

MGIMO University
School of Government and International Affairs

Undergraduate Course Syllabus
“ROLE OF LEADER (PRESIDENT, PRIME-MINISTER, MONARCH)
IN FOREIGN POLICY OF STATE.”

The course “**Role of leader (president, prime-minister, monarch) in foreign policy of state**” is elaborated in accordance with the MGIMO Educational Standard for Bachelor’s Program in International Affairs (program track “Government and International Affairs”). Author: Oleg Popadyuk, Ph.D.

General Information

Full course title: **Role of leader (president, prime-minister, monarch) in foreign policy of state**
Type of Course: Compulsory

Level of Course: Bachelor of Arts Year of Study: 4th

Number of ECTS credits allocated: 2,0

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Course Description

This course is intended as an introduction to the basic concepts, themes, and issues in the Russian Foreign Policy. In this course we will familiarize ourselves with the international sources of foreign policy, the models of international relations and foreign policy, and the foreign policy making in Russia. We will discuss how presidents have made and make the Russian foreign policy. In this context we

examine the activity of the foreign affairs bureaucracy which is responsible for carrying out the president's policies. Then we move to the examination of the role that the domestic public opinion, State Duma, and the media have played in Russia foreign policy decisions.

At the conclusion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Understand the basic principles and purposes of Russian foreign policy.
2. Identify current Russian foreign policy priorities and the core objectives related thereto.
3. Identify key actors and forces that inform and constrain Russian foreign policy decision-making and implementation.
4. Compare and contrast diverse positions on key issues related to the conduct of Russian foreign policy.
5. Articulate their own perspectives on important issues in the field.
6. Demonstrate active learning and engagement through critical questioning, synthesis and evaluation of course readings and resource materials, active discussion, written and oral presentation, and analytical writing.

Course requirements:

Students will be required to attend at least 90% of classes and be prepared for in class discussion of the week's topic. Conscientious reading of the assigned materials is also mandatory.

Students will also be required to pass through one final exam. The questions will be based on the readings for the course. The answers are expected to be between 1000 and 1100 words in length.

Grading plan:

The final grade is calculated taking into account activities at discussion classes, grade for PowerPoint presentation and final paper. Class attendance may also influence the final grade.

Types of Work	Academic Hours
Total workload	144
Total for lectures and seminars	36
Lectures	108

Homework, preparation of the presentations and final paper	44
Preparation for lectures, seminars and tests	10

- Lecture 1** Introduction. Basic principles of Russian foreign policy.
- L2** Foreign policy decision making process in Russia
- L3** Foreign policy powers of President
- L4** Image of President Putin in world media
- L5** How do Presidents live – personal life of world leaders
- L6** Russian think tanks: foreign policy and international relations issues
- L7** XIII Valdai club session: main ideas and results
- L8** Preparation of foreign policy events: visit of president to other states
- L9** State protocol of President
- L10** International talks: role play
- L11** Public communication policy of Russia
- L12** Role of President in promoting Russian economic interests
- L13** Role play: press-conference
- L14** Final test
- L15** Conclusion