

International Relations Student Achievement

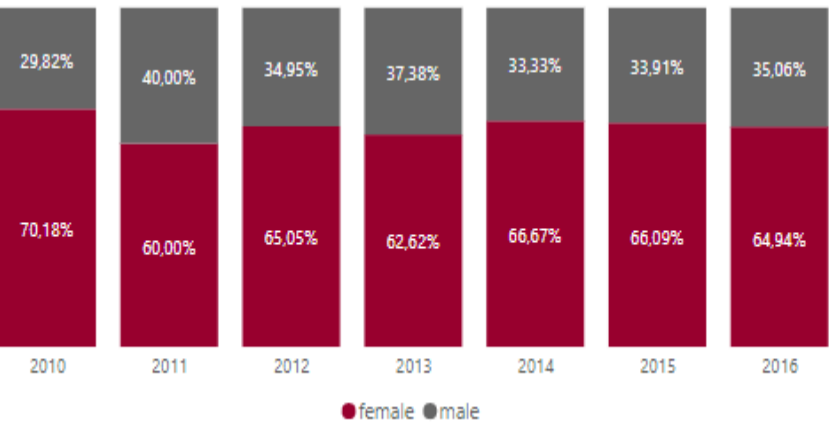
Degree Profile for the International Relations program

The graduate of the International Relations program at UDLA is an enterprising professional with theoretical and practical education in the field of international politics. With a strong knowledge base of both national and international complexities, the graduate proposes solutions to public issues affecting the Ecuadorian society, in pursue of involving the country in the current regional and global context as well as strengthening its democratic institutions.

The International Relations graduate builds his/her own vision of international phenomena based on critical analysis of different theoretical approaches. In addition, the graduate develops basic research projects on global issues of academic and social relevance. He/she has a sound knowledge of the rules of law that govern relations between subjects and public and private international institutions. Moreover, the graduate applies negotiation tools and strategies for decision-making processes related to national and international foreign policies. He/she reflects on the economic, political, and social factors influencing international cooperation and integration. Lastly, the graduate analyzes how nations' internal policies are relevant to understanding international phenomena.

It is expected that the graduate of the International Relations program from UDLA will demonstrate professional ethics, civic engagement in community service, and creative thinking in addressing public issues, on the basis of democracy, respect for diversity and interculturality, environmental sustainability, and human rights, whether in the Ecuadorian or international context.

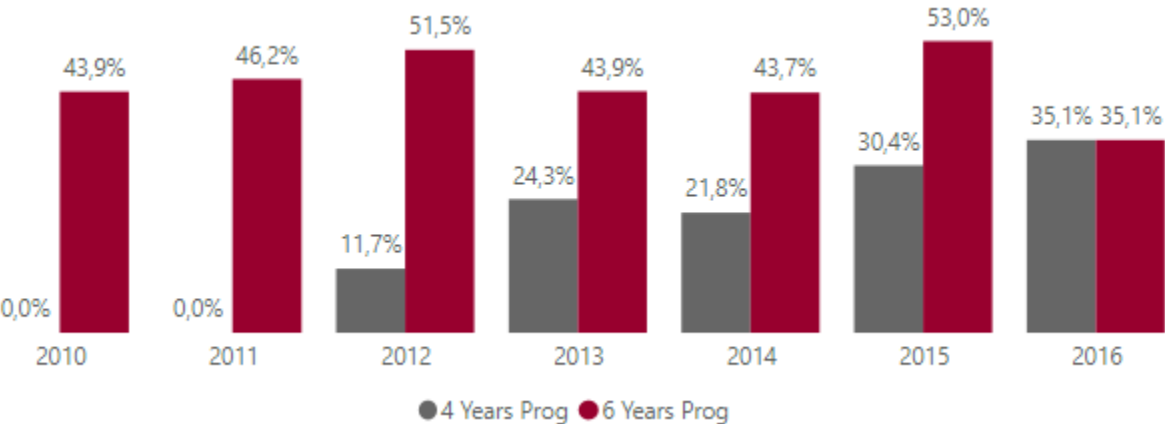
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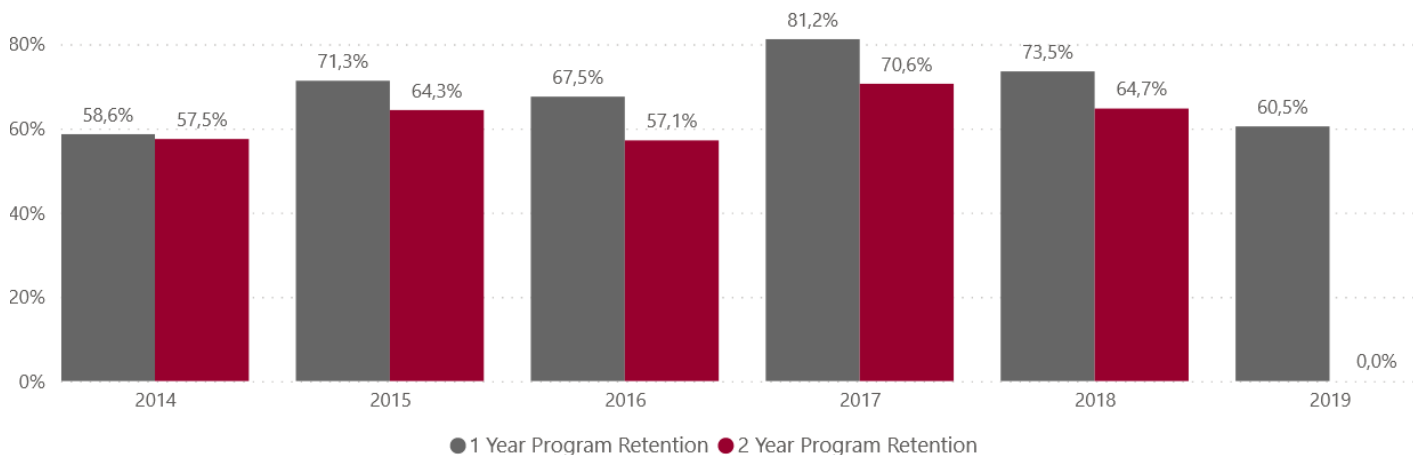
Retention and graduation rates are calculated through the 2019- 2020 academic year, based on new, first-time students entering in the fall semester, regardless of whether they enroll in the daytime or evening version of their program (if available). These rates do not consider incoming transfer students.

The duration of the International Relations program has historically been 4 years (8 semesters). Nevertheless, until Fall 2015, students had to first complete all coursework and then the capstone, which extended the time required to finish the program by at least one semester. Therefore, the graduation rate is calculated according to a duration of 4 years and 150% of that amount. The percentage of graduates in each cohort by gender considers only actual graduates, not the original makeup of the cohort.

GRADUATION



RETENTION



Program Learning Outcomes

In every semester, the program provides assessment results according to its Multiannual Assessment Plan (MAP), which typically considers one or more of its program learning outcomes (PLOs). Most programs utilize the platform Brightspace to collect and assess student work and to present the data and evidence of student achievement. These results and their analysis, with the objective of identifying areas for improvement, are presented in the program's annual assessment report.

In the graphic below, the most recent period in which a PLO has been assessed is indicated, with the percentage indicating achievement of the expected performance standard for that PLO, according to the rubric used to evaluate the student work. This standard can be designated at an introductory, intermediate, or final level, depending upon how the course learning outcomes (CLOs) align to each PLO in the program's curriculum map.

A graduate of the International Relations program will be able to:

1. Construct a vision of international phenomena based on critical analysis of different theoretical approaches.
2. Develop basic applied research projects on international issues of academic and social relevance.
3. Know and apply the rules of law that regulate relations between subjects and public and private international institutions.
4. Apply negotiation tools and strategies for decision-making processes related to national and international foreign policies.
5. Reflect on the economic, political, and social factors influencing international cooperation and integration.
6. Analyze how nations' internal policies are relevant to understanding international phenomena.

