# MSc in Development and International Relations (GRS) Internship module 25 ECTS

## Oplysninger om semesteret

**Department:** Politics and Society  
**Study Board:** Board of Studies for International Affairs  
**Regulations and Curriculum GRS:** [https://studieordninger.aau.dk/2021/29/2595](https://studieordninger.aau.dk/2021/29/2595)  
**Semester:** 3rd semester  
**Period:** Fall 2022

## Semester coordination and secretariat

## Title, ECTS credits

**Project Oriented Module in an External Organization**  
25 ECTS

*Evt. omregnet arbejdsbelastning til antal timer*

## Location

3rd semester

## Coordinator

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Content, Progress and Pedagogy of the Module

Objectives

- That students gain practical experience through applying knowledge, theories and methods within international relations while working in an international organization.
- That students apply and reflect upon their collaborative PBL competences acquired during previous semesters’ group projects.
- That students are able to reflect critically on their experience during their time at an international, national or local organization and on the linkage between their study programs and the Academic Internship, thereby demonstrating their reflexive competencies.

Content

Students must spend a minimum of three months in an international organization working with activities related to the study program. The host organization is chosen by the student and must be approved by the study board/the coordinator. Before the Academic Internship begins, an agreement between the student, the study board and the host organization must be drawn up stating the expectations and responsibilities of the student during the Academic Internship. This agreement must specify which tasks the student is expected to undertake at the host organization as well as the duration of the Academic Internship. Concurrently, the students will write an academic project report, reflecting on their experience and using their theoretical knowledge about international relations to identify and analyze a problem field of relevance to the host organization.

The report must contain reflections on the linkage between the Academic Internship and the study program as well as an analysis of a topic relevant to the host organization. Additionally, there must be reflections about problem-based learning in relation to Academic Internship experience, drawing on experiences from former semesters at the study program.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

KNOWLEDGE

- specific knowledge of the working environment and internal procedures of the host institution
- in-depth knowledge of the field of the host organization as well as a broad understanding of the context for the host institution’s daily work

SKILLS

- can analyze specific issues of relevance to the host institution within the field of international relations
- can select and apply relevant methods and theories from the study program in a practical context
- can reflect critically on the application of relevant methods and theories from an academic perspective, including PBL
- are able to apply acquired theoretical knowledge related to international relations in a practical context

COMPETENCES
can analyze specific issues of relevance to the host institution within the field of international relations

can select and apply relevant methods and theories from the study program in a practical context

can reflect critically on the application of relevant methods and theories from an academic perspective, including PBL

are able to apply acquired theoretical knowledge related to international relations in a practical context

**Type of Examination**

**Prerequisite for enrollment for the exam**

The students must hand in a written statement from the host institution stating that the student has worked in the organization during the time period stipulated.

*Written exam* - The module is completed by an internally assessed, individual written examination in the form of a project report of 12 to 15 standard pages.

**Hand in date 16th December before 12.00 in Digital Exam**