
(NMGr) Programme: Balkan, Eurasian and Central European Studies (NP_BECES)

Programme N0312A200014: Balkan, Eurasian and Central European Studies

Academic year 2019/2020

Balkan, Eurasian and Central European Studies (BECES) is a two-year English-language Master's degree programme. 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, Russia and Eurasia in terms of the Post Soviet area, including the Caucasus and Central Asia. Primary attention is paid to modern history and politics, as well as to fundamental social, cultural and economic problems. It also offers students the chance to learn or improve their knowledge of the Czech language or other offered languages.

The core courses provide an overview of crucial segments of the area from an analytical and multidisciplinary perspective, while the electives allow students to create their own specialisation. The aim of the programme is to help students write a Master's thesis of sufficient quality. 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 via Erasmus or other types of the academic exchange. 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 an 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, as well as a valuable source of analytical skills and practical background knowledge that can be applied in professional life. For detailed information see [BECES website](#).

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Balkan, Eurasian and Central European Studies: course structure

Compulsory (common) courses	60 ECTS
Specialisms	
Central Europe and the Balkans	24 ECTS
Russia and Eurasia	24 ECTS
Language	12 ECTS
Electives	min. 12 ECTS
Optional (out of the list)	12 ECTS
Total	120 ECTS

(Optional courses see article 5 para 4 of Consolidated University Code of Study and Examination of Charles University in Prague)

Final state exam

- (JDIP01) Master's thesis defence
- (JSZ394) Academic debate on a selected topic (beyond the thesis focus) with respect to Balkan and Central Europe
- (JSZ395) Academic debate on a selected topic (beyond the thesis focus) with respect to Russia and Eurasia
(Students select topics relating either to 2 or 3)

Compulsory courses - common (J#0530)

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Code	Course title	Course leader	Semester	Hours per week	Course assessment	ECTS credit points
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JTM044	Academic Writing	Cotte	SS	0/2	Examination	6
JTM045	Qualitative Methods in Social Sciences	Weiss Young	WS	0/2	Course credit	6
JTM046	Quantitative Methods in Social Sciences	Nigrin Petrušek	SS	0/2	Examination	6
JTM047	Area Studies: Theory and Methodology	Vykoukal Kozák	WS	0/2	Examination	6
JTM048	Comparative and Conceptual History	Brisku Nigrin	WS	0/2	Examination	6
JTM049	MA Thesis Seminar I for BECES	Vykoukal	WS/SS	0/2	Course credit	15
JTM050	MA Thesis Seminar II for BECES	Vykoukal	WS/SS	0/2	Course credit	15

Total number of ECTS: 60

Prerequisites, corequisites, alternative and incompatible courses

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Code	Course title	Pre-requisite	Co-requisite	Interchangeability	Incompatibility
JTM049	MA Thesis Seminar I for BECES	JTM044 JTM045 JTM046 JTM047 JTM048 JTM051 JTM055			
JTM050	MA Thesis Seminar II for BECES	JTM049			

Compulsory courses - specialism Balkan and Central Europe (J#0532)

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Code	Course title	Course leader	Semester	Hours per week	Course assessment	ECTS credit points
JTM014	Political Systems of East Central European Countries	Kubát	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM051	Introduction to History, Politics and Society of East-Central and South Eastern Europe	Vykoukal	WS	2/0	Examination	6
JTM052	Concepts and Interpretations of Central	Vykoukal	SS	1/1	Examination	6

	European History					
JTM053	Concepts and Interpretations of Balkan History	Šístek	SS	1/1	Examination	6
J#0531	group "BECES (NP) - Language courses" (title available in czech only)					

Total number of ECTS: 24

Skupina J#0531 Languages	12
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Prerequisites, corequisites, alternative and incompatible courses

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Code	Course title	Pre-requisite	Co-requisite	Interchangeability	Incompatibility
JTM014	Political Systems of East Central European Countries				JMM095
JTM051	Introduction to History, Politics and Society of East-Central and South Eastern Europe				JMMZ094

Compulsory courses - specialism Russia and Eurasia (J#0533)

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Code	Course title	Course leader	Semester	Hours per week	Course assessment	ECTS credit points
JTM019	Problems of the post-Soviet Space	Šír	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM055	Introduction to History, Politics and Society of Russia and Eastern Europe	Kolenovská	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM056	Concepts and Interpretations of Russian History	Kolenovská	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM057	Nationalism and Historiography in Central Eurasia	Horák	WS	1/1	Examination	6
J#0531	group "BECES (NP) - Language courses" (title available in czech only)					

Total number of ECTS: 24

Skupina J#0531 Languages	12
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Prerequisites, corequisites, alternative and incompatible courses

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Code	Course title	Pre-requisite	Co-requisite	Interchangeability	Incompatibility
JTM019	Problems of the post-Soviet Space				JMMZ053
JTM057	Nationalism and Historiography in Central Eurasia				JMM702

Language Courses (J#0531)

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Code	Course title	Course leader	Semester	Hours per week	Course assessment	ECTS credit points
JLB100	<u>Czech as a Foreign Language I</u>	<u>Frantesová</u> <u>Mazůrková</u> <u>Pellarová</u>	WS/SS	0/4	Examination	6
JLB101	<u>Czech as a Foreign Language II</u>	<u>Frantesová</u> <u>Mazůrková</u> <u>Pellarová</u>	WS/SS	0/4	Examination	6
JLB102	<u>Czech as a Foreign Language III</u>	<u>Frantesová</u> <u>Mazůrková</u> <u>Pellarová</u>	WS/SS	0/4	Examination	6
JLB103	<u>Czech as a Foreign Language IV</u>	<u>Frantesová</u> <u>Mazůrková</u> <u>Pellarová</u>	WS/SS	0/4	Examination	6
JTB150	<u>Polish I</u>	<u>Sitarz</u>	WS	0/2	Course credit	3
JTB151	<u>Polish II</u>	<u>Sitarz</u>	SS	0/2	Course credit	3
JTB152	<u>Polish III</u>	<u>Sitarz</u>	WS	0/2	Course credit	3
JTB153	<u>Polish IV</u>	<u>Sitarz</u>	SS	0/2	Course credit	3
JTB154	<u>Greek Language I</u>	<u>Maniati</u>	WS	0/2	Course credit	3
JTB155	<u>Greek Language II</u>	<u>Maniati</u>	WS/SS	0/2	Course credit	3
JTB156	<u>Greek Language III</u>	<u>Maniati</u>	WS	0/2	Examination	3
JTB157	<u>Greek Language IV</u>	<u>Maniati</u>	SS	0/2	Examination	3
JTB158	<u>Russian Language I</u>	<u>Shvedova</u>	WS	0/3	Examination	6
JTB159	<u>Russian Language II</u>	<u>Shvedova</u>	SS	0/3	Examination	6
JTB160	<u>Russian Language III</u>	<u>Shvedova</u>	WS	0/3	Examination	6
JTB161	<u>Russian Language IV</u>	<u>Shvedova</u>	SS	0/3	Examination	6
JTB162	<u>Foreign Language I</u>	<u>Vykoukal</u> <u>Weiss</u> <u>Nigrin</u>	WS	0/2	Course credit	3
JTB163	<u>Foreign Language II</u>	<u>Vykoukal</u> <u>Weiss</u> <u>Nigrin</u>	SS	0/2	Course credit	3

JTB164	Foreign Language III	Vykoukal Weiss Nigrin	WS	0/2	Course credit	3
JTB165	Foreign Language IV	Vykoukal Weiss Nigrin	SS	0/2	Course credit	3

Minimum number of ECTS: 12

Prerequisites, corequisites, alternative and incompatible courses

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Code	Course title	Pre-requisite	Co-requisite	Interchangeability	Incompatibility
JTB151	Polish II	JTB150			
JTB152	Polish III	JTB151			
JTB153	Polish IV	JTB152			
JTB154	Greek Language I				JMB315 JMM147
JTB155	Greek Language II	JTB154			JMB316 JMM148
JTB156	Greek Language III	JTB155			JMB149 JMB317
JTB157	Greek Language IV	JTB156			JMB318 JMM150
JTB159	Russian Language II	JTB158			
JTB160	Russian Language III	JTB159			
JTB161	Russian Language IV	JTB160			
JTB163	Foreign Language II	JTB162			
JTB164	Foreign Language III	JTB163			

Electives (J#0534)

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Code	Course title	Course leader	Semester	Hours per week	Course assessment	ECTS credit points
JPM711	Russian and Post-Soviet Security	Aslan	WS/SS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM820	Middle Eastern Terrorists and Revolutionaries in Cold War Central Europe	Kalhousová	SS	1/1	Examination	4
JTM015	Economic Transformation in East Central and Southeastern Europe	Jeřábek	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM018	Economic Transformations in the post-Soviet Area	Svoboda	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM206	Internship for BECES	Vykoukal	WS/SS	0/2	Course credit	3

JTM244	<u>Cold War in Documents 1945-1962</u>	<u>Smetana</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM245	<u>Cold War in Documents 1963-1991</u>	<u>Smetana</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM257	<u>Splendor and Misery of Détente</u>	<u>Fojtek</u>	WS	2/0	Examination	6
JTM265	<u>Central European Cinema</u>	<u>Dan Mircea</u>	WS	0/4	Examination	6
JTM266	<u>Cultural Legacies and Developments in the Balkans: Modern and Traditional Entanglements</u>	<u>Asavei</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM267	<u>Economy and Politics in the 20th Century Eastern Europe</u>	<u>Svoboda</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM268	<u>Ethnic Conflicts in Central and Eastern Europe</u>	<u>Klípa</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM269	<u>Ethno-Political Conflicts in the Caucasus</u>	<u>Brisku</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM270	<u>History and Present in South East European Cinema</u>	<u>Dan Mircea</u>	SS	0/4	Examination	6
JTM273	<u>Images and Stereotypes of the Balkans</u>	<u>Šítek</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM274	<u>Oil and Gas in the Post Soviet Area</u>	<u>Svoboda</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM275	<u>Post-Soviet Central Eurasia</u>	<u>Šír Horák</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM279	<u>Russia after 1991</u>	<u>Svoboda</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM280	<u>Russia's Aggression against Ukraine: Implications for European Security</u>	<u>Šír</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM282	<u>Ukraine after 1991</u>	<u>Korablyova</u>	SS	1/1	Course credit	6
JTM285	<u>Cohesion Policy of the EU</u>	<u>Hauser</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6

	in Central and East European Countries					
JTM291	Modernizing the Balkans	Šístek	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM313	Who Controls the Past, Controls the Future?	Emler	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM315	Social Exclusion and the Roma in Central Europe	Klípa	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM316	Doing Business in Central Europe	Kolmhofer	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM317	Russian-Turkish Rivalry over the Balkan and Caucasus Areas	Brisku	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM320	Putin's Russia	Veselý	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM321	Ethnic Issues and Territories in Eastern, East Central and Southeastern Europe	Vykoukal	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM322	Israel: Politics and Society	Kalhousová	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM323	Legal Framework of the European Union	Šlosarčík	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM325	Small States in the EU	Weiss	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM331	Cultural History of Communist Europe	Klípa	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM335	Central Europe: Ideologies and Politics (1700's - present)	Robbins Janíčková	WS/SS	2/2	Examination	6
JTM336	Theorizing Memory: Social and Cultural Remembering	Asavei	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM339	Balkan Nationalism and Ethnic Conflicts	Žíla	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM382	EU Institutions	Šlosarčík	WS	2/0	Examination	6
JTM384	Cultural Memory and	Asavei	WS	1/1	Examination	6

	Identity in the Balkans					
JTM404	The Foreign Policy of Poland, the Czech Republic, and Hungary Towards Israel	<u>Kalhousová</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM410	U.S.-Czechoslovak Economic and Cultural Relations in the Cold War	<u>Doležalová Albrecht</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM412	Contemporary Balkans	<u>Králová</u>	SS	1/1	macc	6
JTM414	Central Europe Academy - European and National Revolutions 1989-2019	<u>Kunštát Nekula</u>	SS	0/2	Course credit	4
JTM417	Internal and External Security Policy in the EU	<u>Weiss</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM427	Germany and Central Europe: Geopolitics of an Uneasy Relationship	<u>Eberle</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM496	The Foreign Policy of Central European Countries Towards Israel	<u>Kalhousová</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM497	History, Memory, and Politics: Central Europe and Israel	<u>Kalhousová</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM499	Genocide and Mass Violence	<u>Kalhousová</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM503	Eurovision: Contemporary European History through Popular Culture	<u>Vuletic</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM504	Managing Diplomatic Crisis: Challenges of Diplomacy in the Twentieth Century	<u>Munter</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6

JTM505	<u>The City in Modern Central Europe</u>	<u>Piskačová</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM507	<u>Russian Politics and Society</u>	<u>Svoboda</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM553	<u>Soviet Culture as a Social Phenomenon</u>	<u>Sultanova Kocián</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6

Minimum 12 ECTS, maximum (needed) 24 ECTS.

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JPM711	Russian and Post-Soviet Security				JMM065
JTM206	Internship for BECES				JMMZ190
JTM244	Cold War in Documents 1945-1962				JMM384
JTM257	Splendor and Misery of Détente				JMM283
JTM266	Cultural Legacies and Developments in the Balkans: Modern and Traditional Entanglements				JMB057
JTM267	Economy and Politics in the 20th Century Eastern Europe				JMM143
JTM269	Ethno-Political Conflicts in the Caucasus				JMM130
JTM273	Images and Stereotypes of the Balkans				JMM034
JTM275	Post-Soviet Central Eurasia				JMM361 JMM703
JTM279	Russia after 1991				JMM302
JTM285	Cohesion Policy of the EU in Central and East European Countries				JMMZ042
JTM313	Who Controls the Past, Controls the Future?				JMM642
JTM320	Putin's Russia				JMM025
JTM323	Legal Framework of the European Union				JMM047 JMM251

JTM382	EU Institutions				JTM022
JTM507	Russian Politics and Society				JMM302

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