

## **More Information about Cand.merc.(pol.)**

### **Objective**

The Master of Science in International Business and Politics is a research based full time graduate level programme that builds upon competencies acquired in the Bachelor of Science in International Business and Politics or equivalent programs.

It focuses on international interactions between businesses, national and international political institutions, and NGOs with the objective of giving students the qualifications to independently analyze such interactions in an action-oriented perspective, based on a deeper understanding of all actors.

The objective is to qualify students for careers in all three types of organizations, and to prepare students for further education including research education (PhD) programmes.

(2) A graduate from the MSc. Program in International Business and Politics has the following competencies and qualifications:

### **Academic competencies:**

1. Has knowledge and understanding of specialized and advanced problems and results in international business and management studies, political science, and international political economy, focusing on interactions between businesses, national and international political institutions, and non-governmental organisations.
2. Can independently identify, retrieve and critically use relevant research based knowledge within these areas.

### **Intellectual competencies:**

1. Can argue analytically, reflectively, and critically at a high academic level.
2. Can pose and develop relevant questions for analysis in the fields of international business and management studies, political science, and international political economy, and can carry out the analysis in accordance with normal academic standards.
3. Can utilize these skills to identify problems and develop solutions for private and public enterprises and organisations.

**Practical competencies:**

1. Can communicate research results clearly and precisely, orally and in writing, to a variety of audiences.
2. Can collaborate with people having the same or other academic backgrounds in working with and solving problems that involve a variety of fields.
3. Can maintain and develop his/her academic and intellectual competencies.

**Organisation and structure**

The first year consist of eight 7.5 ECTS courses. All students take courses one to five in the table below. Then students choose three courses among the specialized stream courses offered. In the third semester, students take electives at CBS or at other institutions in Denmark or abroad, and the final semester is devoted to the Master Thesis.

**1st year**

1st semester		2nd semester	
	ECTS		ECTS
1. International Business Strategy	7.5	5. Scientific methods in practice	7.5
2. Fundamentals of International Economic Law	7.5	6 - 8: Students pick three 7.5. stream courses among the following: - Economics of Global Business Strategy - Managing People in MNCs - Research seminar in International Political Economy, for instance The Politics of International Business Standards - Topics in International Political Economy, for instance Management of International Organizations - Theories of International Law and Politics - Business Responsibilities for Human Rights More options can be added if finances and faculty capacity permit.	22.5
3. International Political Economy: advanced theory and institutions	7.5		
4. Interdisciplinary case-based course in international business and politics	7.5		

**2nd year**

3rd semester		4th semester	
	ECTS		ECTS
Electives	30	Master`s thesis	30

(2) Students **must** in their **first year** follow the full programme, meeting a requirement of 60 ECTS.

**The contents of the courses**

The content of the courses are presented in the course catalogue.