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Balkan, Eurasian and Central European Studies (BECES) is a two-year English-language Master's degree programme fully accredited by the Ministry of Education of the Czech Republic. It addresses the English speaking audience with a deep and versatile exploration of "the East", understood as a territory composed of Central Europe, the Balkan peninsula, and the Post- Soviet area, including the Caucasus and Central Asia. Primary attention is paid to modern history, politics and diplomacy, as well as to fundamental social, cultural and economic problems. It also offers students the chance to learn or improve their knowledge of some of the Czech language.

The core courses provide an overview of crucial segments of the area from an analytical and multidisciplinary perspective, while the elective classes allow students to create their own specialisation. The aim of the programme is to help students write a Master's thesis of sufficient quality to merit publication. Through the university's network of exchange programmes, talented students may also be offered the opportunity to make a brief research visit to another country in the area. By developing the student's knowledge of the Czech milieu and language, the programme may also serve as an access-point to some of our Ph.D. programmes. The programme is deliberately structured to take advantage of the multidisciplinary nature of the Faculty, and students will be encouraged to make connections between different fields of study, learning to combine a global perspective with attention to detail and local interests. It is an excellent stepping stone in developing an academic career in any of the Faculty's academic disciplines, as well as a valuable source of analytical skills and practical background knowledge that can be applied in professional life.

Academic supervisor: Doc. PhDr. Jiří Vykoukal, CSc.

Balkan, Eurasian and Central European Studies: course structure

Compulsory courses	72 ECTS
Czech language	24 ECTS
Choice (optional & electives)	minimum 12, maximum 24 ECTS
Defence of M. A. Thesis	

(Electives see article 4 para 10 of Consolidated University Code of Study and Examination of Charles University in Prague)

Compulsory courses

(J#0134)

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Code	Course title	Course leader	Semester	Hours per week	Course assessment	ECTS credit points
JMMZ040	Conceptions and Interpretations of Balkan History	Šístek	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JMMZ050	Political Systems of East European Countries in the 20th Century	Kubát	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JMMZ051	Political Systems of East European Countries Today	Kubát	SS	1/1	Examination	6

JMMZ081	Conceptions and Interpretations of Russian History	Kolenovská Svoboda	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JMMZ082	Concepts and Interpretations of Central European History	Vykoukal	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JMMZ083	Eastern Europe Today I	Šír	WS	0/2	Examination	5
JMMZ084	Eastern Europe Today II	Šír	SS	1/1	Examination	5
JMMZ094	Introduction to History, Politics and Society of Eastern Europe	Vykoukal	WS	2/0	Examination	5
JMMZ095	M.A. Thesis Seminar for BECES I	Vykoukal	WS/SS	0/2	Course credit	3
JMMZ096	M.A. Thesis Seminar for BECES II	Vykoukal	WS/SS	0/2	Course credit	3
JMMZ107	Methodology and Academic Writing Seminar	Kozák	WS	1/1	macc	3
JMM188	Economic transformation in the post-Soviet area	Svoboda	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JMM189	Economic transformation in East Central and Southeastern Europe	Cibulková	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JMM422	Ethnic Issues and Territories in Eastern, East Central and Southeastern Europe	Vykoukal	WS	1/1	Examination	6

Total number of ECTS: 72

Prerequisites, corequisites, alternative and incompatible courses
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Code	Course title	Pre-requisite	Co-requisite	Interchangeability	Incompatibility
JMMZ084	Eastern Europe Today II	JMMZ083			
JMMZ095	M.A. Thesis Seminar for BECES I	JMM094 JMMZ107			
JMMZ096	M.A. Thesis Seminar for BECES II	JMMZ095			

Compulsory Language Courses **(J#0136)**
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Code	Course title	Course leader	Semester	Hours per week	Course assessment	ECTS credit points
JMMZ165	Czech Language for BECES I	Pellarová	WS/SS	1/1	Examination	6
JMMZ166	Czech Language for BECES II	Pellarová	WS/SS	1/1	Examination	6
JMMZ167	Czech Language for BECES III	Pellarová	WS/SS	1/1	Examination	6
JMMZ168	Czech Language for BECES IV	Pellarová	WS/SS	1/1	Examination	6

Total number of ECTS: 24

Prerequisites, corequisites, alternative and incompatible courses
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Code	Course title	Pre-requisite	Co-requisite	Interchangeability	Incompatibility
JMMZ166	Czech Language for BECES II	JMMZ165			
JMMZ167	Czech Language for BECES III	JMMZ166			
JMMZ168	Czech Language for BECES IV	JMMZ167			

Optional courses **(J#0135)**
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Code	Course title	Course leader	Semester	Hours per week	Course assessment	ECTS credit points
JEM012	European Economic Policies	Šmídková Hedbávný Glazar	SS	2/2	Examination	6
JMMZ039	Contemporary Turkey	Aslan	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JMMZ052	Issues in Post-Soviet Security	Aslan	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JMMZ053	Problems of the Post-Soviet Space	Šír	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JMMZ058	Geostrategic Importance of Central Europe	Pick	SS	2/0	macc	3
JMMZ085	Academic Reading and Writing in Czech	Pellarová	WS	0/2	Course credit	3
JMMZ099	Parties and Party Systems in Southeastern Europe after 1989	Marantzidis	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JMMZ141	Russian Language I	Lanne	WS/SS	3/0	Course credit	3

JMMZ142	Russian Language II	Lanne	WS/SS	3/0	macc	4
JMMZ143	Russian Language III	Lanne	WS/SS	3/0	macc	4
JMMZ144	Russian Language IV	Lanne	WS/SS	3/0	Examination	5
JMMZ169	Greek Language II	Maniati	WS/SS	1/1	Course credit	3
JMMZ170	Greek Language II	Maniati	WS/SS	1/1	macc	4
JMMZ171	Greek Language I	Maniati	WS/SS	1/1	macc	4
JMMZ172	Greek Language IV	Maniati	WS/SS	1/1	Examination	5
JMM096	Ethno-Nationalist History-Making in the Post-Communist World	Aslan	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JMM121	Central European Cinema	Dan Mircea	SS	0/4	Course credit	3
JMM130	Ethno-Political Conflicts in the Caucasus	Aslan	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JMM143	Economy and Politics in the 20th Century Eastern Europe	Svoboda	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JMM187	Formirovanije postsovetskovo prostranstva	Horák	WS	1/1	macc	4
JMM283	Splendor and Misery of Détente	Fojtek	WS	2/0	Examination	6
JMM358	The Transformation of the Communist Successor Parties in Central Europe and Influence of the West European Leftists	Handl	SS	2/0	Examination	6
JMM361	Nation and State Building in Eurasia	Horák	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JMM385	Legal Framework of European Integration	Šlosarčík	SS	2/0	Examination	6

JMM423	Fundamentals of the History of Central European Jewry	Kubátová	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JMM424	Central European Jewry on the Path to Destruction	Kubátová	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JMM425	Destruction Revised: Revisionism, Trivialization and Denial	Kubátová	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JMM460	Oil and Gas in the Post Soviet Area	Svoboda	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM191	Russian Foreign Policy	Žídková	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM208	Russian Government	Žídková	WS	2/0	Examination	6
JPM239	Central European Politics	Krausz Hladká	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JSM437	CIVIL SOCIETY IN CENTRAL EUROPE	Frič	SS	2/0	Examination	6

Minimum 12 ECTS, maximum 24 ECTS, students are obliged to take and pass at least two elective courses in Czech from the course options list at the UK FSV, subject to the approval of the Academic supervisor and timetabling capacities.

Prerequisites, corequisites, alternative and incompatible courses
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Code	Course title	Pre-requisite	Co-requisite	Interchangeability	Incompatibility
JMMZ058	Geostrategic Importance of Central Europe				JMB198
JMMZ085	Academic Reading and Writing in Czech	JMMZ084			
JMMZ142	Russian Language II	JMMZ141			
JMMZ143	Russian Language III	JMMZ142			
JMMZ144	Russian Language IV	JMMZ143			
JMMZ170	Greek Language II	JMMZ169			
JMMZ171	Greek Language I	JMMZ170			
JMMZ172	Greek Language IV	JMMZ171			
JMM385	Legal Framework of European Integration				JMM251