

Country of Origin: Ghana

Previous Degree: Finance and Economics Major (Southwestern University of Finance and Economics).

Prospective Research Internship Program: Carleton University.

a) Why exactly did you choose to study “World Politics and International Relations” at the University of Pavia?

Upon search and of good recommendation among competitive Italian institutions (cost effective inclusive) offering IR /Political science. With WPIR program encapsulating and meeting the following interest of study:

Mainly to deepen my understanding in areas of international relations: Thus, to gain a thorough understanding of historical and/or current events, one should study political economy, become familiar with important legal frameworks, understand the main players, and learn about other pertinent problems that have an impact on the global ring. These are but a few of the reasons why I took interest in the program.

b) What skills did you gain from the program that you may utilize in your future profession?

As someone with a background in finance and economics who knew little about world politics prior to enrolling in the WPIR program, I have learned a great deal about the historical roots of global and regional superpowers, the comparison of political economies with relevant models, important security, legal, and diplomatic issues that embody international relations, etc.

Additionally, I can state with confidence that the courses' curation and design have improved my soft skills. It was difficult at first, but I have surely improved how to communicate and work well with people from different backgrounds. In fact, I've gotten better at articulating my ideas, working well in teams or alone, conducting research, giving better presentations, taking oral exams and interacting effortlessly without timidity, among others.

c) Why were you interested in International Relations in the first place?

In general, to develop a comprehensive awareness of global society and to acquire the knowledge, skills, and requisite qualification that, given my future objectives and potential professional career, will allow me to engage constructively, the academic, political, intergovernmental, and international arena at large.

d) What do you remember the best from your studies? Particular subject or a conference?

With a team of colleagues, I have wonderful recollections of working on the case law (GONGADZE v. UKRIANE) at the Human Rights and International Justice class. At the time, we laboriously had to research and evaluate the murder of a Ukrainian journalist. It was so useful and practically relatable as a true court proceeding to the extent that, it reflected in the studying and understanding of select case laws that yielded in excellent final exams scores.

e) What are the things in Pavia that every student should experience or see?

Some of the most exciting thing to do outside the walls of the University of Pavia is take a short stroll from school to the Ponte Coperto to enjoy the tranquil setting while reading, having a picnic with friends, or simply taking some “me time.” Among other sights worth viewing, don’t forget to see the historic Basilica San Michele Maggiore, Duomo di Pavia, and Fiume Ticino, as well as enjoy the unforgettable taste of Italian delicacies at the city center and its surroundings.

f) Name three things that you find the most important to get the most out of studying on this faculty.

Three Important things:

- The curriculum and course structure are created with specific goals in mind.
- Faculty has Professional instructors to impart their particular expertise and abilities to students, making an enduring effect.
- The variety of students from various backgrounds exposes and broadens each student’s perspective, and it also affects group experiences based on interactions.