Pract.	Lab.	Site W.	Other	Total		
PIR 111	Introduction to Political Science	B	Compulsory	4	0	0	4	4	64	0	0	61	0	125	5	
PIR 133	Political and Diplomatic History	B	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	70	7	125	5	
LAW 105	Introduction to Law	C	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	70	7	125	5	
PIR 103	Introduction to Political Sociology	B	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	70	7	125	5	
BAF 101	Introduction to Economics	C	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	70	7	125	5	
PIR 109	Developing Reading and Writing Skills	A	Compulsory	2	0	2	4	3	32	0	0	61	0	125	5	
Semestral Total				18	0	2	20	19	288	0	0	402	28	750	30	
Second Semester																
COURSES		Course Type	Compulsory /Elective	Weekly Course Distribution				Epoka Credits	Semestral Course and studying hours						ECTS	
Code	Course Name			Theory	Pract.	Lab.	Total		Lect.	Pract.	Lab.	Site W.	Other	Total		
LAW 116	Constitutional Law	B	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	70	7	125	5	
PIR 104	Key Themes in Political Thought	B	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	70	7	125	5	
PIR 122	Politics and History of Balkans	B	Compulsory	4	0	0	4	4	64	0	0	61	0	125	5	
PIR 130	International Relations: Theories, Concepts and Debates	B	Compulsory	4	0	0	4	4	64	0	0	61	0	125	5	
PIR 124	Comparative Politics	B	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	70	7	125	5	
ENG 106	Advanced English	A	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	70	7	125	5	
Semestral Total				20	0	0	20	20	320	0	0	402	28	750	30	
Second YEAR																
Third Semester																
COURSES		Course Type	Compulsory /Elective	Weekly Course Distribution				Epoka Credits	Semestral Lecture and studying hours						ECTS	
Code	Course Name			Theory	Pract.	Lab.	Total		Lect.	Pract.	Lab.	Site W.	Other	Total		
PIR 201	Research Methods in Social Sciences	A	Compulsory	4	0	0	4	4	64	0	0	61	0	125	5	
PIR 271	Government and Politics in Albania	B	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	70	7	125	5	
PIR 225	International Organizations	B	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	70	7	125	5	
PIR 203	Politics and Institutions in the EU	B	Compulsory	4	0	0	4	4	64	0	0	61	0	125	5	
PIR 227	Comparative Politics	A	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	70	7	125	5	
XXX	Elective I (Foreign Language)	D	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	70	7	125	5	
Semestral Total				20	0	0	20	20	320	0	0	402	28	750	30	
Elective Courses																
COURSES		Course Type	Compulsory /Elective	Weekly Course Distribution				Epoka Credits	Semestral Course and studying hours						ECTS	
Code	Course Name			Theory	Pract.	Lab.	Total		Lect.	Pract.	Lab.	Site W.	Other	Total		
PIR 241	Turkish I	D	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	70	7	125	5	
PIR 243	German I	D	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	70	7	125	5	
PIR 245	Italian I	D	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	70	7	125	5	
PIR 247	French I	D	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	70	7	125	5	
Fourth Semester																
COURSES		Course Type	Compulsory /Elective	Weekly Course Distribution				Epoka Credits	Semestral Course and studying hours						ECTS	
Code	Course Name			Theory	Pract.	Lab.	Total		Lect.	Pract.	Lab.	Site W.	Other	Total		
PIR 220	Democracy and Democratization	A	Compulsory	4	0	0	4	4	64	0	0	61	0	125	5	
PIR 212	Information, Technology and Political Power	D	Compulsory	4	0	0	4	4	64	0	0	61	0	125	5	
PIR 202	Modern Political Thought	B	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	70	7	125	5	
PIR 208	Political Psychology	C	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	70	7	125	5	
PIR 206	Parties, Elections and Policy Making	A	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	70	7	125	5	
XXX	Elective I (Foreign Language)	D	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	70	7	125	5	
Semestral Total				20	0	0	20	20	320	0	0	402	28	750	30	
Elective Courses																
COURSES		Course Type	Compulsory /Elective	Weekly Course Distribution				Epoka Credits	Semestral Course and studying hours						ECTS	
Code	Course Name			Theory	Pract.	Lab.	Total		Lect.	Pract.	Lab.	Site W.	Other	Total		
PIR 242	Turkish II	D	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	70	7	125	5	
PIR 244	German II	D	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	70	7	125	5	
PIR 246	Italian II	D	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	70	7	125	5	
PIR 248	French II	D	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	70	7	125	5	
Third YEAR																
Fifth Semester																
COURSES		Course Type	Compulsory /Elective	Weekly Course Distribution				Epoka Credits	Semestral Lecture and studying hours						ECTS	
Code	Course Name			Theory	Pract.	Lab.	Total		Lect.	Pract.	Lab.	Site W.	Other	Total		
PIR 351	Politics of Human Rights	B	Compulsory	4	0	0	4	4	64	0	0	61	0	125	5	
PIR 361	Public Policy Making and Analysis	B	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	70	7	125	5	
PIR 333	Foreign Policy Analysis	B	Compulsory	4	0	0	4	4	64	0	0	61	0	125	5	
PIR 309	Professional Practice	D	Elective	0	6	0	5	3	0	80	0	0	45	125	5	
XXX	Elective I	C	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	70	7	125	5	
XXX	Elective II	C	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	70	7	125	5	

Semestral Total				17	6	0	22	20	272	80	0	332	66	750	30
<b>Elective Courses</b>															
BUS 335	Human Resources Management	C	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	70	7	125	5
PIR 303	Political Leadership	C	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	70	7	125	5
PIR 305	Environmental Politics	C	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	70	7	125	5
PIR 317	Politics of Inequality	C	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	70	7	125	5
PIR 341	EU Law	C	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	70	7	125	5
PIR 339	Political Communication	C	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	70	7	125	5
PIR 337	Regional Development and Governance	C	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	70	7	125	5
<b>Sixth Semester</b>															
COURSES		Course Type	Compulsory /Elective	Weekly Course Distribution				Epoka Credits	Semestral Course and studying hours					ECTS	
Code	Course Name			Theory	Pract.	Lab.	Total		Lect.	Pract.	Lab.	Site W.	Other		Total
PIR 330	International Security	B	Compulsory	4	0	0	4	4	64	0	0	80	6	150	6
PIR 362	Public Administration in Democratic States	B	Compulsory	4	0	0	4	4	64	0	0	80	6	150	6
*PIR 300	Graduation Thesis	E	Compulsory	3	4	0	7	5	48	64	0	30	8	150	6
*PIR 316	Final Comprehensive Exam	E	Compulsory	3	4	0	7	5	48	64	0	30	8	150	6
XXX	Elective I	B	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	80	22	150	6
XXX	Elective II	A	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	80	22	150	6
Semestral Total				17	4	0	21	19	272	64	0	350	64	750	30
<b>Elective Courses</b>															
LAW 304	Public International Law	A	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	80	22	150	6
PIR 336	Crisis Analysis and Management	A	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	80	22	150	6
PIR 366	State and Local Government	A	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	80	22	150	6
PIR 340	Global Governance	B	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	80	22	150	6
PIR 310	Political Behavior	B	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	80	22	150	6
PIR 368	Populism	B	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	80	22	150	6
PIR 342	International Terrorism & Threat Perception	B	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	80	22	150	6
PIR 370	History of European Integration	B	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	80	22	150	6

## 2. Graduate Teaching

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (MSc in PIR program)															
First YEAR															
First Semester															
COURSES		Course Type	Compulsory /Elective	Weekly Course Distribution				Epoka Credits	Semestral Lecture and studying hours					ECTS	
Code	Course Name			Theory	Pract.	Lab.	Total		Lect.	Pract.	Lab.	Site W.	Other		Total
PIR 405	Academic Reading and Writing	B	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 409	Current Issues in International Relations	A	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
XXX	Elective I	C	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
XXX	Elective II	C	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
Semestral Total				12	0	0	12	12	192	0	0	400	158	750	30
<b>Elective Courses</b>															
COURSES		Course Type	Compulsory /Elective	Weekly Course Distribution				Epoka Credits	Semestral Course and studying hours					ECTS	
Code	Course Name			Theory	Pract.	Lab.	Total		Lect.	Pract.	Lab.	Site W.	Other		Total
PIR 411	Political Behavior and Participation	C	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 413	Nationalism and Ethnic Studies	C	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 417	Justice, Democracy and Citizenship	C	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 419	Political Integration and the European Union	C	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 421	Political Parties in the Developing World	C	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 433	Politics, Religion and Globalization	C	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 435	International Institutions	C	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 443	Human Rights and Humanitarian Interventions	C	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 449	Conflict Resolution & Diplomatic Language	C	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 451	Peace and Security	C	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
<b>Second Semester</b>															
COURSES		Course Type	Compulsory /Elective	Weekly Course Distribution				Epoka Credits	Semestral Lecture and studying hours					ECTS	
Code	Course Name			Theory	Pract.	Lab.	Total		Lect.	Pract.	Lab.	Site W.	Other		Total
PIR 420	Research Methods in Social Sciences	B	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
XXX	Elective I	B	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5

XXX	Elective II	B	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
XXX	Elective III	C/D	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
<b>Semestral Total</b>				22	0	0	12	12	192	0	0	400	158	750	30
<b>Elective Courses</b>															
COURSES		Course Type	Compulsory /Elective	Weekly Course Distribution				Epoka Credits	Semestral Course and studying hours						ECTS
Code	Course Name			Theory	Pract.	Lab.	Total		Lect.	Pract.	Lab.	Site W.	Other	Total	
PIR 428	Border Politics and Immigration Policies	B	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 430	Human Resources: Managing People in Times of Global Change	B	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 432	Language, Nationalism, and Ethnic Conflict in the Balkans	B	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 440	International Political Economy	C	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 448	International Politics of Environment	B	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 450	Regional Politics	B	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 464	Strategic Planning and Management	C	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 466	Social Media and Data Analysis	D	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 480	EU Integration and Transformation of Western Balkans	B	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 482	E-Politics	D	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
<b>Second YEAR</b>															
<b>Third Semester</b>															
COURSES		Course Type	Compulsory /Elective	Weekly Course Distribution				Epoka Credits	Semestral Course and studying hours						ECTS
Code	Course Name			Theory	Pract.	Lab.	Total		Lect.	Pract.	Lab.	Site W.	Other	Total	
PIR 567	European Public Policy	C	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 555	World Politics	B	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
XXX	Elective I	B	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
XXX	Elective II	C	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
<b>Semestral Total</b>				12	0	0	12	12	192	0	0	400	158	750	30
<b>Elective Courses</b>															
COURSES		Course Type	Compulsory /Elective	Weekly Course Distribution				Epoka Credits	Semestral Course and studying hours						ECTS
Code	Course Name			Theory	Pract.	Lab.	Total		Lect.	Pract.	Lab.	Site W.	Other	Total	
PIR 503	Political Geography	C	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 509	Gender and Development	C	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 511	Political Ideology	C	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 515	Democracy: Theory & Practice	B	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 533	Strategy and International Relations	B	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 543	European Foreign and Security Policy	B	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 553	Human Security	B	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
<b>Fourth Semester</b>															
COURSES		Course Type	Compulsory /Elective	Weekly Course Distribution				Epoka Credits	Semestral Course and studying hours						ECTS
Code	Course Name			Theory	Pract.	Lab.	Total		Lect.	Pract.	Lab.	Site W.	Other	Total	
PIR 500	Thesis	E	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	360	42	450	18
PIR 510	Professional Internship	D	Compulsory	0	6	0	6	3	0	96	0	204	0	300	12
<b>Semestral Total</b>				3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	660	42	750	30

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (PM in PIR program)															
First Semester															
COURSES		Course Type	Compulsory /Elective	Weekly Course Distribution				Epoka Credits	Semestral Lecture and studying hours						ECTS
Code	Course Name			Theory	Pract.	Lab.	Total		Lect.	Pract.	Lab.	Site W.	Other	Total	
ENG 401	Academic Reading and Writing	B	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
XXX	Elective I	B	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
XXX	Elective II	C	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
XXX	Elective III	B/C	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
<b>Semestral Total</b>				12	0	0	12	12	192	0	0	400	158	750	30
<b>Elective Courses</b>															

COURSES		Course Type	Compulsory /Elective	Weekly Course Distribution				Epoka Credits	Semestral Course and studying hours						ECTS
Code	Course Name			Theory	Pract.	Lab.	Total		Lect.	Pract.	Lab.	Site W.	Other	Total	
ECO 421	Development and Growth I	C	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
ECO 433	Economic Integrations and EU	C	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 411	Political Behavior and Participation	B	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 413	Nationalism and Ethnic Studies	B	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 415	Issues in Political Theory	B	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 417	Justice, Democracy and Citizenship	B	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 419	Political Integration and the European Union	B	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 421	Political Parties in the Developing World	B	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 431	World Politics	B	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 433	Politics, Religion and Globalization	B	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 435	International Institutions	B	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 443	Human Rights and Humanitarian Interventions	C	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 449	Conflict Resolution & Diplomatic Language	C	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 461	Effective Management in the Public Service	C	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 463	Public Administration and Policy Process	B	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 465	Economics and Politics of Public Policy	C	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5

**Second Semester**

COURSES		Course Type	Compulsory /Elective	Weekly Course Distribution				Epoka Credits	Semestral Lecture and studying hours						ECTS
Code	Course Name			Theory	Pract.	Lab.	Total		Lect.	Pract.	Lab.	Site W.	Other	Total	
PIR 462	Current Issues in International Relations	A	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 402	Internship	D	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 400	Micro Thesis	E	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
XXX	Elective I	B	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
Semestral Total				22	0	0	12	12	192	0	0	400	158	750	30

**Elective Courses**

COURSES		Course Type	Compulsory /Elective	Weekly Course Distribution				Epoka Credits	Semestral Course and studying hours						ECTS
Code	Course Name			Theory	Pract.	Lab.	Total		Lect.	Pract.	Lab.	Site W.	Other	Total	
BUS 426	Strategic Management	B	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
BUS 432	Advertisement Management and Creativity	B	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 432	Language, Nationalism, and Ethnic Conflict in the Balkans	B	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 404	Ethics in the Age of Globalization and Multinational Corporations	B	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 428	Border Politics and Immigration Policies	B	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 434	Politics of Development: Middle East & Africa	B	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 436	Politics of Development: Eurasia & Far East	B	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 448	International Politics of Environment	B	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 460	Public Management and Administration	B	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 430	Human Resources/ Managing People in Times of Global Change	B	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5
PIR 480	EU Integration and Transformation of Western Balkans	B	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	48	0	0	100	39.5	187.5	7.5

## **D. Teaching, Learning, Assessment & Research**

### **1. Students' List of Theses**

#### **Undergraduate Students' List of Theses**

**Student: Armela Myftarago**

Thesis Title: Political Apathy in Urban vs. Rural Areas: The Case of Albania

Supervisor: Dr. Reina Shehi

**Student: Iris Nika**

Thesis Title: 35 Years of Post-Communism: Is Citizenship Restored?

Supervisor: Dr. Reina Shehi

**Student: Morena Konomi**

Thesis Title: Political Apathy in Albania: Public Disengagement or Strategic Manipulation?

Supervisor: Dr. Reina Shehi

**Student: Orgena Taraboshi**

Thesis Title: The Intergenerational Transmission of Political Apathy to the Albanian Youth

Supervisor: Dr. Reina Shehi

**Student: Vanesa Buli**

Thesis Title: The Role of Albania's Main Political Parties in Causing Political Apathy Amid Albania's Democratization Process

Supervisor: Dr. Reina Shehi

#### **Graduate Students' List of Theses**

**Student: Ivana Gjeshaj**

Thesis Title: Generational Collective Memory and Political Culture in Post-Communist Albania

Supervisor: Dr. Jubjana Vila

Dspace Link: <http://dspace.epoka.edu.al/handle/1/2606>

**Student: Jona Kushta**

Thesis Title: The Persistence of Poverty in Albania: Exploring the Role of Cultural Norms and Institutional Shortcomings

Supervisor: Dr. Reina Shehi

Dspace Link: <http://dspace.epoka.edu.al/handle/1/2634>

**Student: Mateo Zogu**

Thesis Title: The Foreign Influence in the Western Balkans: A Comparison Case of Albania and Serbia Over the Last Decade of 2014-2024

Supervisor: Dr. Niuton Mulleti

Dspace Link: <http://dspace.epoka.edu.al/handle/1/2633>

## PhD Students' List of Theses

N/A

## 2. List of Incoming & Outgoing Students

### Incoming Students 2024-2025

Name	Surname	Department at EPOKA	Program at EPOKA	Sending Institution	Academic Year	In-coming semester	Method
Léann	Viot	PIR	BA PIR	University Catholique de Lille	2024-2025	Fall	ERASMUS+
Nina	Frances	PIR	BA PIR	University Catholique de Lille	2024-2025	Fall	ERASMUS+

### Outgoing Students 2024-2025

Name	Surname	Department at EPOKA	Program at EPOKA	Host University	Country	Academic Year	Out-Going semester	Method
Doris	Driza	PIR	BA PIR	Europa University of Flensburg	Germany	2024-2025	Fall	ERASMUS+
Artemis	Koçi	PIR	BA PIR	Europa University of Flensburg	Germany	2024-2025	Fall	ERASMUS+
Armela	Myftarago	PIR	BA PIR	University of Tartu	Estonia	2024-2025	Fall	ERASMUS+
Morena	Konomi	PIR	BA PIR	University of Tartu	Estonia	2024-2025	Fall	ERASMUS+
Noelia	Greca	PIR	M.Sc. PIR	University of The International Studies of Rome	Italy	2024-2025	Spring	ERASMUS+
Mateo	Zogu	PIR	M.Sc. PIR	University of Tartu	Estonia	2024-2025	Short-Term Exchange	ERASMUS+

## 3. Research Areas and Research Groups

The PhD Program in Political Science and International Relations (henceforth “PIR PhD”) is conducted in the form of Research Groups.

The model of Research Groups is inspired by the Law on Higher Education of the Republic of Albania (Article 79/1, Law No. 2015/ 80, dated 22.07.2015). The Law stipulates that HEIs, which offers PhD study programs, draft scientific research and development projects for these studies. Article 79/4 of the same Law stipulates that the number of PhD students is determined by the base unit and the research project of each PhD student is determined based on the research projects of the latter. At the same time, Decision of Council of Ministers No. 112, dated 23.02.2018 on determining the criteria for obtaining the Doctorate stipulates that PhD study programs are carried out in the form of research groups, which are led by the academic staff holding the “Professor” and “Associate Professor” academic titles.

The PIR PhD’s main research objectives are to provide well evidenced research on the developments in Albania and wider in the Balkans and Mediterranean regions. The aim of the research groups is to prepare academicians and researchers with specialized knowledge in their fields of interest. EPOKA University supports financially the scientific publications of its researchers and lecturers. EPOKA University's platforms, such as forums, talks, lectures and symposia offer ample space for acquiring research knowledge.

#### 4. Course Instructor Evaluation Survey Results

##### Fall Semester

##### **Assessment of results of student evaluation surveys 2024-2025 academic year, Fall Semester**

The lecturer evaluation survey report includes data from 3 cycle programs listed as follows:

1. *Bachelor in Political Science and International Relations*
2. *Professional Master & Master of Science in Political Science and International Relations*
3. *PhD in Political Science and International Relations*

**The Bachelor program** consisted of 22 open courses. 1/22 courses were evaluated with a score above 4.00. 5/22 courses were evaluated with a score above 3.50/4.00. 9/22 courses were evaluated with a score above 3.00/ 3.50. 7/22 courses were evaluated with a score of less than 3.00.

The highest scored course was 4.00 out of 4.00 and the lowest one was 1.83 out of 4.00 points.

**The Master of Science program** offered 8 courses for the fall semester. 5/8 courses were evaluated with a score above 4.00. 2/8 courses were evaluated with a score above 3.50/4.00. Only one course was evaluated with a score of 2.40 points.

The highest scored course was 4.00 out of 4.00 and the lowest one was 2.40 out of 4.00 points.

**The Professional Master program** does not have any results as no courses were open for the Fall Semester of the 2024- 2025 academic year

**The PhD program** does not have any results as no courses were open for the Fall Semester of the 2024-2025 academic year.

### **Key Point**

All lecturers scored very high and the assessments appear to be over optimistic. Other forms of assessment need to be attached to receive a deeper and more constructive feedback.

## **Spring Semester**

### **Assessment of results of student evaluation surveys 2024-2025 academic year, Spring Semester**

The lecturer evaluation survey report includes data from 3 cycle programs listed as follows:

1. *Bachelor in Political Science and International Relations*
2. *Professional Master & Master of Science in Political Science and International Relations*
3. *PhD in Political Science and International Relations*

**The Bachelor program** consisted of 21 open courses for the spring semester. 5/21 courses were evaluated with a score of 4.00 points. 15/21 courses were evaluated with a score above 3.50/4.00. 1/21 courses were evaluated with a score of less than 3.00.

The highest scored course was 4.00 out of 4.00 and the lowest one was 2.63 out of 4.00 points.

**The Master of Science program** offered 5 courses for the spring semester. 5/5 courses were evaluated with a score of 3.50/4.00 points.

The highest and the lowest scored course was 3.93 out of 4.00 and the lowest one was 3.86 out of 4.00 points.

**The Professional Master program** does not have any results as no courses were opened for the Spring Semester of the 2024-2025 academic year.

**The PhD program** does not have any results as no courses were opened for the Spring Semester of the 2024-2025 academic year.

### **Key Point**

All lecturers scored very high and the assessments appear to be over optimistic. Other forms of assessment need to be attached to receive deeper and more constructive feedback.

## 5. List of Publications

### Dr. Mirela ALHASANI

Ivana GJeloshaj & Mirela Alhasani (Dubali), “Examining Media Freedom in Albania: A Critical Reflection,” in *Balkan Social Science Review*, Vol 24, 2024, pp 395-412

Link to Article: <https://js.ugd.edu.mk/index.php/BSSR/article/view/7084>

Link to journal: <https://js.ugd.edu.mk/index.php/BSSR/issue/view/387>

<https://js.ugd.edu.mk/index.php/BSSR/indexation>

## 6. Participation of Academic Staff in Academic Events

No.	Participant	Scientific Activity	Place of Development	Duration
1.	Dr. Niuton Mulleti	2025 European Learning & Teaching Forum- “2030 and beyond: towards responsive and adaptable higher education”	Ireland	February 27-28, 2025
2.	Dr. Mirela Alhasani	ARSUM Conference “Cultural Development and the Future of Cultural Policy: The Bulgarian-North Macedonian Dispute in the Context of Democratization”	Montenegro	April 14-16, 2025

## 7. Scientific activities organized by the basic units during the 2024-2025 academic year

Conferences/Workshops/Seminars/Trainings/Congresses/ Open Lectures and Other Scientific Events (National/International)	Department / Research Center	Partners	Date / Place
International Conference on Justice and Reconciliation: “Where Are We in Transition to Democracy	Department of Political Science and International Relations	European Wasatia Graduate School for Peace and Conflict Resolution,	08 September 2025 EUROPE House

		Europa-University Flensburg	
EU DECISION-MAKING SIMULATION SCHOOL	Department of Political Science and International Relations	RYCO	April 09-10, 2025  EUROPE House  EPOKA University
The 9th International Conference on European Studies (ICES'24)  'EU Integration of Western Balkans: Dynamics and Challenges' Tirana, Albania	Center for European Studies	Magna Charta Observatory  The Center for Southeast European Studies, University of Graz, Austria  Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Belgrade, Serbia	November 13-14, 2024

## 8. Projects

<b>COST Action</b>	<b>Participant(s)</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Place</b>
COST ACTION "Research Network for Interdisciplinary Studies of Transhistorical Deliberative Democracy (CHAGNECODE)	Dr. Dea Haxhiu	May 28-30, 2025	Spain
COST ACTION CA21114: CLIL Network for Languages in Education: Towards bi- and multilingual Disciplinary Literacies (CLILNEtLE)	Dr. Mirela Alhasani	April 01-03, 2025	Croatia

## E. Support, Resources & Representation

### 1. List of Students' Internships

#### **Professional Practice** in the Bachelor Study Program in Political Science and International Relations

No.	Student Name	Institutions/ companies/ entities	Period
1.	Belkisa Isufi	STUDIT sh.p.k	04.11.2024- 07.02.2025
2.	Elio Oshafi	National Olympic Academy	01.07.2024- 13.09.2024
3.	Orgena Taraboshi	Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs	22.04.2024- 27.06.2024
4.	Vanesa Buli	Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung, Tirana Office	09.09.2024- 09.12.2024
5.	Armela Myftarago	Science and Innovation for Development (SCiDEV)	10.05.2024- 31.07.2024
6.	Morena Konomi	Environmental Center for Development and Networking (EDEN)	01.06.2024- 13.07.2024

#### **Professional Internship** in the Master of Science Study Program in Political Science and International Relations

No.	Student Name	Institutions/ companies/ entities	Period
1.	Ivana Gjeshaj	Albanian Helsinki Committee	13.02.2025-04.04.2025
2.	Jona Kushta	Ndërmarrja Komunale Plazh, Durrës	31.03.2025- 23.05.2025
3.	Mateo Zogu	Trainee within the Erasmus+ ICM Programme at the Johan Skytte Institute of Political Studies at University of Tartu	07.04.2025- 07.06.2025

### 2. Participation of Academic Staff in Academic Events

Research Projects  
N/A

Industry Projects  
N/A

Community Projects  
N/A

Student Club Projects  
N/A

### **3. Student Best Success Stories**

N.A

### **4. Office Holders**

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