# MSc in Development and International Relations (GRS) Internship module 30 ECTS

## Oplysninger om semesteret

*Department: Politics and Society*

*Study Board: Board of Studies for International Affairs*

*Regulations and Curriculum GRS: https://studieordninger.aau.dk/2022/35/3522*

*Semester: 3rd semester*

*Periode: Fall 2023*

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## Title, ECTS credits

**Project Oriented Module in an External Organization**

30 ECTS

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## Location

**GRS, Campus CPH**

*3rd semester*

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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 (ToR) 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
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- are able to apply acquired theoretical knowledge related to international relations in a practical context

Full time (30 hours) internship stay, minimum 3 months and maximum 6 months

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<td>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.</td>
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**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. Passed/not passed

**Internal examiner and internal co examiner.**

**Hand in date 15th December before 12.00 in Digital Exam**