

KEY INFORMATION

Qualification: Official Master's Program.

Language: English.

Study modes: Full-time, Part-time.

Credit value: 90 ECTS.

Duration: 18 months Full Time.

Places available: 40.

Campus: Puerta de Toledo (Madrid).

Attendance: First year: On-campus; Second Year (Semester 3): synchronous online classes (except for internships, which depend on the host institution).

Timetable: Evenings (+4PM).

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ABOUT UC3M AND THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Carlos III University of Madrid is a public university ranked 35 in the QS Ranking Top 50 Under 50, which includes the world's 50 top universities founded over the last 50 years. In 2009 the Spanish Government designated the UC3M as a Campus for International Excellence. The Graduate School of Economics and Political Science, which hosts the Master in Geopolitics and Strategic Studies, has the mission of adding value to society through quality research and the training of academics and professionals prepared to provide solutions to the new economic and political challenges facing them.

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MASTER IN GEOPOLITICS AND STRATEGIC STUDIES

2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

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MAIN AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The Carlos III University of Madrid's Master in Geopolitics and Strategic Studies is an official program with an academic and interdisciplinary orientation. It is aimed at training specialists to understand and analyze the main trends, conflicts and challenges of contemporary world politics and international relations through a spatial, critical and integrative approach. The Master seeks to provide solid and rigorous theoretical and methodological tools, as well as in-depth knowledge of global and regional geopolitics and strategic studies.

PROGRAM

The program includes compulsory (36 ECTS) and elective (42 ECTS) courses, besides a final Master's Thesis (12 ECTS), and it is organized in three semesters:

Semester 1 (September-January): *Introduction to Global Politics* (three compulsory courses: Fundamentals of Geopolitics; Strategic studies, security and defense; Geoeconomics, globalization and development) + *Methods and techniques of geopolitical and strategic analysis* (three compulsory courses: Methods of geopolitical and strategic analysis; Workshop on mapping and graphical representations; Workshop on Geopolitical and Strategic Reports).

Semester 2 (January-May): *World regional geopolitics* (four elective courses, from which the student must choose and take at least three: Geopolitics of Europe; Geopolitics of the Americas; Geopolitics of the Middle East and North Africa; Geopolitics of Spain) + *Conflicts, problems and geopolitical challenges of today's world*

(six elective courses, from which the student must choose and take at least four: International terrorism; Population and international migration; International law of territories; Geopolitics of the environment and natural resources; Borders, nationalisms and identities; Organized crime and cyber threats).

Semester 3 (September-February/March): *Master's Thesis* + Geopolitics of the Indo-Pacific + *Option A* (two courses: Geopolitics of Russia and the Post-Soviet Space; Geopolitics of Sub-Saharan Africa) or *Option B* (Internships).

FACULTY

In line with its multidisciplinary approach, the Master's program brings together an outstanding group of specialists, mainly from the Departments of Social Sciences, Humanities and International Law of the Carlos III University of Madrid. In addition, many external experts participate in the Master's program, including, among others, professors from other universities and national or international research centers, as well as analysts belonging to think tanks and other renowned public and private entities in the fields of geopolitical and strategic studies.

ADMISSION PROFILES

This Master's program is ideal for graduates in Political Science, Geography, International Studies, Global Studies, Sociology, Journalism and Communication, Economics, History and Humanities, Defence and Security Studies or other related Bachelor's degrees. Students in the last year of their Bachelor's studies, as well as professionals who already work in careers related to the Master's contents, may also apply to the program.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On completing the Master, the student will be qualified to work as an analyst either in academia or in the professional sectors that require the expertise and skills of specialists in international relations, including diplomacy, cooperation and development, defence and security, resolution and management of territorial conflicts, risks assessment and strategic intelligence (government departments and international organisations, think tanks and consultancies, NGO's, media and news agencies, etc.).

INTERNSHIPS

The Carlos III University of Madrid has signed agreements of collaboration with prestigious private and public institutions to allow the Master's students to undertake internships, which are elective. The number of places offered for internships will be limited depending on the existing agreements.

FEES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Tuition fees for 2025-26 academic year are €130/ECTS credit for EU students and €195/ECTS credit for non-EU students. This covers registration, teaching, exams, use of the Library and other University facilities, and the necessary learning materials that we will provide to you for the purposes of the programme. The Master offers up to a maximum of 10 grants, each of them for an amount of €6,000, to help students accepted into the Master to pay their tuition. These scholarships will be granted mainly on the basis of academic achievement, according to the rules established by a public call.