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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.

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Balkan, Eurasian and Central European Studies: course structure

Compulsory courses	74 ECTS
Czech language	22 ECTS
Choice (optional & electives)	minimum 10, maximum 22 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

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

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

Total number of ECTS: 74

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	0/3	Examination	6
JMMZ166	Czech Language for BECES II	Pellarová	WS/SS	0/3	Examination	6
JMMZ167	Czech Language for BECES III	Pellarová	WS/SS	0/3	Examination	6
JMMZ168	Czech Language for BECES IV	Pellarová	WS/SS	0/3	Examination	6

Total number of ECTS: 24

Prerequisites, corequisites, alternative and incompatible courses

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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
JMMZ042	Cohesion Policy of the EU in Central and East European Countries.	Hauser	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JMMZ043	Social Exclusion and the Roma in Central Europe	Klípa	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JMMZ044	Ethnic Conflicts in Central and Eastern Europe.	Klípa	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JMMZ045	Dictatorships in the Balkans	Králová	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JMMZ046	Germany and the Balkans.	Králová	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JMMZ052	Issues in Post-Soviet Security	Aslan	WS	1/1	Examination	6

JMMZ053	<u>Problems of the Post-Soviet Space</u>	<u>Šír</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JMMZ058	<u>Geostrategic Importance of Central Europe</u>	<u>Pick</u>	SS	2/0	macc	3
JMMZ085	<u>Academic Reading and Writing in Czech</u>	<u>Pellarová</u>	WS	0/2	Course credit	3
JMMZ099	<u>Parties and Party Systems in Southeastern Europe after 1989</u>	<u>Marantzidis</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JMMZ100	<u>Geopolitics of the Post-Soviet Space</u>	<u>Aslan Šír</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JMMZ141	<u>Russian Language I</u>	<u>Lanne</u>	WS/SS	0/3	Course credit	3
JMMZ142	<u>Russian Language II</u>	<u>Lanne</u>	WS/SS	0/3	macc	4
JMMZ143	<u>Russian Language III</u>	<u>Lanne</u>	WS/SS	0/3	macc	4
JMMZ144	<u>Russian Language IV</u>	<u>Lanne</u>	WS/SS	0/3	Examination	5
JMMZ169	<u>Greek Language II</u>	<u>Maniati</u>	WS/SS	1/1	Course credit	3
JMMZ170	<u>Greek Language II</u>	<u>Maniati</u>	WS/SS	1/1	macc	4
JMMZ171	<u>Greek Language I</u>	<u>Maniati</u>	WS/SS	1/1	macc	4
JMMZ172	<u>Greek Language IV</u>	<u>Maniati</u>	WS/SS	1/1	Examination	5
JMMZ178	<u>Islam in the Post-Communist Area</u>	<u>Aslan Horák</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JMMZ180	<u>Modernizing the Balkans</u>	<u>Šístek</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JMM035	<u>Citizen or/and Peasant?</u>	<u>Pellar</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JMM096	<u>Ethno-Nationalist History-Making in the Post-Communist World</u>	<u>Aslan</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JMM121	<u>Central European Cinema</u>	<u>Dan Mircea</u>	SS	0/4	Course credit	3
JMM126	<u>Central European, Balkan and</u>	<u>Horák</u>	SS	1/1	Course credit	3

	Eurasian Diplomatic Seminar					
JMM130	Ethno-Political Conflicts in the Caucasus	Aslan	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JMM143	Economy and Politics in the 20th Century Eastern Europe	Svoboda	SS	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
JMM566	History and Present in South East European Cinema	Králová Dan Mircea	SS	0/4	Course credit	3

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 recommended to take and pass at least one elective courses in Czech from the course options list at the UK FSV, subject to the approval of the Academic supervisor and timetabling capacities.

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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