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**REVIEW**  
**of the Educational and Professional Program «International Relations»**  
**of the first (Bachelor) higher education level**  
**Field of knowledge 29 «International Relations»**  
**Major 291 «International Relations, Public Communications**  
**and Regional Studies»**

Higher education and science system reforming in Ukraine involves bringing them into line with European standards. Such changes are of crucial importance in the context of a civil society building, strengthening the political and economic system of the state as well as its international position. The progressive reforms in the education system were the ones that ensure the strengthening of the functioning of the Ukraine state institutions' democratic foundations. In such conditions, the training of experts in the field of International Relations who will represent and protect the interests of Ukraine in the international arena and at the state level is particularly relevant.

This educational and professional program (EPP) clearly balances the purpose, learning goals, main focus, expected learning outcomes and conditions for implementing the educational process. EPP has a clear structure and is characterized by the logic of educational components building where logical connection is followed. Academic disciplines of elective components fully create prerequisites for the formation of individual educational trajectories of higher education applicants. The curriculum for the EPP «International Relations» training fully corresponds to the tasks of this program and has a comprehensive nature. While analysing the EPP, it has been recommended to include the «International and National Security» training course in the list of the selective cycle disciplines, which will enable applicants to take into account the current international situation and will have a qualitative impact on the formation of professional competencies and practical learning outcomes. Since the curriculum does not include writing of the final qualifying work, we recommend planning course works on the problems of modern international relations and world politics in the 8th semester.

The reviewed educational and professional program «International Relations» according to the major 291 «International Relations, Public Communications and Regional Studies» of the field of knowledge 29 «International Relations» is aimed at training experts with deep fundamental and applied knowledge, capable of working in a team, independently making decisions in various international relations fields, based on principles, mechanisms and processes of the states' foreign policy ensuring; interactions between foreign and domestic policies; determination and realization of the national interests of states in the international

arena; processes of formation and implementation of foreign policy decisions; as well as interactions of individual countries and regions at the global, regional and local levels.

It is worth emphasizing that graduates of the educational and professional program «International Relations» will be able to find themselves not only at the national and international levels, but also at the regional level, contributing into the development of their hometown in particular and the region as a whole. The regional context in the educational and professional program is taken into account by the fact that the Sumy region is a border area of Ukraine, and its enterprises, institutions and organizations have extensive international connections and require the presence of specialists in the field of international relations to carry out international communication.

The analysis of the program submitted for the review gives all reasons to believe that the educational and professional program «International Relations» is relevant and meets the requirements of current normative and regulatory legal acts on education. The presented educational and professional program should be recommended to Sumy State Pedagogical University named after Anton Makarenko for the qualified specialists training according to the major 291 «International Relations, Public Communications and Regional Studies» of the field of knowledge 29 «International Relations».

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