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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	24 ECTS
Choice (optional & electives)	minimum 10, maximum 22 ECTS
Defence of M. A. Thesis	
Total	120 ECTS

(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	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	Kubát	SS	1/1	Examination	6

	<u>East European Countries Today</u>					
JMMZ081	<u>Conceptions and Interpretations of Russian History</u>	<u>Kolenovská Svoboda</u>	SS	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</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>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JMM189	<u>Economic transformation in East Central and Southeastern Europe</u>	<u>Cibulková</u>	WS	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 for Seminar BECES II	JMMZ095			
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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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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	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.	Kasáková	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	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JMMZ046	Germany and the Balkans.	Králová	SS	1/1	Examination	6

JMMZ052	<u>Issues in Post-Soviet Security</u>	<u>Aslan</u>	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 Králová</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 I</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 III</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
JMMZ189	<u>The Make and Break of Late Ottoman and Russian Empires</u>	<u>Brisku</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JMMZ190	<u>Internship for BECES Students</u>	<u>Vykoukal</u>	WS/SS	0/2	Course credit	3
JMM025	<u>Putin's Russia</u>	<u>Vorlová</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JMM035	<u>Citizen or/and Peasant?</u>	<u>Pellar</u>	WS	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 Eurasian Diplomatic Seminar</u>	<u>Horák</u>	SS	1/1	Course credit	3
JMM130	<u>Ethno-Political Conflicts in the Caucasus</u>	<u>Aslan</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JMM143	<u>Economy and Politics in the 20th Century Eastern Europe</u>	<u>Svoboda</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JMM187	<u>Formirovanije postsovetskovo prostranstva</u>	<u>Horák</u>	WS	1/1	macc	4
JMM189	<u>Economic transformation in East Central and Southeastern Europe</u>	<u>Cibulková</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JMM283	<u>Splendor and Misery of Détente</u>	<u>Fojtek</u>	WS	2/0	Examination	6
JMM358	<u>The Transformation of the Communist Successor Parties in Central Europe and Influence of the West European Leftists</u>	<u>Handl Mejstřík</u>	SS	2/0	Examination	6
JMM361	<u>Nation and State Building in Eurasia</u>	<u>Horák</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JMM385	<u>Legal Framework of European Integration</u>	<u>Šlosarčík</u>	SS	2/0	Examination	6
JMM423	<u>Fundamentals of the History of Central European Jewry</u>	<u>Kubátová</u>	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
JMM429	Dictatorships in the Balkans	Králová	WS	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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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 III	JMMZ170			
JMMZ172	Greek Language IV	JMMZ171			

JMMZ190	Internship for BECES Students	JMMZ107			
JMM385	Legal Framework of European Integration				JMM251